



Salmon SEESon

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What is Salmon SEEson?

- In its 19th year.
- Self-guided and interpretive, family friendly, educational opportunity to watch the return of adult Chinook, sockeye, chum, and coho return to spawn in 20+ viewing locations across King County.
- Naturalists and interactive opportunities at select locations all throughout peak spawning activity September-December.
- Free!



Connecting the public to Salmon SEESon



Salmon SEESon website - includes detailed information on each viewing location, ways to take action, and links to educational resources



We work with DNRP media coordinators to share messaging about the program and salmon education opportunities

Last year, KCDNRP socials have reached 100k+ views and 10k engagements!



Provide social media toolkit to partners to share through their communities and networks



Posters across King County and the east side

What's going on at sites so far?

- Salmon Day at the Locks
- Kings waiting to take their turn at the fish ladder!
- More to come later into spawning season!



Adult Counts at the Ballard Locks

Sockeye: 17,881 (as of Sept. 1st)

- Second lowest return on record (since 1972)
- Sockeye counts have dwindled in recent years and the 2025 count is less than half the average return over the last 10 years.

Chinook: 18,700 (*as of Sept. 14th*)

- Above average return (similar to estimates in 2023 and 2024)
- Currently ~90% through the typical run, but Chinook will continue migrating past the Locks through September.

Coho: 22,054 (*as of Sept. 14th*)

- Coho began their return in early September





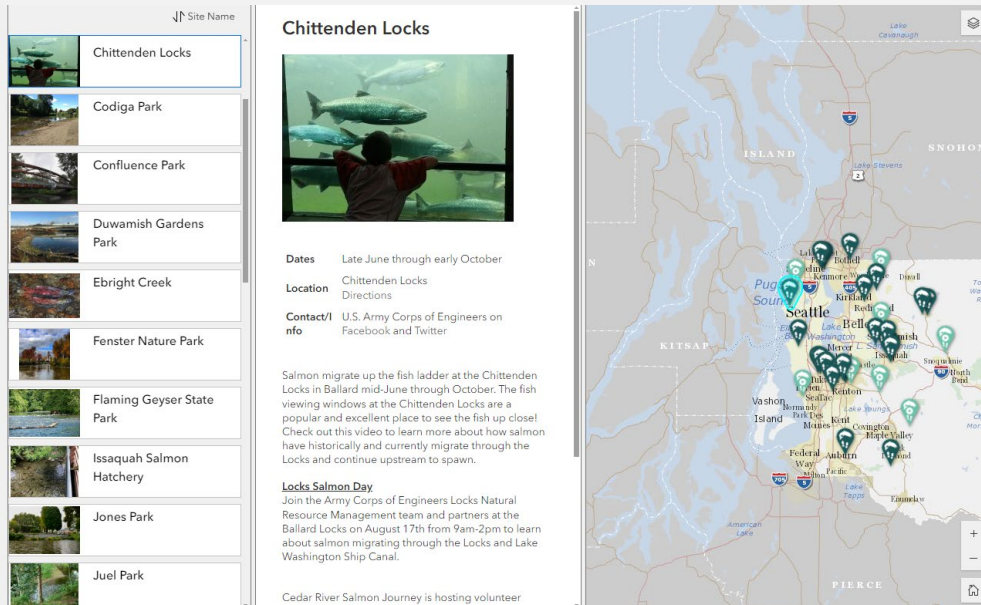
Our Partnerships Make this Program Successful!

- What can we do to connect with you more?
- What can we do to connect with the public more?
- How can we get folks excited and engaged with salmon work?

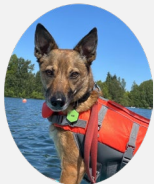
Questions?

Learn more and browse locations near you!

[Salmon SEEson website](#)



The screenshot shows the Salmon SEEson website interface. On the left is a list of site names with corresponding photos: Chittenden Locks, Codiga Park, Confluence Park, Duwamish Gardens Park, Ebright Creek, Fenster Nature Park, Flaming Geyser State Park, Issaquah Salmon Hatchery, Jones Park, and Juel Park. The main content area is for Chittenden Locks, featuring a photo of a person looking at fish in a viewing window. Below the photo are details: Dates (Late June through early October), Location (Chittenden Locks, Directions), and Contact/Info (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Facebook and Twitter). A paragraph describes salmon migration through the locks. A section titled 'Locks Salmon Day' provides information about an event on August 17th. At the bottom, it notes that Cedar River Salmon Journey is hosting a volunteer. To the right is a map of the Puget Sound area with numerous location pins.



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