

# North Olympic Salmon Coalition

Celebration & Volunteer Opportunities



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## Chimacum Creek Coho Surveys

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for more info!

## Coho Survey Training

Wed. Oct. 23rd

## Irondale Beach Volunteer Opportunity

Sat. Oct. 26th

**2013 Chimacum Salmon Microfestival!**

## The Dogs of Summer



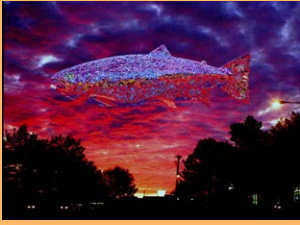
Photo by Charles Espy

Summer Chum have returned to our waterways this year in potentially record numbers, perfuming the lower reaches of Chimacum Creek, Snow Creek, Salmon Creek, and Jimmycomelately Creek. Preliminary numbers for each of these creeks show a return of 2,500, 400, 3,200, and 8,200 fish, respectively! Hood Canal Summer Chum are listed under the Endangered Species Act, and this strong showing is a testament to the effectiveness of the restoration and conservation activities of NOSC and partners on the peninsula. A few of these toothy characters are still splashing their way up the creeks. If you want to get a look, give us a call for directions to good locations and the status of the run. Go Chum Go!

Reed Aubin  
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Early Fall Volunteer and Education Highlights

Thanks Sept. and Oct. Volunteers!



A renaissance of the Wild Olympic Salmon Festivals of yesteryear is upon us! Dust off your salmon regalia and join us for the evening as we share stories and a potluck meal, and hatch plans for 2014 and beyond.

Chimacum Grange  
Nov. 22, 2013  
4pm to 9pm

RSVP to Reed: 379-8051 [raubin@nosc.org](mailto:raubin@nosc.org)

#### NOSC MERCHANDISE

t-shirts, hats and TOTE BAGS!



Stop by the office and pick up a gift!  
\*T-shirts made with ORGANIC cotton, oh my!\*

Listen to Nature on the Radio!

Nature Now, a show about our local natural history, is seeking new producers and



Sequim HS Students studying 3 Crabs Restoration Site, with new Education staff Reed and Larry



Chimacum Schools Pi Service Day at S-Curve Preserve in Irondale

researchers. If you

have an interest in natural history, please contact Kate Dwyer

[kdwyer@olympus.net](mailto:kdwyer@olympus.net)

You can listen to Nature Now every week on KPTZ 91.9 FM

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Students create model watersheds at the Dungeness River Festival

## Coho Surveys Volunteers Needed!



Coho salmon travel to the farthest reaches of the Chimacum Creek watershed - the upper creek and its small tributaries that trickle down ridges. Often, the fish are taller than the water level! NOSC survey teams travel these stretches in the late fall, through fields and forest, to gather important Coho information. As a surveyor, you will be well equipped and trained to take scale samples, count live and dead salmon, measure them, identify their redds (nests) and romp through beautiful salmon habitat right in your own backyard!

### Coho Survey Training

When: Wednesday, Oct. 23rd 10am-12pm

Where: Madrona Room, Cupola House (Point Hudson, Port Townsend)

Coho surveys occur mostly in Center and Beaver Valleys and run from November through January.

RSVP Larry, email [intern@nosc.org](mailto:intern@nosc.org) or call 379-8051 to attend the training and join the survey team.

## Farewell Jac!



NOSC is saying goodbye to an amazing member of our staff and a wonderful person. If you've done a program with NOSC in the past couple years, you know her passion and knowledge are hard to come by. Fortunately for the new Volunteer, Education, and Outreach Staff, Jac learned what it means to be a salmon and so has graciously left an everlasting impression (and vital nutrients in the form of knowledge) at the office and in the community. Jac knows as well as anyone that there's a wide and exciting world out there beyond the shady creeks of the Pacific Northwest. During her time here, she embodied NOSC's

mission to restore, enhance and protect wild salmon habitat on the North Olympic Peninsula and in the process created a welcoming home here for herself. So, swim on, Jac! We wish you the best on your journey ahead. And remember: "The salmon come back, and so might Jac!"

**Congratulations Rebecca!**  
**Recipient of the 2013 Eleanor Stopps  
Environmental Leadership Award**



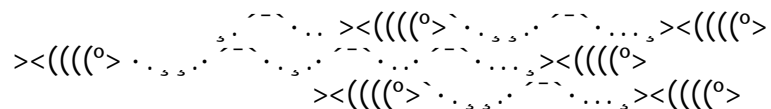
The North Olympic Salmon Coalition's Executive Director, Rebecca Benjamin, was recently honored with the Eleanor Stopps Environmental Leadership Award. As one of the youngest recipients of this award, she is joining a select group of regional leaders who have received the award honoring the legacy of Eleanor Stopps. "I sometimes ask myself how I am making a difference," said Rebecca. "It became clear to me watching Eleanor speak that it's passion. Passion is the thing that drives any one of us to make a difference and it isn't important really the size of what we do. It's important that we do something."

## Annual Meeting Success



A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who joined us at Finnriver Farms & Cidery on October 5 for our 23rd Annual Meeting. From the presentations to the pies, from the shaded creek tours to the sun-filled conversations, the Meeting was a rousing success! With over 65 people in attendance, the staff was able to share details about our work and listen to the stories of our community. The event even played host to an impromptu gathering of some of the original organizers of NOSC, with big ideas up their sleeves. Thank you to the Board of Directors for generously providing cider, pie and heaps of their time, and to Finnriver for providing such a welcoming space. With the continued vigor and growing support from our community, the North Olympic Salmon Coalition will work to ignite our salmon culture and continue our restoration work on the Olympic Peninsula.

### It's Never Too Late to Join the Team!



We are in the final week of NOSC's 2013 Membership Drive!

Since 1991, the North Olympic Salmon Coalition has passionately worked to restore, enhance, and protect the habitat of our wild salmon stocks and to promote community volunteerism, understanding, cooperation and stewardship of these resources.

YOUR membership support makes this good work possible!  
Please begin or renew your membership [online today!](#)

## New Faces at NOSC

We welcome two new staff member to NOSC this fall to run our Education, Outreach, and Volunteer Programs. Reed Aubin grew up in Jefferson County; since then he has taught high school, fished in Alaska, and staged several plays about salmon. Larry Montague is a talented naturalist and educator who comes to us from the forests of the East Coast by way of Denali National Park in Alaska. Find them at an event or stop by to say hello!



**Reed Aubin**  
Education and Volunteer  
Program Manager



**Larry Montague**  
Education and Outreach  
Assistant

## Come help with Invasive Removal at Irondale Beach Park!

You are invited to continue our restoration efforts at the mouth of Chimacum Creek. Jazz Weller, an Eagle Scout, will be leading a volunteer invasive-bustin' event on Saturday,

October 26, from 10am to 2pm. Lunch is provided. Bring your gloves! RSVP to Jazz: (360) 437-1199 or [weller@isp.com](mailto:weller@isp.com)



Removing Blackberry at Irondale Beach Park, January 2013