



PRESS RELEASE

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BRINGING SALMON BACK TO EDMONDS



It's now that time of year when the Edmonds Stream Team and Sound Salmon Solutions are working with community volunteers to place 'baby' coho salmon from the Willow Creek Salmon Hatchery in Edmonds into local creeks. The 2- to 3-month-old 'baby' coho (called salmon 'fry') will bolster local populations whose habitat has been affected by development and stormwater.



At Perrinville Creek, neighborhood families, along with students from Meadowdale High School, helped release 4,000 coho salmon fry into the upper creek (near the Perrinville Post Office).



At Shellabarger Creek along the Hwy 104 Marsh Restoration Project, members of the Edmonds Rotary Club and restoration volunteers captured 1,000 coho salmon fry from the Hatchery pond and released them into the restored, re-opened creek (previously enmeshed with invasive bittersweet nightshade)

Next Sunday, March 29, 5,000 coho fry will be released into Lunds Gulch Creek in Meadowdale Beach Park around 10:00am near the wood bridge (visitors are welcome to watch). On May 16, Sound Salmon Solutions will release 3,500 coho into Shell Creek in Yost Park (see SSS website).

The two-inch coho salmon fry will spend their first year of life in freshwater streams and then go out to sea where they'll grow into 2-foot+ adult salmon. Then in fall of 2028, the survivors will return to freshwater streams as spawning adult salmon to create future salmon generations.

The adult spawners will return to the creeks where they were born, or in the case of these fry to the creeks that they lived in (and imprinted to) prior to going out to sea. Unfortunately, for the Perrinville Creek salmon, they won't be able to return unless the blockage the City placed in 2021 is removed (for detail on the blockage see [7/15/25 My Edmonds News article](#) on the Edmonds Environmental Council's complaint about the City's illegal diversion structures).

The community salmon enhancement program is authorized under Cooperative Agreements between the Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, the Edmonds Stream Team, and Sound Salmon Solutions.

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The Edmonds Stream Team is a community all-volunteer Citizen Science project to monitor and improve the condition of Edmonds creeks and nearshore wetlands to enhance salmon and wildlife populations (and benefit people who appreciate preservation of our natural resources)