



# Salmon Summit 2025

Reconnecting Habitat, Restoring Rivers, Recovering Salmon

## Conference Schedule 8:00am-5:00pm

- 8:00-8:30 Check-In and Networking – *Coffee, Refreshments, Posters/Vendor Tables*
- 8:40-8:45 Welcome
- 8:45-9:00 The Salmon Summit Story: A Retrospective, *Rachel Vasak, Whatcom Land Trust Executive Director*
- 9:00-10:10 Session I- Nooksack Basin Salmon Populations, Status, and Productivity (Q/A follows Session)
  - *Population Status and Trends Monitoring of Pacific Salmon in the Nooksack River Watershed*, Devin Flawd, Lummi Nation Natural Resources
  - *Nooksack Basin Hatchery Management*, Tom Chance, Lummi Nation Natural Resources
  - *History of Captive Rearing Program for South Fork Nooksack Spring Chinook*, Adrian Spidle, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
- 10:10-10:25 Morning Break
- 10:25-12:00 Session II- Instream Restoration and Effectiveness Monitoring in the Nooksack (Q/A follows Session)
  - *Restoring the Nooksack River: Nooksack Tribe’s Restoration Program*, Treva Coe, Nooksack Tribe Natural Resources
  - *Using Engineered Log Jams and Hyporheic Upwellings to Enhance Cool-Water Refuge for Early Chinook: A Test*, Jim Helfield, WWU
  - *Restoring Floodplain Connectivity and Supporting Salmon Recovery Using Innovative Channel Spanning Log Jams on the South Fork Nooksack River*, Kelley Turner, Lummi Nation Natural Resources
  - *Assessing the Effectiveness of Channel Spanning Engineered Log Jams as Restoration Tools in Increasing Groundwater Storage in South Fork Nooksack*, Jake Peckenpough, WWU
- 12:00-12:50 Lunch (“Baja” buffet)
- 12:50-1:10 Posters and Exhibitor/Sponsor Display Session
- 1:10-3:00 Session III – Riparian Restoration, Innovative Fish Passage, and Floodplain Planning (Q/A follows Session)
  - *Field to Forest: Results and Analysis of Riparian Restoration Efforts in Rural Whatcom County*, Tristan Simons, Whatcom Conservation District
  - *Voluntary Implementation Plan for Remediating City of Bellingham Culverts*, Morgan Ruff, City of Bellingham and Paul Schlenger, Natural Systems Design formerly with ESA
  - *Advancing County Fish Passage: Leaning into Collaboration and Coordination for Additional Capacity*, John Thompson, Whatcom County Public Works
  - *Integrating Fish, Farms and Flood Management on the Nooksack River*, Michael Maudlin, Nooksack Tribe Natural Resources on behalf of the Nooksack Integrated Flood Management Program (FLIP)
  - *Restoring Hydrology of the South Fork Nooksack River: Focus on Tools Supporting Restoration Planning*, Maggie Taylor, Nooksack Tribe Natural Resources
- 3:05-3:15 Afternoon Break
- 3:15-4:50 Session IV- Estuary and Nearshore Habitats and Urban Streams (Q/A follows Session)
  - *The Squalicum Creek Re-Route: Floodplain Reconnection in an Urban Stream*, Mateo Scoggins, City of Bellingham
  - *Salmon, Forage Fish, and Eelgrass: Restoring Shoreline Connectivity at Clayton Beach*, Lisa Kaufman, Northwest Straits Foundation
  - *Examination of Aquatic Invertebrate Communities in the Snohomish Estuary*, Sean Grealish, WWU
  - *20+ Years of Benthic Macroinvertebrate Monitoring in Bellingham Creeks. What have we learned?* Mateo Scoggins, City of Bellingham
- 4:50-5:00 Salmon Summit Technical Session Wrap-Up