

# North Olympic Salmon Coalition

"You cannot step in the same river twice, for the second time it is not the same river."  
- Heraclitus (535-475 B.C.)



## upcoming events

Education program\* at Chimacum Creek with PT Middle School. Oct. 3rd.  
Volunteers needed to assist!

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

## September 20-27 is National Estuaries Week!

Want to learn more about estuaries and spend time on your local bay? Restore America's Estuaries (RAE) is helping to get you ready to celebrate these incredible ecosystems with their 2014 activity toolkit and list of

## Discovery Bay Estuary Restoration Maynard Nearshore project nearly complete



Seton Construction has been moving along swiftly on the Maynard Nearshore Restoration phase of the project. With the railroad trestles removed, the crew is finishing up the last of the railroad grade modifications. Standing on Gardiner Road, NOSC Project Manager Kevin Long notices how the changes blend into the landscape. "For me it's the larger ecological picture that's coming together. As you look out on what was the railroad grade, a new shore form is developing. A long, sandy spit blends into the shoreline landscape of Discovery Bay. Already shorebirds cruise the shores exploring for food. The areas of gentle, sloping beaches without rock and concrete bulkheads will soon be colonized by shellfish, and out-migrating juvenile salmon will cruise the shallow back-waters come spring."

The Maynard Nearshore Restoration project should wrap up by the end of September. A BIG thank you goes out to the neighboring landowners for site access and for tolerating a little extra noise this summer.

Visit the [project blog](#) for updates on the progress of the project.

## Membership Drive

[local volunteer events.](#)

## 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!

## Elwha River runs free for the first time in a century!



Photo courtesy of PDN

Read the [Peninsula Daily News](#) article about the [largest dam removal project in the world](#) which just opened up dozens of miles of river and tributaries to spawning salmon and created 70 acres of new nearshore habitat at the river's mouth!

**NOW AVAILABLE**

**BRAND NEW**

**T-shirts, Hoodies, Hats  
and Totes!**

Help us reach our goal for 2014!



Members on a site tour of the 3 Crabs Estuary Restoration site in Dungeness led by NOSC Executive Director Rebecca Benjamin

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 10 more memberships to go before we reach our goal. Thank you for becoming a member today!

**October Member Event: Chimacum Creek Site Tour, Oct. 14, 4pm.**

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 Illahee Preserve. If you have been waiting to become a member, now is the time to join in on the fun. Our dynamic Volunteer & Education Program Manager, Reed Aubin, will be leading the tour of Chimacum Creek and interviewing any resident Summer Chum salmon who are still alive. An event not to be missed! Members and donors can expect an email invitation this week.

## Summer Chum Spawner Surveys 2014

Volunteer crews spot the season's first salmon returning to Chimacum Creek!

Available at our Port Hadlock office



Look as sharp as Al the Alevin in one of our new hats

## JLT Picnic at Illahee Preserve!



When: Saturday, September 27, 2014, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Join Jefferson Land Trust at Illahee Preserve on Chimacum Creek for the [Land Trust's Annual Meeting and Bring-Your-Own Picnic!](#)

Enjoy your picnic lunch while Executive Director Sarah Spaeth shares stories about saving our most special local places, from farms to forests to wildlife habitats. Take the short trail



Endangered Species Act-listed Hood Canal Summer Chum make their way up Chimacum Creek in 2013. An estimated 3,066 chum returned to Chimacum Creek last fall, marking the largest run in over 25 years.

Photo by Charles Espey.

Surveyors recorded the first large wave of chum of the season--599 fish in total--this past Tuesday. Three crews of four volunteers will survey the creek every week, counting live and dead fish and taking scale and DNA samples from carcasses. All of the data they collect is sent to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) for processing. WDFW uses the data to evaluate important parameters of the run such as fish age and total escapement, or the number of salmon that escape commercial and recreational fisheries to reach their native spawning grounds.

Want to get involved in fish surveys? Due to a huge turnout this season, all chum spawner survey spots are full. However, beginning with a training session at the end of October, NOSC will need volunteers to survey the coho salmon that spawn in the upper reaches of Chimacum Creek. Watch for announcements of the training in our newsletter and on [our website](#) in the coming weeks.

## Salmon Festival

Volunteers needed for art, fun, sweeping, moving things, etc.

down to the creek to watch the magic of chum salmon spawning, and learn about the habitat restoration we have done here.

Bring something for the grill! And then have some family fun with nature games designed to heighten awareness, gain wilderness skills and deepen your relationship with the natural world, led by CedarRoot Folk School staff.

Parking and shuttle from Dream City Cafe in Kala Square.

Questions? Contact  
[info@saveland.org](mailto:info@saveland.org)

## WISH LIST

Donate to NOSC!



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

- drop-leaf table for outreach office
- red fabric
- 12-passenger van



Artist Thaddeus Jurczynski instructs in the fabrication of salmon lanterns for the 2014 Salmon Festival. More public lantern-making workshops are planned for the fall, with the lanterns to be lit at dusk at the salmon festival November 1st.

What you have heard is true: volunteers and NOSC staff have many wacky antics in store for you at the Salmon Festival. Students from Chimacum Pi Program High School Environmental Science class are leading the charge with Salmon films, improv theater games for kids, and gorgeous decorations. Community artists and organizers are stepping forward as we honor our community's ties to our dearly beloved fish. Various volunteer jobs are available to make this an amazing event for all. [Click here](#) to see a list of volunteer jobs.

If you are interested in volunteering for the salmon festival, please contact Terra Girard at [tlgirard@aol.com](mailto:tlgirard@aol.com). She will put you in touch with

## Volunteer Spotlight: Lindsay Scalf

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Lindsay with her mom, WDFW Scientific Technician Cheri Scalf, inside FIN the Migrating Salmon, circa 1994.

*You have a really interesting story and a special connection to the area. Please tell us about yourself.*

I often introduce myself as a native to the area who spent many years away and couldn't resist the perpetual draw of the Quimper Peninsula. I went to college in Lacey, WA at Saint Martin's University, after which I joined the United States Peace Corps and worked as an Education Volunteer in Niger (2010-2011) and Burkina Faso (2011-2013). Upon my return I started working for the Chimacum Corner Farmstand as well as Finnriver Farm and Cidery.

I was born and raised near the headwaters of Chimacum Creek, but the majority of my volunteer experience has taken place in Discovery Bay. This watershed is special to me as it was also the home of my grandmother, who spent so many decades watching over the valley, and the creeks that run wild through it. My first project was in 1992, when mom brought me along on her trips to monitor the first batch of fry at the Salmon Creek remote site incubator. I was 4 years old (just a fry myself!) and certainly not much help, but that experience guaranteed my status as a lifelong salmon enthusiast.

My memories of the time spent on these projects are precious to me. Salmon restoration has been a constant theme in my life, and nothing gives me more fulfillment than tracking the success of salmon runs alongside my own timeline. With each generation I am reminded of my own personal growth within that period of time, and am renewed with inspiration to preserve their habitat, protect their offspring, and perpetuate their species in a sustainable manner.

*Many people consider you to be FIN's biggest fan (alongside Nancy Erreca, NOSC's Administrative Assistant and FIN's road manager.) How and when did you and FIN first meet?*

FIN and I met at one of the early Wild Olympic Salmon Festivals back in the 90s. Every time I see her I am reminded of that first impression she made: an almost intimidating majestic creature, but a nurturer at her core. She was a really safe place for us kids, and though she was also mysterious, I always felt like I was in on the secret. Seeing her now as an adult, nothing has changed. I usually embarrass myself by making a big scene whenever she makes her appearance, and it's always a pleasure to tell her story to those who haven't met her yet.

My introduction to NOSC came along that same timeline, and many of the projects I've volunteered on have been funded by grants provided through their advocacy work. I've seen the tireless work the staff and volunteer crews have put into these projects, and I'm always delighted to see how each person's creativity develops the coalition.

*Can you talk a little more about your experience helping your mom, Cheri, with fish monitoring projects?*

Some of my favorite memories have taken place working alongside my mom in the field on Salmon, Snow, and Jimmycomelately Creeks. I've helped count returning spawners, monitored remote site incubators, surveyed streams, counted out-migration of smolt, and my favorite: assisted in the release of summer chum fry. I am always impressed by Mom's wealth of knowledge and skill. As a volunteer I do my best to provide whatever I can specific to that project, sometimes it's collecting the data, sometimes it's lifting a few sandbags. I like to think that what I lack in true strength and proficiency, I make up for with a good attitude and a smile!

*How important are salmon to you and why?*

As a child I was in awe of the salmon, observing them as eggs and fry, thinking about how they developed their connection to their home stream, and later watching their battle to return to the spawning beds, while their bodies are literally falling apart. We all develop a strong emotional connection to the species we work with. For me it's the chum, the species that most sources belittle as the dog salmon, not worth eating, little commercial value... the 'underdogs'.

Overall I believe what most inspires me is their resilience, their ability to overcome most incredible odds to reach their destination and fulfill their duty to their species. I know that could perhaps sound like an extreme case of anthropomorphizing, but I strongly believe that in an ostensibly hopeless world, it is crucial to be reminded of the tenacity of spirit, a spirit we share with the salmon.

