

2020•2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Kodama Farm Restoration

A Project for Farms and Fish



"NOSC is full of passionate people that are genuinely excited about their important restoration work. We have loved working with them because of their passion for the health of the land and because they are incredibly responsive to our needs as a farm and business."

-Kodama Farmers



Looking at Chimacum Creek from above as it flows through Kodama Farm.

On the 45-acre Kodama Farm south of Chimacum, Coho salmon will soon be flourishing just like the raised crop beds and no-till farming fields. The Jefferson Land Trust's 20+ acre conservation easement for the Kodama farm is the first in the Puget Sound basin to use federal National Estuary Program (NEP) funding from the U.S Environmental Protection Agency to restore riparian areas in agricultural landscapes. With the easement in place, NOSC plans to significantly restore the section of Chimacum Creek flowing through the property. The first step will be to create a more complex stream channel to restore important

salmon-rearing habitat and then the riparian area will be planted with 57,000 native trees, shrubs, and wetland species. In partnership with:

Railroad Creek Restoration

The Power of a Community Volunteer and our WCC Crew

This was a truly unique project. An orphan railroad grade culvert with no established access on the far side of the Hoko River, 55 miles west of Port Angeles, was cutting off access to 2.49 acres of wetland rearing habitat for juvenile salmon. Due, to the difficulty of getting large machinery across the river, project managers arrived at the decision of removing the culvert and a portion of the associated fill using a mini excavator. The excavator driver, Matthew Berberich, donated his time to complete the project. The WCC crew dug and moved the spoils by hand. The WCC crew also assisted with cutting logs from an upland location to be used in walking the mini excavator across the river channel while keeping the tracks out of the water and protecting the river bed from disturbance. Using volunteer time and our cost-effective WCC crew, we were able to implement this project at low cost for a great benefit.

Volunteer Matthew Berberich runs the excavator as our WCC crew hauls out the culvert and fill from the fish barrier.



Thank you and Farewell Owen French!

Our field crew leader, Owen French, has been promoted to another position with the Washington Conservation Corps after supervising our NOSC crew for the last 12 years. Over the course of his tenure with NOSC's restoration crew, Owen has supervised and mentored over 48 young adults and guided the planting of over 265,000 native trees and shrubs along our salmon bearing creeks and rivers. We are forever grateful for his time and wish him the best in the next chapter of his career!

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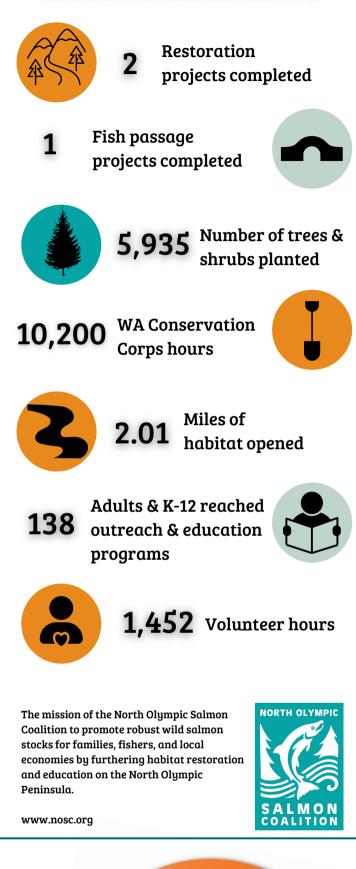
COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP 🦿 COLLABORATIVE RESTORATION

Riparian Restoration Program Partnering to Recover Watersheds in WRIA 19

In early 2021, NOSC entered into a partnership with the North Olympic Land Trust (NOLT) to assist in revegetating Land Trust-owned parcels in western Clallam County. Our first effort occurred last January at NOLT's Pysht River Conservation Area. Acquired in 2009, the Pysht River Conservation Area encompasses 74 acres, including 2/3 mile of river used by coho salmon, steelhead, and cutthroat trout. Salmon Coalition volunteers and our WCC crew planted over 1100 native trees and shrubs to supplement previous plantings installed by the Makah and Lower Elwha Klallam Tribes. The Salmon Coalition is excited to continue our partnership with NOLT in 2022, as we plant at the site of their newest acquisition, the Clallam River Conservation Area. This 64-acre parcel has been identified by State biologists as containing some of the best habitat for salmon recovery west of the Elwha River.

Right: LEKT Staff planting trees on the Pysht river on a rainy day. **Below:** Volunteers planting the Pysht Conservation Area with NOLT and NOSC staff.





2020-2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

INCOME

Contracted Services State Grants	\$142,757 \$2,959,950	(3.7%) (76.7%)
Federal Grants Private Grants	\$485,499 \$17,849	(12.6%)
Core RFEG & Donor Fun		(0.5%) (6.6%)
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,859,145	(100%)

Total Expenses: \$3,734,962

(100%)

\$28,172 (0.8%) Restoration Projects \$3,565,698(95.5%)

EXPENSES

Monitoring, Education,

& Outreach \$81,998 (2.2%)

Operations

Project Development

\$59,094 (1.6%)

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