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Watershed Festival 9/23/06

Rain or shine, a festival will be hosted this year by the Chehalis Basin Partnership in honor of the new water year.

The festival is geared toward bringing people from different genres to approach the Chehalis Basin in a collaborative effort, rather than a watershed separated by borders.

The CHEHALIS BASIN WATERSHED FESTIVAL

will be held Saturday, September 23, 2006 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Riverside Park in Centralia.

Participants of the festival are coming together for a day centered on a salmon bake. Other activities will include the arrival of FIN, a 25' foot fiberglass fish sculpture, that allows children to climb inside to view a mural that teaches the life cycle of salmon. Trout Unlimited has

offered to bring a portable fish pond for children to participate in a fishing derby. Several agency representatives from WDFW, DOE and DNR will be offering information about grant opportunities for land owners, information on water rights issues, and information about numerous available forestry programs. In addition to these State agencies, the Chehalis Tribe, Quinault Indian Nation, County Commissioners from the various counties within the Chehalis Basin, Local Non-Profit Organizations, and other organizations associated with agricultural, environmental, and forestry backgrounds are also planning to attend.

Vendors and those interested in participating at the festival can contact Chanele Holbrook-Shaw at 360-264-7777.



Fin the Migrating Salmon is pictured above. This photo was provided courtesy of the North Olympic Salmon Coalition.

Thank you to our new and re-invested members.

Your commitment makes a difference in the restoration of the fisheries in the Chehalis Basin.

- Boat Seafoods
- Bob Balcombe
- Steve Berggren
- Carlisle Environmental Ed.
- Chehalis Tribe
- George M. Duncan
- Elma Game Club
- Friends of the Chehalis
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- Long Live the Kings
- Montesano Moose Lodge
- Port of Grays Harbor
- TransAlta
- Trout Unlimited
- Westport Charterboat
- Weyerhaeuser

1,404,900 Salmon Released in '06

Volunteer projects are irreplaceable efforts that frequently get overlooked without enough thanks or praise they deserve. Often, the men and women that participate are solely rewarded by the amount of fish produced through their devoted labors. The CBFTF is pleased to announce the following projects cumulatively released over 1.4 million fish between the months of February and June this year.

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Released</u>
Carlisle Environmental Education	Coho	100,000
Long Live the Kings/ Mayr Bros.	Chinook	30,000
Long Live the Kings/ Mayr Bros.	Chum	200,000
Long Live the Kings/ Mayr Bros.	Coho	300,000
Satsop Springs	Chinook	94,900
Satsop Springs	Chum	230,000
Satsop Springs	Coho	450,000
<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>1,404,900</i>

Salmon Trivia

What do you call fish such as a salmon that lives in salt water and spawns in fresh water?

Fish are termed "anadromous" if they live in fresh water.

Membership is vital to the ongoing work of the Task Force. We invite you to join our efforts for producing salmon for sport and commercial fisheries; enhancing Steelhead and Cutthroat trout resources; and restoring, enhancing and protecting stream habitat critical to these anadromous species.



If you are interested, just fill out the form below and send it to the address on this letter. Already a member? Please feel free to share our newsletter with others.

Membership Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Organization: _____
 Amount Enclosed: _____

- Silver Membership \$15
- King Membership \$30
- Associate Enhancer \$60
- Patron Enhancer \$100
- Golden Enhancer \$500

Membership is: (please one)

- Individual
- Organizational

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Habitat Blockage Removal Projects Under Way

The CBFTF geared up all winter to tackle three fish barrier removal projects within the Chehalis Basin. Two of which are participants in the Family Forrest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP), with the third and largest project funded jointly through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board and Grays Harbor County. Now that summer has arrived the following projects have begun construction.

Dekay Road Project: Funded jointly through the SRFB and Grays Harbor County, the Dekay Road Project is located on Polson Creek, which is a tributary to the West Fork Hoquiam River. This project will remove three fish barriers, and it is expected to open up at least 3 miles of habitat for salmonids, resident fish, and other aquatic wildlife.

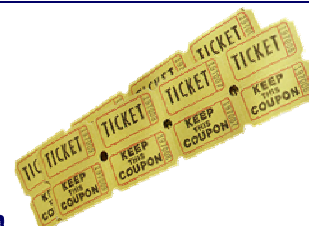
Gerhard Project: Funded by the FFFPP, this project is located on Forest Creek, which is a tributary to Independence Creek. This project will address a 3 foot diameter concrete culvert, currently 67% passable. Replacing this fish barrier will open up 5.26 miles of habitat for Coho, Cutthroat Trout, Sea-run Cutthroat Trout, and other aquatic wildlife.

Lentz Project: Funded by the Family Forest Fish Passage Program, the Lentz Project is located on a tributary to the East Fork Hoquiam River. The existing 4 foot diameter culvert is 67% passable due to an outfall drop of 1 foot. Habitat quality in this area is good. Removing this barrier will open up 1.13 miles of habitat for Coho, Cutthroat Trout, Steelhead, and other aquatic wildlife.

HERE'S YOUR TICKET...

Willy O'Neil Scholarship &

Tom Pentt Memorial Education Project Program



Students of the Chehalis Basin, the CBFTF offers two types of stipends for students interested in any of the Natural Resource fields. A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, dedicated to the late Willy O'Neil, is awarded to one applicant each year, and a \$500 stipend in honor of the late Tom Pentt is awarded to one or more student projects in the natural resources field.

Applications for the Willy O'Neil Scholarship must be received no later than October 31 preceding the year funding is desired. Applications for the Tom Pentt Memorial Education Project Program should be turned in by January 31 of the year for which the funding is desired. PLEASE PASS THE WORD...

For the minimum criteria regarding these opportunities, please visit our website at:

<http://www.cbftf.com>

and follow the links from the home page.



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Something good is happening in the Chehalis Basin...



CHECK YOUR CALANDARS TO CHUCK CARCASSES



Summer is here, and before you know it, salmon season is just around the corner.

Nutrient Enhancement is important in this neck of the woods. While the Chehalis Basin is regarded as one of the healthiest river basins in Washington State, the volunteers of the CBFTF realize the value of preservation. Come late October through the end of November an estimated 6,000 to 10,000 Coho

will be dispersed via hand and dump truck in an effort to increase ocean-derived nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus), which will sequentially provide a food source for smolt and the insects they consume, thus restoring greatly depleted salmon runs in the Satsop Sub-basin.

For those interested in volunteering, the Satsop Nutrient Enhancement Project (SNEP) will sling, fling, cast, catapult, dump,

chuck — what ever it takes — to get carcasses back into the main stem and tributary distribution sites of the West Fork and Middle Fork Satsop Rivers for nutrient enhancement this Fall. Dates are dependent upon the arrival of the salmon runs.

Volunteers registered with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife or Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group Program may contact Dave

Hamilton at 360-482-3364 for more details. Those interested in registering as volunteers may contact the CBFTF office at 360-533-1766 or by e-mail at cbftf@reachone.com for a registration packet.

The SNEP wishes to extend thanks to Green Diamond Resources, Weyerhaeuser, SRFB, NFWF, WDFW, QIN, Grays Harbor County, and the members of the CBFTF for support during 05/06 project activities.