

# North Olympic Salmon Coalition

"Do not tell fish stories where the people know you; but particularly, don't tell them where they know the fish." - Mark Twain



## upcoming events

Coho Spawner Survey Training at Cupola House (Point Hudson, PT). Oct. 31st, 10am-noon. Volunteers needed to count salmon in Chimacum Creek this fall/winter! Join us for this training session.

Salmon Festival at Chimacum School. Nov. 1st, noon-6pm. Volunteers still needed for various projects!

Dunegrass Planting\* at Maynard Nearshore Restoration site, Discovery Bay. Nov. 8th, 10am-2pm. This will be a huge, awesome event!

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

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

North Olympic Salmon  
Coalition in the news!

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articles on...*

Summer chum monitoring

## Salmon Festival returns to Chimacum Nov. 1st Fish, festival, quilt all seen swimming home



Friends, Fish-lovers, Watershed Neighbors! Join us once again in celebration of the majestic swimmer, *Oncorhynchus*! On November 1, we will gather for a day of revelry, music, poetry, games, films, fish-printing, food, Fin, and fun. This celebration marks the rebirth of the once-popular salmon festivals, which began in 1989 and brought attention to the dangerously low salmon runs in Chimacum Creek, Discovery Bay and rivers in Jefferson County. Since then, community priorities have shifted to boots-on-the-ground work to restore these runs (see story below on Discovery Bay, for example). Now, with good news in the creeks, the time to get serious about celebration has returned. Volunteers are still needed to help with kids' activities, cleanup, and more. To sign up, and to see the festival activities and schedule, [see our website](#).

Just as the fish and festival return, so too has the "Salmon Rain" quilt - a work of art created by the Wild Olympic Women quilting group as a salmon festival fundraiser in 1989. This stunning piece was recently returned by an anonymous gentleman who had won it in a raffle 25 years ago. The quilt will be unveiled just before 1pm at the festival main stage.

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in the [Sequim Gazette](#)

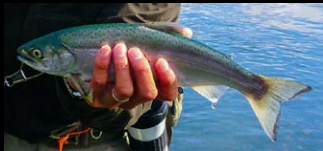
New education program for  
local 7th graders in the  
[Port Townsend Leader](#)

Funding for NOSC's  
restoration project in  
Kilisut Harbor in  
the [Peninsula Daily News](#)

The 2014 Salmon Festival  
in the [Port Townsend  
Leader](#)

## Jacks.

Attention anglers!



We will be making fish  
prints (on t-shirts, paper,  
etc.) with the Port  
Townsend Marine Science  
Center at the Salmon  
Festival. We need small  
salmonids to fit on small  
shirts! So bring home a few  
jacks if you catch 'em. We'll  
ask you to keep them  
frozen, and then deliver.  
Contact Amy at PTMSC to  
let her know you got 'em:  
360.385.5582 x204  
And bring a shirt to the  
salmon festival to make a  
fish print!

Salmon lantern  
workshops raise  
excitement for the  
Salmon Festival

See you at Chimacum school, 12-6pm on November 1st!

## Discovery Bay Estuary Restoration

Maynard Nearshore phase is complete!



Excavation of the railroad grade has created new spits along the Maynard nearshore. Photo by Jim Fox.

July through September, NOSC removed 150 creosote pilings and 4 associated railroad trestle superstructures, 13,000 cubic yards of fill, and 1,900 tons of rip-rap and concrete that lined the shoreline of Discovery Bay near the Snow and Salmon Creek estuary. The [restoration site](#) is now free of bulkheading, contaminated soils and invasive species, providing a safe migratory pathway for ESA-listed juvenile Hood Canal Summer Chum, coho an steelhead. The birds love the new spits and the shellfish beds are now even bigger. NOSC would like to thank the many partners and funders that came together to get this project, envisioned for over 10 years, on the ground.

Important funding support for the project was provided by the Fish America Foundation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee, Northwest Straits Commission, Salmon Recovery Funding Board, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, and United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

## Work Party Maynard Beach Dune Grass Planting

Hey volunteers, those new spits could use some greenery!



Dozens of students and adults have joined artist Thaddeus Jurczynski for his fun and inspiring salmon lantern workshops. The lanterns they've made will be showcased at this year's Salmon Festival at Chimacum School on Saturday, November 1st. Don't miss this exciting event!

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**Look as slick as this fish in one of our new t-shirts**

**Pourhouse  
Fundraiser**



A portion of the new Maynard beach that will receive 5,500 dune grass plugs during the Dune Grass Planting event on Saturday, November 8th.

**Did you know:** Dune grass colonies act as natural barriers against winter storms and waves, protecting beaches by lowering the impact of erosion? By providing this "line of defense" as well as great nesting and feeding habitat, dune grass also plays a significant role in the protection of many organisms that utilize the nearshore environment.

Join us on **Saturday, November 8th, from 9am-2pm** at our Discovery Bay Restoration site for a **Dune Grass Planting event!** The dune grass plugs may be short in stature, but there's nothing small about the number we'll plant at the event: 5,500!

Tools and gloves will be provided but are in limited supply, so please bring your own if you have them. The event will also include light refreshments and a NOSC-led site tour of the newly completed restoration site. Bring warm, waterproof clothes, water, and a lunch. **Due to the size of the planting, we are especially looking for volunteer groups to help us complete the work.** As always, we welcome individuals and families!

To attend, please RSVP Larry at [intern@nosc.org](mailto:intern@nosc.org) or 379-8051. More information including parking location will be sent out via email prior to the day of the event.

**Coho Spawner Survey Training**  
**Volunteers needed to Welcome Back the Silvers!**





Thank You to all who supported our [Pourhouse fundraiser event](#). Thanks to you, it was WILDLY successful. We raised \$1,600 for salmon restoration and education on the north Olympic Peninsula!

A special thank you to our new Board Member Jean Erreca for putting this idea into motion earlier this year; [Finnriver Farm and Cidery](#) and [Port Townsend Brewing Company](#) for creating and donating a delicious, salmon-colored blueberry ale; and the [Pourhouse](#) for sponsoring the event.

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Returning coho salmon swimming back to their natal spawning grounds.  
Photo by Mike Hovis.

Volunteers surveying Hood Canal summer chum in Chimacum Creek have begun seeing shadowy bullets darting between the staunch, oscillating chum. These coho salmon will soon push their way into the highest reaches of the watershed, and NOSC volunteers will be there to welcome them home!

We'll be holding our annual **Coho Survey Training on Friday, October 31st from 10am-12pm**. This year we'll be in the Madrona room at the WSU Extension Office, which is now in the [Cupola House at Point Hudson in Port Townsend](#).

At the training we'll cover survey and safety protocols, assign teams and survey stretches, and issue survey equipment. No experience is necessary to join the survey team. We have many experienced volunteers who are very willing and capable of helping new surveyors learn the protocol.

This is a great opportunity to get up close and personal with the salmon with whom we share our home. All the data we collect on the creek is analyzed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and used to guide salmon conservation in our state.

If you're interested in joining our survey team, please **RSVP Kendra** at [outreach@nosc.org](mailto:outreach@nosc.org) or by calling 379-8051.

**Welcome, Kendra and the 2014-15 WCC Crew!**  
Meet the newest faces behind salmon restoration on the North Olympic Peninsula

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Kendra with a large male chum salmon at the WDFW adult fish trap on Salmon Creek.

**Kendra Krantz**, our new Education and Outreach Assistant, comes from us by way of Bellingham where she attended Huxley School of the Environment while volunteering with another RFEA (Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group), [Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association](#). Kendra has hit the ground running--or perhaps *the creek swimming*--here at NOSA. In her first two weeks she has attended the Citizen Action Training School in Sequim, counted chum in Chimacum Creek, and led a school program on salmon education. We're excited to have Kendra on our team!





(L to R) Stephen Richardson, Owen French (supervisor), Sam Langley, Sophie Brunner, Kirsten Woodsmith, and Emily Barry make up this year's Port Hadlock WCC (Washington Conservation Corps) restoration crew! One of the largest projects the crew will be working on this year is the removal of invasive butterfly bush on the Dungeness River. The crew will also plant an estimated 20,000 trees and shrubs throughout the north Olympic Peninsula, providing habitat for salmon and other wildlife. See what exciting and muddy work the WCC crew gets into this year by following their [blog](#).

You can learn more about Kendra, the WCC crew, and the rest of our team on our [website](#)!

## 2014 Annual Meeting



NOSC's Volunteer & Education Program Manager Reed Aubin serenades the incoming crowd as a slide show of the past year's events is projected on the screen.

Our 24th Annual Meeting was a huge success! This year the event was held at the Dungeness Schoolhouse in Sequim. Many individuals who attended described it as "perfect" and "spectacular"--and they weren't even referring to the homemade pie, which was absolutely delicious! Presentations ranged from invasive butterfly bush removal on the Dungeness River to fundraising efforts to a rap about the Washington Conservation Corps and NOSC's education program. Thank you to everyone who made the event possible!

#### **Interested in becoming a NOSC member?**

Since 1990, 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!

**UPDATE: Chimacum Creek Chum Run**  
**- Fish report faithful surveyors moving upstream**



A couple of chums. Two Hood Canal Summer Chum salmon in Chimacum Creek. Photo by Rae Bronenkant.

Since early September, volunteer surveyors have been helping NOSC and WDFW (Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife) monitoring returning Hood Canal Summer Chum in Chimacum Creek. The survey teams go out once a week to walk three stretches of the creek where chum spawn and dig their nests, or redds. Sporting chest waders and backpacks full of equipment, they walk through the creek in areas where the fish do not lay their eggs (deep pools, muddy substrate) and on the bank around gravelly areas called riffles where the fish dig their redds. Each week, they keep a count of live and dead salmon and take samples from carcasses including scales-which are used to determine age, much like the rings of a tree-and DNA.

**\*\*See our [post for up-to-date survey numbers and a video!](#)\*\***

We expect the chum run to continue for the next few weeks, so please view the fish safely by staying out of the creek. **Walking on top of redds can and will destroy eggs.** Volunteers will then transition to surveying coho which spawn much farther upstream in the highest stretches and tributaries. Want to join the survey team? See our [post about coho survey training](#), Friday, October 31st from 10am-noon at the Cupola House (WSU Extension, Port Townsend.)