

Lake Washington/Cedar/ Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Salmon Summit 2016

Adapting to change in our watershed

The Mountaineers Seattle Program Center

Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND THANKS!

The WRIA 8 team is excited to bring the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed community together today to celebrate the past decade of salmon recovery and look ahead to the next ten years with renewed focus and collaboration.



AGENDA

9:00 am	Welcome and introductions Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz, WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Manager Ryan Orth, EnviroIssues, Facilitator
9:30	Remarks Larry Phillips, former King County Councilmember Andy Rheume, City of Bothell Mayor
9:45	Presentation: State of salmon and the watershed Scott Stolnack, WRIA 8 Technical Coordinator <i>Overview of the scientific context and current status of salmon and watershed conditions. Followed by a 15-minute Q&A session.</i>
10:20	Presentation: Progress in implementing the WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan Jason Wilkinson, WRIA 8 Actions and Funding Coordinator, and Polly Freeman, WRIA 8 Communications Specialist <i>Overview and status of implementing projects and programmatic actions. Followed by a 15-minute Q&A session.</i>
11:00	Break
11:15	Small group discussion (at tables): Reflections on the last ten years.
12:00 pm	Lunch Lunch provided. Marketplace open.
12:30	Keynote address: The trail to success Helen Thayer, Celebrated explorer and founder of Adventure Classroom <i>An explorer's lessons in planning, perseverance, and problem-solving</i>
1:20	Presentation: Looking forward—identifying priorities and approaches for the future Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz and Scott Stolnack <i>Challenges, opportunities, and new information: Emerging scientific, policy, and programmatic priorities for implementation in the next decade. Followed by a 15-minute Q&A session.</i>
2:00	Break
2:15	Small group discussion (at tables): Brainstorming themes and approaches for the next decade.
3:15	Wrap up and next steps
3:30	Adjourn Marketplace open until 4:00 p.m.

ABOUT WRIA 8

Water Resource Inventory Area 8 (WRIA 8) supports cooperative planning and implementation of actions to protect and conserve Chinook salmon in the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed. In response to the listing of Chinook salmon as threatened under the Endangered Species Act in 1999, 28 local government partners signed an interlocal agreement to jointly fund salmon conservation with the common goal of salmon recovery.

The WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan, completed in 2005, guides implementation of science-based salmon conservation priorities. In 2016 - 2017, WRIA 8 is updating the Plan to incorporate new science and refine conservation strategies.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Helen Thayer

At age 50, Helen became the first woman to walk to any of the world's poles when she trekked solo to the Magnetic North Pole. Shortly after, she became the first woman to walk across the 4,000-mile Sahara Desert and the 1,600-mile Mongolian Gobi Desert. Through her captivating personal narratives of adventure and the struggle to survive, she shares a powerful understanding of how problem solving, overcoming obstacles, and believing in the ability to reach a goal will finally bring success – all lessons relevant to the ongoing salmon recovery efforts across our watershed. Since 1989, Helen and her husband Bill have been producing educational programs for Adventure Classroom, a non-profit for K-12 outdoor education.

MARKETPLACE GUIDE

The Marketplace is a space for watershed partners to share and exchange information on their contributions to salmon recovery in the watershed. It will be open for participants to visit throughout the day and closes at 4:00 p.m.

Watershed partners represented at the Marketplace include:

- Cascadia College
 - City of Redmond
 - City of Renton
 - City of Seattle - Public Utilities
 - FishViews
 - Forterra
 - Green Shores For Homes
 - Helen Thayer & Adventure Classroom
 - King Conservation District
 - King County Wastewater Treatment Division - Recycled Water
 - Lake Sammamish Kokanee Work Group
 - Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group
 - Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
 - Nature InSight Consulting
 - National Marine Fisheries Service & Northwest Fisheries Science Center
 - Stewardship Partners
 - Seattle Aquarium
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Chittenden Locks)
 - University of Washington & U.S. Geological Survey
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