

# Apply Now For Adventure Salmon Camp

Applications are now available for two Adventure Salmon Camp Experiences.

The three day Adventure Salmon Day Camp is for 4<sup>th</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> grade students on July 20<sup>th</sup> –22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. Each day will begin and end in Belfair. Day campers will visit exciting locations in the Hood Canal Watershed. They will explore the influence of salmon on the culture of the Northwest through art, games, exploration, and discovery.

Adventure Salmon Overnight Camp will be 5 days and 4 nights held August 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Students in 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade may attend. Overnight Campers will travel around the Hood Canal. They will spend each day and night at a new significant location. The camps offer a rare opportunity for young people to explore and learn of the Hood Canal watershed first-hand. The Hood Canal region is rich in history, tradition, and natural resources. The salmon is the one icon of the northwest that brings the elements of water, earth, and people together. Our day and overnight camps will enrich each child with an increased sense of place. The camps also foster a new sense of our natural world by developing awareness skills. You may find the application on our website [hcseg.org](http://hcseg.org) or contact the office at 360-275-3575.



## Summer Chum Fry Released

Approximately 70,500 Summer Chum fry began their seaward migration from the Tahuya River. The fish were released in two groups on February 16<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup> on outgoing tides. The fry release marked another successful season of an ongoing project to reintroduce Summer Chum to the Tahuya River.

For the first time, adult Summer Chum from the Tahuya River will be captured and spawned to collect the project eggs. The salmon trap on the Union River will still be installed to monitor the run. No eggs will be collected from the Union River. The WDFW and HCSEG will be building a new trap to install on the Tahuya River for fish counting and egg collection. Adults traps will be installed in August. Volunteers interested in counting and releasing fish may contact Julie at [Julie@hcseg.org](mailto:Julie@hcseg.org) or 360-275-3575.

## Lower Steelhead Return Observed This Season

Crews conducted steelhead redd surveys on the Dewatto and Tahuya Rivers. Seven redds (egg nests) have been identified in the Dewatto River. Three of those redds have been pumped to collect eyed eggs in an effort to preserve the steelhead run. Crews used a hydraulic pump and catch nets to capture the eggs from the gravel. The remaining four redds will be pumped when the eggs are ready.

Twenty redds have been located in the Tahuya River. That number is lower than last year. The Tahuya River is a control in the study. No eggs are pumped from the Tahuya River redds.



Three screw traps were installed to monitor steelhead smolts migrating to sea. They have been operating in the Dewatto, Tahuya and Little Quilcene Rivers since April 1<sup>st</sup>. Crews anchor the floating traps near the river mouths. The river current flows through an auger, causing it to spin and funnel the young fish into a live box at the rear of the trap. The screw trap does not catch all of the fish traveling downstream. Fish are counted and released. Some of the fish are released up stream and re-caught to estimate trap efficiency and total fish in the system.

If you would like to volunteer for this project, please contact Julie at [Julie@hcseg.org](mailto:Julie@hcseg.org) or 360-275-3575.