



# 2023 Orca Recovery

October-November 2023



# Accomplishments

## ► 5 Educational Programs and 2 Volunteer Events

- 279 individuals in attendance
  - 51 volunteers for a total of 121.5 volunteer hours
- 1,000 trees/shrubs planted in riparian areas
- 40 LBS of debris/trash removed

## ► Event Partners (4)

- Clallam County Marine Resources Committee
- Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
- Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
- Port Angeles Garden Club



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# Forever Streamfest

- ▶ 200 Attendees
- ▶ This event had multiple exhibits of many different environmental groups involved in efforts to protect, restore, and preserve our streams and natural resources
- ▶ Partners
  - ▶ Port Angeles Garden Club



**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00am – 3:30pm**

**Peninsula College – Port Angeles, WA**

***free to the public***

**Presented by Port Angeles Garden Club  
in conjunction with Clallam Conservation District**

Join us for a fun family event with food, music and environmental exhibits that will educate you on how you can become involved in efforts to protect, restore and preserve our streams and natural resources Throughout the North Olympic Peninsula.

***Exhibits include:***

WWU College of the Environment, Feiro Marine Life Center, Friends of Ennis Creek, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Peninsula Trail Coalition, Streamkeepers and many more.



# A Walk on the Elwha

- 7 Attendees
- This walk was an opportunity for participants to learn about the restoration efforts that have been happening on the former Lake Aldwell Reservoir along the Elwha River
- Speakers/Partners
  - Clallam Conservation District: Kim Williams
  - Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe: Alyce Miller



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Photo by Alyce Miller, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe



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# Dungeness Restoration Tour

- ▶ **Dungeness Walk: 10 Attendees**
  - ▶ A walk discussing the levee setback project along River's Edge and how it helps salmon
- ▶ **Speakers/Partners**

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe staff:

Hilton Turnbull (Forest and Fish Biologist)

Chris Burns (Natural Resources Technician)



# Webinar: Indian Creek Recovery

- ▶ 11 Live Attendees, 41 Views of Recording
  - ▶ Recording available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h43YbIXZBnY>
  - ▶ Webinar focuses on the health of Indian Creek, which provides vital fish habitat to contribute to fish populations in the Elwha River
- ▶ Speakers/Partners
  - ▶ Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe: McKenzi Taylor

**POST-CONSTRUCTION**  
9-19-2022



Photo from Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe



# Elwha Beach Clean-up

- ▶ 11 Volunteers
- ▶ 40 lbs. of trash removed
- ▶ Also hosted educational event on forage fish.
  - ▶ Forage fish are small schooling fish that form a critical link in the marine food web between zooplankton and larger fish.
- ▶ Partners
  - ▶ Clallam County Marine Resources Committee
    - ▶ Rebecca Mahan (MRC Coordinator/Habitat Biologist)



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# Elwha River Planting

- ▶ 40 Volunteers
- ▶ 1,000 Trees/shrubs Planted along the Elwha River
  - ▶ Trees were planted throughout the former Lake Aldwell reservoir to help the lakebed return to a native riparian forest along the river .
- ▶ Partners
  - ▶ Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe



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# THANK YOU!

Thank you to **our project partners** for **your time and expertise** in helping us hold Orca Recovery Week. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you to the **local community** for your support. It was amazing to have so many of you in attendance at our events, and volunteering your time to help with salmon habitat restoration.

Together we can make a difference in recovery of the endangered Southern Resident Orca Whale.



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