

North Olympic Salmon Coalition

Those who contemplate the beauty of the Earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. - Rachel Carson



upcoming events

BINGO at the Hilltop Tavern
January 7, 2015, 7pm-9pm
and every Wed. in January
Let's break the record again!

Siebert Creek Planting
February 21, 2015, 10am-2pm

Chimacum Creek Planting
February 28, 2015, 10am-2pm

Peabody Creek Planting
March 7, 2015, 10am-2pm

WCC Hard at Work



Check out what our WCC crew has been up to on their blog!

HOLIDAY CLOSEOUT

Citizens Take Action to help Puget Sound

CATS students apply knowledge gained in 12-week course



CATS students observe the new sediment transforming the Elwha River estuary on a class field trip. Twenty eight students completed the training program and are now working on self-designed projects to improve Puget Sound health.

A landowner removing creosote-treated logs from his own private beach.

Neighbors advocating for the City of Port Angeles to install more pollution-preventing rain gardens (and offering to do the work!).

A report on cutting-edge, environmentally-friendly options for sewage treatment facilities that could be applied to rural Jefferson County.

These are just a few of the projects created by CATS students after a 3-month training program held by North Olympic Salmon Coalition, in partnership with Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group.

Students attended 12 weeks of presentations from local experts at the Sequim Library, and traveled across the north peninsula on three field trips. "I learned something new from every presenter" said a class participant. "They were a very strong group across the board."

The cost of the course: no charge, but participants agreed to dedicate at least 50 hours of their time to a service project of their own

SALE

**50% Off Old
NOSC Apparel!**



T-shirts

get 'em at our Port Hadlock office

New designs available as well!

BINGO Salmon Hats!

Jealous of the salmon hats from last year's BINGO? Or maybe you've heard about salmon bingo silliness and don't want to show up without a costume...



Either way, if salmon hats are on your mind, come by the Port Hadlock office for a blank template to make your own at home.

design.

"I love the format: free, once-a-week, lots of local expert guest speakers who are future contacts, and finishing with a project that makes a difference" said another student.

Funded by the Puget Sound Partnership, the CATS program is a collaborative effort among Regional Fishery Enhancement Groups to empower citizens to benefit their own communities. Five CATS courses, each 12 weeks long, were held in Olympia, Bellingham, Seattle, Everett, and Sequim, training local participants in environmental science, policy, and practical guidelines for working to recover the health of Puget Sound.

More information is available at www.pugetsoundcats.org.

Look for the CATS project blog coming soon, with photos and updates on student projects!

"B-1 with Salmon, my fish buddies!" she shouts Hilltop Tavern Bingo every week in January



Salmon Claus and friends dab a few numbers at Hilltop Bingo last year.

The wait is over! With taps flowing and bingo balls rolling, it's time to dust off your salmon costumes and join us for next month's BINGO Fundraiser. The Hilltop Tavern in Port Townsend hosts bingo every Wednesday in January where 100% of game proceeds will be donated directly to NOSC.

Last year, we not only broke fundraising records with over \$3000 for NOSC programs, but we shattered records for the number of people in a bar wearing salmon hats. The formula is simple: all you have to do is play bingo, drink beer (optional, of course), and enjoy fine company and preposterous costumes. You'll have a chance to win fabulous prizes, and the Hilltop Tavern will donate the proceeds from your fun to NOSC....but only if we continue bringing in the people!

NEW! prizes for best new original Salmon Hats at BINGO:

Grand prize: A boat trip with Jean Erreca for fishing, birdwatching, or sightseeing!

The North Olympic Salmon Coalition has been protecting and enhancing salmon habitat for 25 years!



If you are choosing a community organization to support with an end-of-year, tax-deductible donation, please consider the North Olympic Salmon Coalition.

NOSC NEEDS EMPTY JARS



We are in need of jars with a screw top for forage fish samples.

Please consider recycling any old peanut butter, pasta sauce, or ice cream jars to support the Salmon Coalition's sampling.

So hook your salmon supporters, break out your bingo bandwagon, beer buddies, and fishy families for [BINGO](#) from 7pm-9:30pm, every Wednesday in January, starting January 7th.

Salmon Quilt to Support Salmon Celebration

Raffle sales assistance sought from NOSC members and friends



Salmon enthusiasts look on as the 'Salmon Rain' quilt was unveiled at the Salmon Festival in Chimacum on Nov. 1.

Salmon Coalition staff was sitting in the office one fine 2014 summer day when the phone rang. "Are you the salmon group?" the voice on the other end asked, "I won a quilt in a raffle 25 years ago and I'm downsizing, so I'd like to give it back." This quilt, lovingly created in 1989 by a group of 31 local women, was raffled off in 1989 to raise funds for salmon celebration and education. After consideration of what to do, we are raffling it off again to raise funds to continue our community tradition of salmon shenanigans.

Tickets are only \$1, and the word on the street is that they are hot. "Co-ho-ho-ho!" said Salmon Claus, "these tickets are perfectly sized to slip in a stocking, or even tuck into an envelope with a card."

We are calling on our supporters - please sign up to sell a few tickets to your friends, your family, your neighbors, co-workers, random people on the street, at NOSC bingo...

How You Can Help: Get a ticket sales kit (tickets, quilt photo & information) from the quilt raffle coordinator, Emmy Lou Stein (one of the original quilters!) lapforautumn@gmail.com. (360) 774-0373 or (360) 732-4085

The raffle drawing will be held on May 16, 2015, after the Rhododendron Parade in Port Townsend. FIN the 25-foot migrating salmon will pull the winning ticket.

Because of a new State law, only NOSC members are allowed to sell tickets -- what a great opportunity to recruit your friends to join the Salmon Coalition!

Love to Quilt? Emmy Lou and other salmon-loving quilters of all ages are getting organized to create another quilt, to continue the tradition. If you are a quilter and are interested in this fabulous

Our sampling will take place over the next three months, please continue to collect your old jars through February for us.

Thank you!

Salmon Claus says,
"Raffle tickets are
great stocking
stuffers!"



\$1 tickets benefit Salmon Festival

Buy a ticket, or 10, or 50!

Help sell tickets!

Contact Emmy Lou Stein
at lapforautumn@gmail.com, or
(360) 732-4085 to help out!

Join our friends at the
**Port Townsend Marine
Science Center**

for their 3rd Annual
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day of Service!



opportunity to create a meaningful, beautiful work as a part of a community celebration, contact her at the information above!

Education Highlights

Chimacum Pi Students show what Environmental Scientists are made of!



Chimacum High School Pi students participate in restoration work at Discovery Bay's Maynard nearshore site.

Despite the heavy rains and winds that December has given us, Chimacum High School's Environmental Science Pi class gave it their all at Discovery Bay's Maynard Restoration Site. NOSC, alongside Jefferson Land Trust and Pi program teacher, Kit Pennell, took the students out to Discovery Bay to learn about land use, nearshore environments, and the habitat restoration process.

At Maynard, students endured the harsh winds and the winter downpour to transplant Douglas fir trees to higher ground, dig drainage ditches for the trees, and remove invasive blackberry from the site. These students were not discouraged by the truly horrific weather, and kept their spirits high through the wet, cold, windy work of restoration and learning at Maynard.

We are grateful to have such inspiring students to work with and will be happy to pass the restoration torch on to these young people in the future. To see more pictures of their work, check out our [Facebook](#) page.

Volunteer Spotlight

Luzi Pfenninger

When: January 19th; 12-3pm

Where: Fort Worden State Park,
meet at the PTMSC Natural
History Exhibit

Dress for the weather and **bring
leather or gardening gloves.**
The PTMSC will be providing
tools and light refreshments.

For more information, contact

[Shannon Phillips](#)

360-385-5582 x115.

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Luzi Pfenninger surveying for signs of coho in Chimacum Creek at HJ Carroll.

Photo By Kendra Krantz

Luzi was first introduced to NOSC during a Beach Watchers meeting in April of 2014 when our NOSC staff presented the work of the Salmon Coalition. By the end of the summer, Luzi joined the Spawner Survey team in collecting information about Hood Canal Summer Chum as they migrated back to their birth place on Chimacum Creek.

Luzi immediately shined as a top volunteer. Her passion and dedication to the work was seen when she would show up to the office just in case we needed to send her out as backup. "Being able to observe chum salmon - who after years in the ocean find their way back into Chumacum Creek to spawn - is a special and magical gift!"

With the chum surveys complete, Luzi still walks the stretches to survey for Coho alongside her other volunteers. I asked Luzi why she has gotten so involved in the surveys. She said, "Salmon are a good indicator of how well we are taking care of the marine and terrestrial ecosystem....they connect land, water, people and animals. Salmon provide a significant role in transferring nutrients from marine to terrestrial ecosystems. The salmon spawner survey monitors current conditions and helps us become better stewards of Chimacum Creek."

Her knowledge of salmon is not the only reason we want to recognize Luzi. Her joy in being outdoors and doing important work rubs off on us, as well as other volunteers. Rain or shine, you'll never find her without a smile and we are thrilled to have her as a NOSC volunteer. When asked if there was something she wanted our readers to know about her, she said, "I truly enjoy learning all I possibly can about salmon and becoming a better steward of the precious natural resources we have been given. NOSC is leading the way - thank you!"