

North Olympic Salmon Coalition

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upcoming [events](#)

Bingo for Salmon at the
Hilltop Tavern - January
15th, 7 to 9:30 pm.

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[Native Plant Workshop](#)

with Jefferson County
Conservation District -

Plant a Tree with NOSC!

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is today."

- Chinese proverb



Winter is tree planting season here in the Pacific Northwest, and NOSC is busy scheduling more opportunities for you and your friends to play in the dirt. What could be better than spending a few hours on a Saturday outside planting trees by a beautiful creek? NOSC provides all the necessary gear and equipment; you bring warm clothes, food and water, and your green thumb. Visit [the events calendar on our website](#) for a full list of this season's volunteer planting events. Below are a few upcoming opportunities. We hope you'll join us on a creek near you!

Morse Creek, Port Angeles - February 15th from 10am-2pm
Hoko River State Park, Sekiu - February 19th, from 10am-4pm
Snow Creek/Discovery Bay - February 22nd from 10am-2pm
Peabody Creek, Port Angeles - March 1st, 10am-2pm
Chimacum Creek - March 8th from 10am-2pm

Morse, Peabody & Chim. Creeks: RSVP Larry, intern@nosc.org, 379-8051
Snow Creek and Hoko River: RSVP Reed, raubin@nosc.org, 379-8051

We are not organizing an MLK Day event this year, but we encourage you to volunteer with other organizations such as the Pt. Townsend Marine

January 17th, 9am-noon at the Chimacum Grange.

Tree Planting

with Jefferson Community School - January 30th, on Chimacum Creek

Plantathon, a fundraiser for area schools. Planting date is February 1st.

Upcoming Tree Plantings

Sat. 2/15 at Morse Creek

Wed. 2/19 at Hoko River

Sat. 2/22 at Snow Creek

Sat. 3/1 at Peabody Creek

Questions? RSVP?

raubin@nosc.org

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Salmon Bingo!



Every Wednesday in January. 7:00 to 9:30 pm

Hilltop Tavern

2510 W Sims Way
Port Townsend

100% of proceeds go to NOSC education and restoration programs!

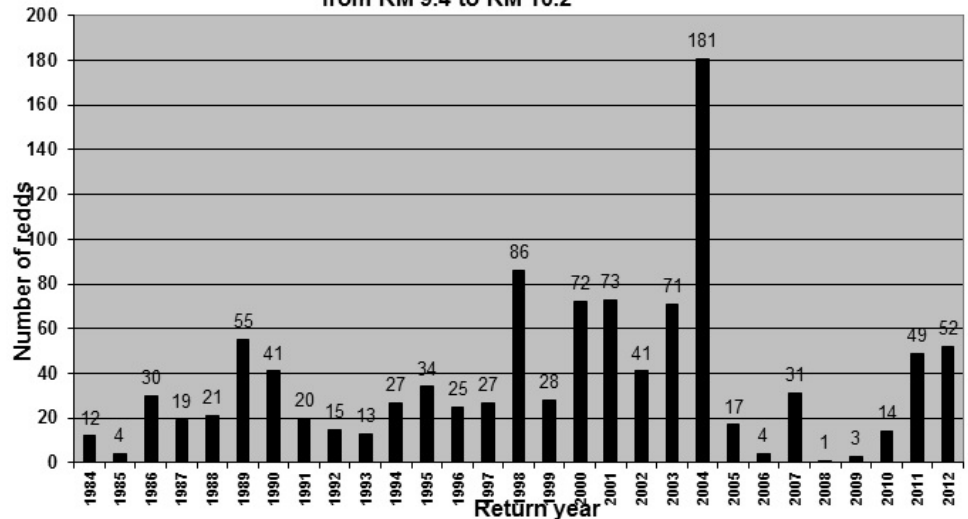
WISH LIST

donate your extra stuff to NOSC

Science Center, who will be hosting [an invasive plant removal party on Jan. 20th.](#)

Chimacum Coho Update

Chimacum Creek WDFW Index Coho Redd Counts from RM 9.4 to RM 10.2



Check out an [article on our website on recent coho happenings](#) and a [report on ocean indicators.](#)

NOSC Awarded Dungeness River Grant

Re-planting 75 acres of riparian habitat

The goal of the Dungeness River Riparian Recovery project is to control Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia davidii*), a Washington State Class B noxious weed, that has established along the lower Dungeness River corridor and restore riparian forest area and health on 75 acres of floodplain habitat. Butterfly bush has invaded the majority of the Dungeness River riparian edge and gravel bars, resulting in a riparian corridor that is lacking in diversity and habitat quality. NOSC is partnering with the [Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe](#) and the [Clallam County Noxious Weed Board](#) to implement this project. We will work closely with willing landowners to remove this invader from the riparian zone and plant the river with native trees and shrubs. We will be hosting landowner informational workshops this summer and will start invasive control and native tree planting efforts in the fall and winter. Look out for lots of upcoming volunteer opportunities in this watershed!!!

Definition: The term *riparian* describes land adjacent to streams or rivers where vegetation is strongly influenced by the presence of water.

Fin Greet Area Visitors at the Farmstand

Twenty-five foot long fish becomes the "Silver Arch" of Chimacum



- drop-leaf table for outreach office
- lumber to build extra wader storage
- red fabric
- 12-passenger van

NEW YEAR,
SAME COOL GEAR



Stop by the office and pick up NOSC t-shirts and TOTE BAGS!
T-shirts made with ORGANIC cotton, oh my!

NOSC IN THE NEWS

The 2013 Salmon MicroFestival in Chimacum was featured in a [perspective in the Port Townsend Leader](#) last month, written by NOSC's Reed Aubin.

A presentation at the Sequim Museum & Arts Center about [the 3 Crabs Restoration Project](#), by NOSC's Jamie Michel garnered raves in the Peninsula Daily News this week.

Listen to Nature on



If you've been by the [Chimacum Corner Farmstand](#) recently, chances are you did a double take in the parking lot. Fin has that effect on people (and herring). Next time you make a trip to the Farmstand for some locally-grown goodies, snap a photo of yourself with Fin and share it on our [facebook!](#)

Volunteer and Education Highlights

Thanks, Volunteers!



Tam Conatser and friend Henry plant a western red cedar seedling during the New Year's planting event on Chimacum Creek

the Radio!

Nature Now, a show about our local natural history, is seeking new producers and researchers. If you

have an interest in natural history, please contact Kate Dwyer

kdwyer@olympus.net

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



Volunteers, Franklin Elementary students take a break from planting trees at Morse Creek to show off their new "Salmon grow on Trees" ornaments



Sequim HS student Mesa Maddux poses with what's left of a Dungeness River pink salmon during a class river walk

Congratulations, Rylee and Chris!



I would like to congratulate Rylee and Chris, Chimacum Elementary students and YMCA After-the-Bell'ers, for Rylee's first ever salmon sighting and Chris' excellent wildlife tracking skills! The sighting occurred on Chimacum Creek at HJ Carroll Park. It was approaching 5pm and visibility was diminishing under the cover of the forest. Thanks to Chris' owl eyes, we came across a blue flag hanging from a tree branch over the creek. The flag was placed there this year by our Spawner Survey volunteers to mark the location of a redd. Chris shined the flashlight into the water and there she was: a steadfast (and slightly frayed) female Coho on top of her nest! Thank you both for a memorable experience. I'm looking forward to many more fun adventures with you this coming year! - Larry Montague, Education and Outreach Assistant

Click [here](#) to read about another exciting After-the-Bell adventure!

Holiday Season Highlights

Marine-derived cheer spread throughout the watershed



Salmon Claus unwinds with some friends at Bingo Night after a busy Fish'mas



Reed finally meets his hero

Are You a Slammin' Salmon?
You might be one and not even know it...

NOSC is gauging interest in forming a team in Jefferson County Park and Recreation's Adult Co-Ed Softball League this coming summer. It's a commitment of two nights per week for games, as well as any practice time the team decides to schedule. The regular season runs from June to July, with a championship tournament in August. In order to form a complete team, we will need at least 10 players (5 male, 5 female) above the age of 18, including a player/coach. More information on the league can be found [here](#).

If you're interested in playing co-ed softball this summer, please contact Larry at intern@nosc.org, 379-8051.

Native Plant Workshop with Jefferson County Conservation District



NOSC will be participating in Jefferson County Conservation District's [Native Plant Workshop](#) on January 17th from 9am-noon. The workshop is free and will be held at the Chimacum Grange (on Rhody Drive just across from the High School). Come enjoy a slide show of our area's native plants with information on the plants and where they can best be used presented by a "round table" of plant and restoration/conservation experts. Baked goods and hot beverages will be available for sale through the Washington Native Plant Sale and the Native Plant Demonstration Garden, as a fund raiser for their programs and activities. Have a look at the [2014 Native Plant Workshop Flyer](#).

I Am Supporting NOSC in 2014



Our Staff and Board of Directors have cooked up an incredible task list for this coming year, with more projects and outreach campaigns than ever before. Start the year off by standing beside us and saying, "I will support the North Olympic Salmon Coalition in 2014." We are relying on the generous donation of our community's time and money in the coming year, and will work beside you to make this year a rousing success.

Be a sparkplug for community change and commit to [volunteering](#) and [donating](#) in 2014!