

2005 Pysht River Habitat Restoration



Why was restoration needed?

The project was designed to increase channel complexity and create salmonid spawning and rearing habitat for coho, chinook, cutthroat, and steelhead, while also stabilizing eroding stream banks with engineered wood structures.



Erosion on banks before log jam



After log jam was installed

Project Overview

Location: Pysht River bridge on HWY 113
Length of Stream Restored: ~2300 ft.
Number of Log Jams Installed: 2
Cars Removed: 12

NOSC provided LWD to an erosion prone reach of the Pysht river. The jams will improve hiding and resting habitat for coho and Chinook as well as bank stabilization for a nearby homeowner. NOSC received a Community Salmon Fund grant from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to build the log jams. With volunteer help, the removal of 12 abandoned cars was completed as an essential part of site preparation.

Project Sponsor

North Olympic Salmon Coalition

Project Partners

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Community Salmon Fund, Lower Elwha Tribe, and the Makah

