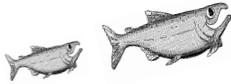


2018 in Review



THE ADOPT A STREAM FOUNDATION

New visitors to the Northwest Stream Center usually say. “I had no idea you were here!” After they stroll by the *Trout Stream Exhibit* and on the *Elevated Forest and Wetland Walk*, their reaction is often like that of Rozella Keven: “*Absolutely breathtaking!! Every school kid should come here. It’s a great learning experience.*” This year 4,845 visitors enjoyed that experience. However, the NWSC is still an undiscovered gem enjoyed by many repeat visitors who come for a quiet walk in the woods and a glimpse of wildlife.

Our great team of *Streamkeeper Academy* adjunct professors taught wonderful courses featuring: snow geese & trumpeter swans; beavers; bears; hummingbirds; killer whales; cougars; suburban birds & wildlife; salmon/trout; dragonflies & damselflies, and bats. *Sammy the Salmon* hosted *Junior Streamkeeper* classes for elementary schools. And our *Stream Team* hosted classes next to streams on how to restore riparian areas. Together, these events attracted 2,110 kids and adults.

AASF Ecologists and Technicians spent much of their time this year “up a creek” doing stream restoration work. Their results are quite remarkable:

- Planted 27,980 trees and shrubs in riparian zones on 12 acres of degraded riparian zones along 4,331 linear feet of stream banks next to six salmon streams.
- Removed a 170 foot-long creosote log wall next to Griffin Creek, and then restored that stream reach by installing 6-complex in-stream log fish habitat structures and a new adjacent riparian forest.
- Corrected a major stream bank erosion problem on Juanita Creek by installing 30-log fish habitat structures with root balls extending into the stream.
- Installed three very large log King Salmon habitat structures in Woods Creek using 15 forty-foot long logs with root balls attached.

Volunteers are instrumental to our success: Marian Hansen, Larry Gearheard, Doug Hennick, Jim Baeder, Dick Shaetzel, Gary and Kay Nobel, Christine Dubois, Linda Howard, Germaine Fitzgerald, Tom and Sara Noland, Lora Hein, Cherie Votaw, Tia Peychef, Lori Powlas, and Pat Roberts kept everything working, led tours, and ran the Nature Store. They made the NWSC a fun and inviting place for visitors.

The beautiful “run” of stainless steel salmon, steelhead and trout on the *Trout Stream Exhibit* wall-recognizing contributors to the *Streamkeeper Academy Endowment Fund* is getting bigger. Thanks to donor generosity, that endowment is now over \$141,000!

Consider this an invitation to renew your Adopt A Stream Foundation membership or become a new member. Membership benefits include free admission to the Northwest Stream Center and options for free or reduced rates for friends and families – check out the enclosed 2019 membership application.

Your support helps keep us moving up stream! Thanks.

See you at the Northwest Stream Center in 2018

