

# North Olympic Salmon Coalition

We must begin thinking like a river if we are to leave a legacy of beauty and life for future generations.

- David Brower



## upcoming events

### BINGO at the Hilltop Tavern

January 14, 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

\*RSVP to Kendra: (360) 379-8051  
or [outreach@nosc.org](mailto:outreach@nosc.org)

New project photos and  
videos posted to  
Discovery Bay blog



## Citizen Projects Gain Momentum

New blog tracks Citizen Action Training School student projects



Thirty students, thirty projects, one Puget Sound.

North Olympic Salmon Coalition's Citizen Action Training School (CATS) students are getting organized to plant rain gardens, seed shellfish, remove bulkheads, teach children, and more. You can follow what they're doing on the Puget Sound Projects blog, a student-led effort to get the word out on these fabulous projects.

Check it out here:

<http://pugetsoundprojects.blogspot.com/>

The CATS program, which was offered 5 times throughout the Sound region, is a collaboration among 7 Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups. Students in the Olympic Peninsula class came from as far west as Port Angeles and as far south as Lacey. After 15 class sessions and field trips, which were led by experts in various environmental fields, students are now designing and implementing projects that will benefit habitat, water quality, and public awareness of Puget Sound.

"What an excellent undertaking CATS has been! This really has made a big difference in my life and is helping find a cause and a purpose to pursue." said a CATS participant.

Check in regularly on the blog as more project profiles and updates are posted!

Maynard Beach restoration was completed in October. Check out pictures of the construction process and recent dunegrass planting.

## BINGO Salmon Hats!

The BINGO Salmon hat competition is heating up and you only have TWO more weeks to compete.

Think you can compete with six-year-old Sam?



Meet us at the Hilltop next Wednesday or come by the Port Hadlock office for a blank template to make your own at home.

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

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

**FIN: "I need some fabric for my rhody parade costume"**

## Salmon Silliness Continues

Hilltop Tavern Bingo every week in January



Salmon (and Seahawks) supporters at last week's BINGO game.

The holidays may have come and gone, but the parties don't have to stop! Our January BINGO kick-off at the Hilltop Tavern last week filled the house with laughter, big winnings, and plenty of salmon hats.

If you missed it, you still have three more chances to join us. If you *made* it, you should know the overflowing taps, BINGO cards, and good times will be waiting for you again this week.

Did we mention that there are prizes?! It's not just BINGO prizes people are after this year though. The award for best salmon hat/related costume will receive a fishing/bird watching/boat trip with Jean Erreca!

So stop moping that the holiday good times are over, and come experience [Salmon BINGO](#) every Wednesday in January from 7pm-9:30pm.

## Hood Canal Summer Chum

A decade and a half into the recovery



FIN the 25-foot migrating salmon (Latin: *Oncorhynchus Bodacious Giganticus*), is getting ready for the 2015 Rhody parade, and needs some fabric, of any bright color.

Raid your closets for that fabric that you thought you'd use for something, but haven't gotten around to it.

Drop it off at the NOSC office!

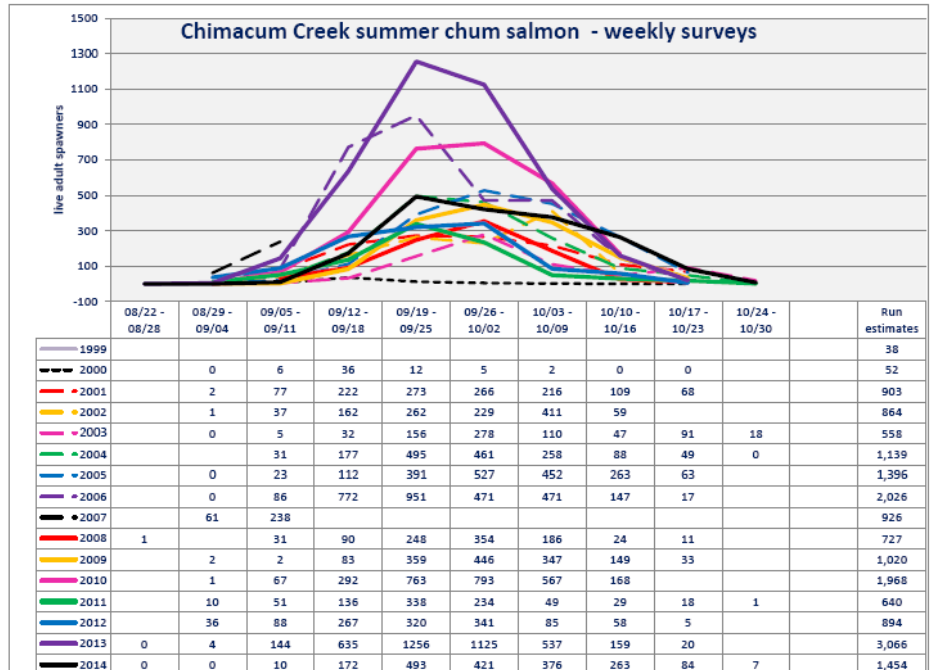
**SALE**

**50% Off Old  
NOSC Apparel!**



**T-shirts**

get 'em at our Port Hadlock office



Data from Hood Canal Summer Chum in Chimacum Creek, collected and compiled by WA Department of Fish and Wildlife. 2014 Chimacum Creek chum count totaled 1,454 fish! Graph by Cheri Scalf, WDFW

It is no secret that the history of Chimacum Creek salmon is a grim one. In the 1990's our local summer chum were completely extirpated (wiped out).

However, with the efforts of North Olympic Salmon Coalition and a host of other organizations, Chimacum Creek has seen a recovery of the run over the past two decades (see graph above).

Not only does the Salmon Coalition plant trees, remove culverts, and restore shorelines for these salmon, our volunteers also collect scientific data such as these fish counts!

From early September through late October, our survey teams make their way up Chimacum Creek alongside our beloved summer chum, through Northwest rains, over fallen logs, and under prickly bushes. They count fish, take scale samples, and provide data that helps determine how these salmon populations are doing. Find out more on our [website](#).

## Volunteer Spotlight

Nicola Pieper



New designs available as well!

## LOCAL SALMON COALITION SEEKS EMPTY JARS



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

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

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

Thank you!

## Help us sell Quilt Raffle Tickets



Nicola during her Environmental Science class at Barnhouse Creek.

This month's volunteer is a Port Hadlock local named Nicola Pieper. Nicola is a junior in Chimacum High School's Pi program. She first got involved with North Olympic Salmon Coalition two and a half years ago in her Environmental Science class. Nicola continues to do work with the Salmon Coalition in her Marine Science class, including plantings, invasive removal, participation in the Chimacum School rain garden, and even hosting the Salmon Festival.

Nicola's environmental work does not stop with the Salmon Coalition. Her passion for the environment coincides with her passion for film making. Just recently this young woman released her film, "[Attack of the Invasives](#)". (click the link to check out her work!)

Nicola, along with her sister, Melanie (another Pi student), put together the film using puppets and Melanie's original cartoons. "Melanie and I created it to present to elementary students," Nicola said. "We wanted to teach them about the situation of invasive plants crowding out native plant species, and why this is such a big problem."

"[The film] has a lot to do with salmon, as the surrounding habitat greatly affects the salmon. If the plants are unfamiliar, crowding out the plants that belong, and often causing unnecessary erosion, and other serious situations, this has a major effect on the salmon as they try to reach their spawning grounds. Thus, the problem of invasive plant species is very relevant to salmon, making 'Attack of the Invasives' related to the unique fish as well."

Nicola put her passion for film to work in the Salmon Festival last November where she hosted a series of films. The films included "Return of the River," which she says, "...is perhaps the most rational film on the subject [of the Elwha]. It is a rare film in that it does not portray in an angry way those who do not share the director's opinion, but simply reveals different thoughts on the subject, and the reason for those different opinions."

An inspired youth in our community, Nicola continues to work toward a better life and better planet. "I would just encourage every person, no matter how old you are, what gender you are, how big or small you are, what stage in life you are in, or what experiences or mistakes you've made in the past. It's never too late to make a positive difference, both in brightening people's lives around you, and in helping correct humanity's mistakes regarding the environment. You can always make a

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(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!



**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

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difference, and it all starts with an idea, a little motivation, a passion, love, and perseverance. Whether it's helping plant native species, pulling out invasive plants, helping educate others about the environmental situation, or even just riding your bike to school/work, there's always something you can do, so why not do it?"



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