



SalmonGRAM

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*Cover: Rootwad LWD at Goldsborough
Photo: Brian Combs*

*Back: Juvenile coho at Clearwater,
Photo: Kristin Williamson*

Message from the Executive Director

Lance Winecka



Hello SPSSEG Supporter!

As summer comes to an end, SPSSEG staff are busy building habitat enhancement projects, creating new education and outreach programs, and preparing for the fall salmon runs and preparing to conduct monitoring of past projects.

This year's WCC-IP, Heather Dalke, had a very successful year, spending time with kids at KCST, attending community festivals and creating a new Salmon Display for the Estuarium in Olympia. We are in the process of filling her shoes with a new Outreach and Education person to start in October. We are still looking for ongoing financial support for this excellent opportunity through Dept. of Ecology & AmeriCorp.

In addition to the projects highlighted on the opposite page, a nearshore project will go to construction during September. I have been working on Mission Creek for nearly 10 years. A conceptual design was completed in 2006 and updated in 2011. Mission Creek runs through Priest Point Park and enters Budd Inlet at the southern end of the park. This project will remove a road embankment, an over flow box weir and outlet culvert, beach armoring and invasive species. Restoring this pocket estuary will create rearing habitat for Chinook, coho and chum. I have worked with the City of Olympia, Port of Olympia, Squaxin Tribe and many more over the course of this project.

During this busy fall season, I have been fortunate to spend some time on the water, fishing. Enjoying the natural beauty of the southern end of Puget Sound always reminds me of how lucky I am to live and work in such a beautiful place.

Thanks so much,
Lance

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For more information: www.rfeg.org

Summer Construction Update

SPSSEG Project Managers are keeping busy with three construction projects. Each of these projects are the result of many hours of grant writing, landowner agreements, and, in some cases, years of stakeholder work. We are excited to highlight for you, our supporters, three summer construction projects.

McLane FFFPP

SPSSEG, with funding from the Family Fish Forest Passage Program, removed a collapsed bridge from private property in McLane Creek; one of our region's tier one salmon streams, hosting chum and coho, with wonderful spawning gravel and rearing habitat. Any human caused blockages in this system are cause for concern. This summer, SPSSEG replaced the collapsed bridge with a new steel bridge that will provide decades of easy crossing for the land owner and, more importantly, decades of easy passage for the many salmonid adult and juveniles that migrate through this property each year.

Middle Goldsborough

SPSSEG, in cooperation with Simpson Timber, is installing 2 LWD features along mid Goldsborough Creek. The LWD replaces an existing large imported rock and concrete bank with in stream rootwads and a log habitat wall. This project enhances juvenile rearing habitat and stream complexity in this section of this system. Goldsborough is a highly productive system, hosting coho, steelhead, and various trout species. SPSSEG has been active in the Goldsborough Watershed for the past several years.

Clearwater River Restoration Project

SPSSEG, with funding from SRFB, PSAR, USFWS and Pierce Conservation District, is installing multiple small and four river spanning ELJs in the Clearwater River. The Clearwater River Large Woody Debris project was designed to rehabilitate lost processes of wood recruitment, habitat structure and channel roughness to increase the stability of the watershed and facilitate recovery of riparian function, spawning habitat and rearing capacity of the River. The overall goal of the project is to increase spawning and rearing capacity of the watershed for Spring Chinook, steelhead, Coho, pink and cutthroat trout species.



McLane Before



McLane After



Goldsborough



Clearwater Spanning Jam
in Construction

CATS: Citizen Action Training School

Citizens throughout Puget Sound will learn how to lead their neighbors in Puget Sound recovery efforts beginning this fall with the launch of the Citizen Action Training School (CATS), a civics training program with an emphasis on watershed-related issues.



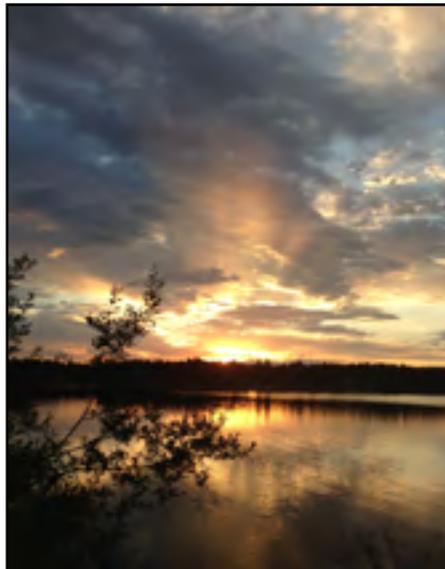
The CATS program is based on the success of a pilot project that took place in Snohomish County in 1988-89. That program, conducted by the Pilchuck Audubon Society, focused on local watersheds and trained an active group of community members. More than 20 years later, several of the service projects started by that group are still active.

The CATS program goal is to train residents in effective engagement in public processes to affect the system in productive ways. Through this program, the Puget Sound Partnership expects:

- More people will be able to engage in public process.
- It will be easier to participate in public process.
- People will engage in more productive participation.
- We will build a base of future leaders in Puget Sound recovery.

The region's seven Puget Sound Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups, led by the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association, teamed up to develop the proposal selected by the Partnership through a competitive grant process. The CATS program is funded for two years through the Partnership's Stewardship Program.

The first 12-week training opportunities will begin in late September 2013, and will be offered in both Bellingham and Olympia. CATS participants will receive resources and support to envision and implement a community stewardship service project. Projects need to relate to one of the Puget Sound Action Agenda's strategic initiatives:



- Protect and restore habitat
- Prevent stormwater pollution
- Recover shellfish beds

The CATS program is open to people with an interest and passion for Puget Sound with ability to commit to 50 hours of training and then give back 50 hours of volunteer time to implement a service project. While this year's program is full, there will be other CATS classes offered around the Sound in 2014.

For information about the program, please see www.rfeg.org/cats.

Salmon Times

Feed the Minds

By: Heather Dalke

Each year fresh, wide-eyed students trickle through the open doors to begin their journey through classrooms for the next twelve years of their lives. It is here in grammar school, middle school, and high school where an educational focus is given to supply these students with a foundation of information on salmon.

Outreaching to schools throughout the south Puget Sound gives local youth an understanding of the impacts salmon have on the ecology of the ecosystems. Whether it be in the classroom or on a field trip, the students are given the opportunity to have a better understanding of the mechanics behind all the dirt, trees, and water. From here, handfuls of students gain a curiosity to dive deeper and follow their new found interest(s).



Apart from primary schools, SPSSEG participates in festivals and events to allow the community to gain an understanding of our salmon and what “enhancement” entails at the salmon enhancement group.

Our outreach expands to encompass assisting other partners with their outreach and events. This includes camps, workshops, exhibits, and events. One exhibit, which opened this summer in downtown Olympia near the Farmers Market is the new Estuarium. This exhibit gives the public the opportunity to gain knowledge on all the ingredients which

make an estuary so important for our ecosystems.



Our outreach and education is an important asset to SPSSEG as it allows for the community to become informed on our projects and events. Our Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) AmeriCorps position primarily focuses on outreach and education, giving SPSSEG the ability to increase awareness throughout our south Puget Sound community.

Funding and Financial Standing

In today's state and federal funding environment, all non-profits, including SPSSEG, are having to pay extra attention to diversifying our funding opportunities with new fundraising events and by seeking new grants. SPSSEG is partnering with a Evergreen State College, Master in Environmental Studies student to seek project funding from the Rose Foundation. We are also looking into several local grants such as The Mountaineers Foundation to support the Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail and others. Below is a brief look at the SPSSEG financial report.

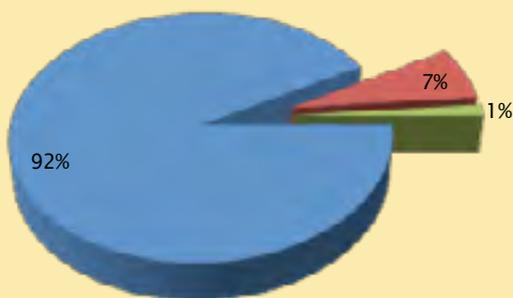
Abbreviated Statements of Financial Standing

* Pending Audit Results

| Abbreviated Statement of Financial Position As of June 30, 2013 | | | |
|--|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Assets | | 6/30/13 | 6/30/12 |
| | Cash | \$246,941 | \$199,076 |
| | Receivables | \$182,906 | \$170,556 |
| | Prepaid Expenses | \$2,281 | \$2,113 |
| | Equipment | \$17,450 | \$27,660 |
| | (Less depreciation) | | |
| Total Assets | | \$449,578 | \$399,404 |
| Liabilities | | \$341,707 | \$249,904 |
| Net Assets | | \$118,079 | \$104,500 |
| Total Liabilities & Net Assets | | \$459,787 | \$399,404 |

| Abbreviated Summary of Activities As of June 30, 2013 | | | |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Support & Revenue | | 6/30/13 | 6/30/12 |
| | Grants & Contracts | \$1,365,597 | \$1,228,968 |
| | In-Kind Grant Match | \$101,512 | \$83,366 |
| | Donations | \$20,209 | \$18,140 |
| | Membership Dues | \$1,220 | \$1,840 |
| | Misc/Interest Income | \$1,172 | \$140 |
| Total Support & Revenue | | \$1,489,711 | \$1,332,454 |
| Expenses | | | |
| | Program Expense | \$1,370,089 | \$1,206,620 |
| | Management & General | \$103,925 | \$93,550 |
| | Fundraising | \$898 | \$1,640 |
| Total Expenses | | \$1,474,912 | \$1,301,810 |
| Net Result | | \$14,789 | \$30,644 |

Support & Revenue



■ Grants/Contracts ■ Inkind/Match ■ Donations/Misc

Expenses



■ Program ■ Management & General ■ Fundraising

Chum, Chili & Chowder: A perfect KCST Fundraiser

Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail will open on November 2nd and remain open until December 1st. As usual, the Trail will be open to the public on weekends, Veteran's Day and the day after Thanksgiving. The Trail will be available to school groups and organizations during the week.

Join us at the Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail for the second annual "Chili & Chowder" on **Saturday, November 16** from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.. Take a break from viewing chum to enjoy a cup of Xihn's famous chowder, Taylor shellfish, chili, hot drinks, and treat. Donations for The Trail will be accepted.

We will be conducting Docent training on **Saturday, October 19** between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Trail. If you are interested in becoming a KCTS Docent or scheduling a group tour, please contact Adam Sant at (360) 412-0808 or by email at AdamS@spsseg.org.



Become a Chum! Your \$35 donation supports 10 student visitors to the Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail.

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- ◆ Chum Egg \$250 - \$500
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- ◆ Corporate Chum \$1,000
- ◆ Other Tax-Deductible Donation \$_____

Our generous state employed supporters can donate to SPSSEG through the Combined Fund Drive (#0315035). Supporters can make donations on our website!



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Salmon Enhancement Group Mission:***

To protect and restore salmon populations and aquatic habitat with an emphasis on ecosystem function through scientifically informed projects, community education, and volunteer involvement.