

# North Olympic Salmon Coalition

Who would have thought CATS and salmon would go together so well?



## upcoming events

NOSC Golf Tournament at Discovery Bay Golf Club. July 19th, 12pm. Call or email [info@nosc.org](mailto:info@nosc.org) for more information.

Stewardship Event at Irondale Springs Preserve with Jefferson Land Trust. July 28th, 10am-1pm.

\*Vegetation Monitoring at the 3 Crabs Restoration Site, Dungeness. July 29th, 10am-2pm.

Stewardship Event at S-Curve Preserve with Jefferson Land Trust. August 11th, 10am-1pm.

\*Chimacum School Service Day - August 16th.

\*Chum Spawner Survey Training - Wednesday, August 20th. Time and location TBD.

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

## CATS Launch

Citizen Action Training School accepting applications!



*Participants needed for comprehensive watershed ecology and civic engagement training program*

This fall, North Olympic Salmon Coalition is offering a new program to train citizens to be effectively engaged in the recovery effort for the Strait and Puget Sound. The [Citizen Action Training School](#), or CATS, is a 12 week program in watershed and Puget Sound ecology, with an added focus on civic engagement in the legal and regulatory processes that affect resource management. With a series of expert presenters from local and regional agencies, the course offers participants knowledge and tools to become active stewards and advocates for their watersheds and the greater Puget Sound.

There is no fee for the class; instead participants will donate 50 hours of their volunteer time to a project of their own choosing.

The class begins on September 10th, with weekly classes held every Wednesday evening from 6-8:30 PM at the Sequim Library, through early December. Three field trips, on Saturdays from 10AM to 4PM, are scattered through the course.

\*RSVP Larry [intern@nosc.org](mailto:intern@nosc.org)

## NOSC IS HIRING!

North Olympic Salmon Coalition is seeking an **Education & Outreach Assistant**.

This is a one-year AmeriCorps position through Washington Conservation Corps. See our website for more information and how to apply.

Applications are due **Thursday, August 14th, 2014 at 5pm.**

## 1st Annual NOSC Golf Tournament



Get your clubs ready for NOSC's first ever Golf Tournament! This fun event will have prizes for all levels and will help support salmon education and restoration on the Olympic Peninsula.

The tournament will be held at beautiful Discovery Bay Golf Club on July 19.

[Register today!](#)

**WCC**

**Port Hadlock runner-up in Tug of War**

To apply, contact Reed Aubin at NOSC: [raubin@nosc.org](mailto:raubin@nosc.org); (360)379-8051.

## Membership Drive Help us reach our goal for 2014!



Volunteers listening to a lunchtime presentation at Morse Creek by NOSC Project Manager Kevin Long

Since 1991, 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!](#)

YOUR support keeps our beloved organization going strong! We only have 55 more memberships to go before we reach our goal. Thank you for becoming a member today!

### July Member Event: 3 Crabs Restoration Site Tour

As many of you know, NOSC members are receiving an extra perk this year: An invitation to a unique series of staff-led Member Events. Our next event will be a tour of the exciting 3 Crabs Restoration site in Sequim! If you have been waiting to become a member, now is the time to join in on the fun. Our intrepid Executive Director, Rebecca Benjamin, will be leading the tour of 3 Crabs and sharing the stories of the site's history and future. An event not to be missed! Members and donors can expect an email invitation this week.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

**Vegetation Monitoring at the 3 Crabs Restoration Site**



Rick Humphrey, Robbie Holt, Dylan Kelly, and Elijah Roulst of the Port Hadlock WCC crew showcased their brute strength during the annual WCC Olympics at June training. The guys took 2nd in the Tug of War challenge, proving that months of difficult restoration work not only gives you a sense of accomplishment but big muscles. Way to go guys!

## Want to join the crew?

Applications for the Port Hadlock WCC crew are now being accepted. If you are between the ages of 18-25 and want to work outdoors everyday (rain or shine) on a six-person restoration crew, here's a great opportunity for you. Applications will be accepted until all five positions are filled. Visit the [WCC website](#) for more information and to apply.

**BRAND NEW  
MERCHANDISE  
COMING SOON to our  
Port Hadlock office!**



Are you interested in learning more about saltmarsh vegetation? How about spending a sunny day in Dungeness? Join local experts Fred and Ann Weinmann for a day of plant monitoring at the site of NOSC's 3 Crabs Restoration project. All equipment provided. Bring snacks, lunch, water and sun protection. Optional gear includes binoculars, a hand lens, and your favorite field guide.

**When:** Tuesday, July 29th, 10am-2pm

**Where:** Dungeness. A carpool will be departing from the NOSC office in Port Hadlock at 9am.

RSVP and questions to Larry, [intern@nosc.org](mailto:intern@nosc.org) or 379-8051.

## Discovery Bay Estuary Restoration Local construction crew gears up for the next phase



One of the four railroad trestles that will be removed during the next phase of the Discovery Bay Estuary Restoration project.

If you have driven on Highway 101 through Discovery Bay lately, you have undoubtedly seen crews busily working to relocate a



Fish LOVE our shirts.

## WISH LIST

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-drop-leaf table for outreach office

- red fabric

- 12-passenger van

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waterline from within the restoration site to the highway corridor. With the waterline construction nearly complete, we are getting ready to mobilize to the railroad grade phase of the project where the first order of business will be pulling the railroad trestles. After that, we move to railroad grade modifications along the Maynard nearshore. Seton Construction was the lowest qualified bidder on the Maynard Nearshore restoration project and should be starting up in the beginning of August.

As the project progresses, we encourage you to continue supporting all of the Discovery Bay businesses; if you haven't yet checked them out, stop--you'll be amazed what wares and foods are to be sampled! Their support has been essential to the success of the project thus far. Our patronage is equally as important to our local economy. Thanks from NOSC!

## Preparing for Salmon Festival 2014

Lighting the way for salmon celebration in Chimacum!



Artist Thaddeus Jurczynski discusses his model of a salmon lantern for the 2014 Salmon Festival. Public lantern-making workshops are planned for the fall, with the lanterns to be lit at dusk at the salmon festival November 1st.

Donations are rolling in, food vendors are planning their salmon menus, volunteers are organizing kids' activities, reaching out to entertainers, filling out forms, organizing infrastructure, dreaming of fall. We call on you, dear friends of fishes, to take this opportunity to join us. What do you have to offer to honor and celebrate the presence of salmon in our watersheds? Music? Face-painting? Teaching a skill? Time you want to spend pushing a broom, setting up chairs, etc.? Updating a website? We need

volunteers to help make this fabulous event a true community celebration. Contact Reed: [raubin@nosc.org](mailto:raubin@nosc.org); 379-8051. A special thanks to our fabulous steering committee, and to all who have responded to the call for donations. We are well on our way! School up with us!

### Sprucing Up the Nursery Volunteers and Port Hadlock WCC crew make major improvements to NOSC's Native Plant Nursery



Photo showing the new fence, gate, and pallet system at NOSC's Native Plant Nursery off West Valley Road in Chimacum.

The trees and shrubs residing at our nursery are happily soaking up sun rays and sprinkler water these days thanks to the amazing work of many volunteers and the WCC crew. June was Nursery Month at NOSC, and people of all ages took time off from the beach to offer their help at one or more of our five work parties.

First and foremost, a huge THANK YOU is due to Jean Erreca, volunteer Irrigation Specialist, for his dedicated work this spring and in years past. Each year, Jean devotes hours of his time to maintaining the irrigation system and advising on issues and improvements at the nursery-including essential training for the AmeriCorps intern! I would also like to thank the following individuals for their part in Nursery Month:

- **Elisabet Skyhawk, John and Normandie Anderson, and Chimacum Pi**, for weeding, laying the new weed barrier, and installing the pallet system!
- **Robbie Holt, Rick Humphrey, Elijah Roulst, and Owen French** of the Port Hadlock WCC crew for mowing reed canary grass and constructing the fence!
- Chimacum Pi students **Rian Plastow**, for her work creating a new map of the nursery plot, and **Jesse Nichol**, for building the custom gate and a super-secret, yet-to-be-revealed addition to the nursery. It's going to the cherry on top of this season's nursery celebration!

Are you a nursery expert or simply crazy about native plants and salmon? Get involved by becoming a NOSC volunteer! Visit our

## Volunteer Spotlight: The Sequim High Salmon Crew



The Sequim High School Salmon Crew at Discovery Bay. L to R: Ryley Boyce, Reed Aubin (instructor), Mesa Maddox, Oliver Lawrence, Danny Willis, Emily Larson, and Denny Grubb.

During the 2013-2014 school year, NOSC's Volunteer and Education Program Manager Reed Aubin led a class of six Sequim High School students. It wasn't your average class, and they weren't your average students. These kids pulled invasive weeds, planted trees, visited with Project Managers at million-dollar-project sites, documented their work [on their blog](#) and, during every car ride to sites around the Peninsula, listened to Reed's entire Reggae tape collection. They are the Salmon Crew. Their class was Natural Resources Options, a program offered as a partnership between NOSC, the [North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center](#) and Sequim High School. Being newsletter editor, I decided to bug them on their summer vacation. Being the amazing kids they are, they opened up about their experience on The Salmon Crew.

What inspired you to take a Natural Resources Options class?

*Ryley Boyce: It caught my attention because I could be outside enjoying the outdoors while obtaining a credit and knowledge about something I wasn't very informed about.*

*Mesa Maddux: I love nature so when I heard about this class and found out we would be working outside a lot and helping the environment I was automatically interested.*

You call yourself the Sequim High Salmon Crew. What role does the Salmon Crew play in salmon habitat restoration?

*Oliver Lawrence: The crew has always been inspired to restore and preserve nature; it comes natural to us.*

*Emily Larson: We would be the ones helping plant trees to*

rehabilitate a river ecosystem, or writing blog posts to discuss the things that NOSC is doing, or going to restoration sites to learn about what is happening so that there are people in our age group that can explain what is happening.

*MM: We have helped in many ways such as planting trees next to rivers and streams to provide shade, stabilize river banks, and in some cases push out the invasive plant species that are growing in the open areas. We have also done trash pick up which helps keep the garbage from getting into the stream. All these things help the water stay cleaner and more healthy for the salmon.*

What's your favorite site you've been to, or favorite experience? Why? What did you learn?

*MM: My favorite site that we visited was Chimacum Creek. We did most of our tree planting there and I love planting trees so it was a lot of fun. Getting to spend time with my whole crew there was amazing. We always had a good time especially since we were all there for the same reason and we all enjoyed it. I learned about different kinds of trees and the best ways and places to plant them, and also about the creek's ecosystem in general.*

*OL: One of my favorite experiences was learning about the horizontal directional drill [at the Discovery Bay Estuary Restoration site]. I learned that the drill was boring a safer and more efficient waterline.*

In one of the blog posts, Emily wrote "NOSC is about the action of habitat restoration." How so?

*Denny Grubb: NOSC works on many different projects to help not only salmon, but the surrounding environment as well. This is because even though salmon live in the river, the surrounding area affects the health quality of it. So in order to have a healthy river you have to improve the forests and lands around it as well, and NOSC does a very good job at taking that into account.*

*EL: When driving around the Peninsula you can see fields decorated with plastic cylinders shielding trees planted by NOSC and volunteers, and when driving by Fat Smitty's, you see the machines at work.*

*OL: NOSC is all about habitat restoration and preservation. NOSC focuses on the habitat of salmon because the fish are an important factor in an ecosystem.*

Has this class inspired you to pursue a certain degree or career path?

*EL: This class has inspired me to perhaps pursue a career in either civil or environmental engineering.*

*RB: I want to volunteer because I feel if everyone in this world just helped out a little things wouldn't need so much restoration.*

*DG: I'm still planning on becoming a high school agriculture teacher, but I will admit that participating in this class has increased my determination to proceed in my teaching endeavors.*

On a scale from 1-10, what was your interest level in Reggae before you started this class, and what is it now?

*EL: Before I started the class my interest level was honestly only a 1. Now... I can say with utter certainty that it is a 3.473.*

*RB: 3 at first, but now about an 8.*

*DG: When I first started this class my interest in Reggae was a one. Now, after being in the class I would have to say I'm at a two. I just cant seem to take a liking to it. Sorry Reed.*

-Larry Montague, NOSC Education & Outreach Assistant