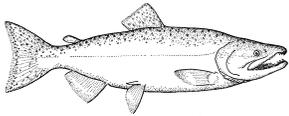


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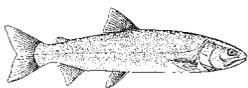
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King County, WA

# SAVING SALMON IN CENTRAL PUGET SOUND

## The Tri-County Endangered Species Act response effort

**Puget Sound's salmon are in trouble** – populations of wild, native salmon are declining in our region's waterways. These declines are primarily caused by human actions – our development and dams harm habitat; our yards and farms pollute streams; our fishing depletes salmon runs and our hatcheries compete with native fish. The federal government has listed chinook salmon and bull trout for protection under the Endangered Species Act. In response to these listings, local leaders are taking immediate steps to improve habitat and are developing salmon conservation plans. These efforts will help conserve salmon and protect our Northwest quality of life. You can also play an important role in salmon recovery - see the back for how you can help.

### Tri-county Endangered Species Act Response

King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties have brought together local cities, utilities, Native American tribes, businesses and community groups to recover salmon and healthy watersheds. These efforts are focused on finding common solutions and keeping our region's future in local hands.

### Where are the salmon?

Within the Tri-county area, salmon recovery efforts are organized into six major watersheds: the Stillaguamish, Snohomish, Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish, Green/Duwamish, Puyallup/White, and the Nisqually. **Salmon conservation plans** are being developed that consider the whole watershed, from the upper headwaters to the Puget Sound shorelines, and include all species of wild salmon and trout.



### Who's writing the salmon conservation plans?

Each watershed has established an oversight committee with representatives from local governments, businesses, and other organizations to direct the planning process. These committees will also collect input from the public to help shape their decisions. The salmon conservation plans may include:

- Greater enforcement and strengthening of land-use regulations
- Protection and restoration of salmon habitat areas
- Public education and involvement
- Monitoring for effectiveness

These planning efforts were begun in late 1998, and draft plans are expected in 2000.

### What's being done right now?

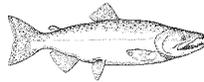
In addition to longer-term watershed planning, local governments are making immediate changes to protect salmon. These early actions include improvements in road maintenance and other operations, changes in land-use permitting and enforcement, and other efforts to conserve salmon habitat. Local leaders are working with federal agencies to ensure that these early actions help meet the requirements of the Endangered Species Act and minimize impacts to our region's economy.

# SALMON INFORMATION CENTER

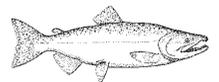
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## SALMON NEED YOUR HELP



To restore salmon runs, we all need to help. Here are some ways you can do your part:

### **Make your voice heard**

Participate in the watershed planning process. Come to a public workshop and tell your watershed planning committee how we can conserve salmon. Call to find out more.

### **Get your hands dirty**

Join a volunteer salmon habitat restoration event. Call for a list of volunteer events.



### **Make your house and yard salmon-friendly**

- Fix leaky taps or toilets and install low-flow showerheads
- Use drip irrigation or plant native or drought-tolerant plants in your yard
- Prevent erosion by keeping bare soil covered with straw or other mulch
- Apply pesticides and fertilizers responsibly or use organic alternatives
- Fix oil leaks and keep your car tuned
- Wash your car at the carwash or over grass to keep suds out of storm drains and streams



### **Make your business salmon-friendly**

- Clean out storm drain catch basins regularly
- Cover dirt and other stored materials
- Make sure dumpsters, storage tanks and drums, and parked vehicles aren't leaking pollutants
- Properly install and maintain silt fences during construction
- Keep bare soil covered