

North Olympic Salmon Coalition

The Official Newsletter



upcoming events

Nursery Work Party in Chimacum. Various projects for all ages (construction, weeding, dancing? YES!) June 17th, 10am-2pm *RSVP to Larry, intern@nosc.org or 379-8051

Stewardship Event at Snow Creek Uncas Preserve with Jefferson Land Trust. June 30th, 10am-1pm *RSVP to Larry, intern@nosc.org 379-8051

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

NOSC IS HIRING!

North Olympic Salmon Coalition is seeking a
Project Manager.

Growing a Legacy in East Jefferson County

NOSC's Sarah Doyle reflects on one of our largest riparian enhancement projects

A 2009 grant from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board has been instrumental in allowing NOSC to work with both public and private landowners to plant trees along rivers and creeks in East Jefferson County. The grant helped to fund the hiring of a Washington Conservation Corps crew to complete the work. From 2009-2014, NOSC and the WCC crew planted over 37 acres of salmon habitat -- which adds up to over 25,000 trees -- in our region. In the next 3 years, we plan to continue this work by planting 50 more acres with another grant from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board!

Other funders that contributed to the success of this project include WDFW's Landowner Incentive and ALEA programs, as well as a Chimacum Creek landowner outreach grant that was provided by the CLIF Bar Family Foundation. Project partners included the Hood Canal Coordinating Council, Jefferson Land Trust, WDFW, Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group, Habitat for Humanity and a total of 16 private landowners.

NOSC would like to give a big high five and thank you to all of the WCC crew members that have worked with us these past four years. You have left a legacy that will span lifetimes!



[Click here](#) for the job description and more information on how to apply.

Applications are due June 23rd, 2014 at 5pm.

1st Annual NOSC Golf Tournament

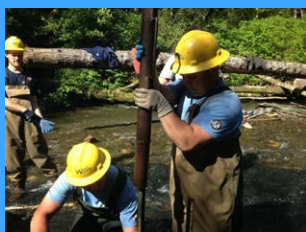


Get your clubs ready for NOSC's first ever Golf Tournament! This fun event will have prizes for all levels and will help support salmon education and restoration on the Olympic Peninsula.

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

[Register today!](#)

WCC out on the West End



Click [here](#) to see the crew in action during smolt trap installations with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.



Rhody Parade 2014 Fish and Flowers!



Fantastic volunteers, WCC crew, NOSC staff, flowers, sunshine, puppets, and Fin!

Fin and friends rolled triumphantly down Lawrence, Monroe, and Water Streets in Port Townsend's Rhododendron Parade on May 17. The crowd shouted "Go Fish!" with jubilant abandon. And go we did. Three salmon puppets on loan from the [Village Store \(Now open in Discovery Bay as well as Quilcene\)](#) accompanied volunteers and staff in fish hats and crab costumes. The magnificent Fin looked wonderful decked out in trees and flowers, garnering praise and making children sing with joy as usual. Congratulations to the WCC crew for designing and leading a parade entry that shows our watershed pride. [Check out the Photo Gallery from the parade!](#)

June is Nursery Month at NOSC
Join us on the 17th for our biggest work party yet!

Citizen Action Training School

is coming soon to North Olympic Peninsula!



Starting this fall, NOSC sponsors an incredible, free training opportunity for you to make a difference in your community.

[Find out more.](#)

BRAND NEW MERCHANDISE

COMING SOON to our Port Hadlock office!



Fish LOVE our shirts.

WISH LIST

Donate to NOSC!



Robbie, Elijah and Rick from the Port Hadlock WCC crew constructing a fence at the nursery. These guys (and gal) truly do it all!

Volunteers and the WCC crew have helped us get a TREEmendous amount of work done at the nursery this year-- potting 450 plants, putting all of those pots onto pallets, laying a new weed barrier, weeding, and constructing a fence around the entire plot. The nursery is looking GREAT thanks to all those who participated in our work parties. Remaining projects include repairing the shade cloth structure, building a soil housing, and creating an updated map. Sound fun? Join us on June 17th, from 10am-2pm, as we celebrate Nursery Month here at NOSC! All tools provided.

RSVP to Larry, intern@nosc.org or 379-8051.

Salmon Festival 2014 SAVE THE DATE! Nov. 1



A multi-generational volunteer committee has been working



- - SALMONBERRIES!
But why? [Click here](#) for details.

-drop-leaf table for
outreach office

- red fabric

- 12-passenger van

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hard to envision and plan the long-awaited 2014 Salmon Festival. We plan to celebrate with the fish at Chimacum School on Saturday, November 1st. Music, poetry, food, comics, costumes, field games, art, and other salmon-inspired shenanigans. There is still much planning, scheming, and fundraising to be done - We need help! What can YOU contribute to the salmon festival? Call Reed 379-8051. Or email at raubin@nosc.org

Volunteer Spotlight: Elisabet Skyhawk



Elisabet making salmon hats with her friend Jean Erreca, volunteer irrigation and Bingo specialist for NOSC.

Elisabet moved to the area seven years ago from the island of Molokai in Hawaii. A lover of the forest and the beach, she built all of her living structures by hand using natural materials she found in those places, including a grass hut. "When I moved there, all I knew was that I didn't want to be inside in Hawaii. It was a fabulous way to live. I was living in a habitat."

Elisabet heard about NOSC from a friend-well, sort of. She was dog-sitting and retrieved a message off the answering machine left by me, Larry, intern here at NOSC. Fortunately for us, this friend was a Coho spawner survey volunteer and the message she heard was about our survey training in November. She called me full of excitement about the survey season. "I don't think I had ever seen a salmon in a stream. Well, maybe once when I lived in Irondale, but I hadn't yet connected with salmon or the creek. Water renews me at every level. I knew I'd enjoy volunteering." Elisabet formed a team with Jean Erreca and Ray Paul, two fishermen. "Those were the most wonderful walks with those two. They had so many fabulous

fishing stories! I learned a lot of things about salmon from listening to them."

As an environmental education teacher in Palo Alto, California, Elisabet specialized in teaching urban kids about the outdoors. "This was back in the 80s-pre-computer times in school. We got students outside playing a lot. We constructed a greenhouse in the middle of the classroom and built all of our lessons around it-math, social studies, science." To this day, she has a passion for teaching about gardening and loves to grow her own food.

Given her love of homegrown food, the forest and the beach, it seems as though Elisabet has found the perfect place to live. We're certainly happy to have her here, showing off her amazing arts and crafts talents, planting trees, pulling weeds, playing with students, trudging through cold creeks...the list goes on. "I love variety in my life-friends, homes, a variety of everything!"

Thank you, Elisabet, for your enthusiasm and your willingness to lend a hand in so many different projects. It's been wonderful working with you!