



# Nisqually River Notes

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## NISQUALLY SUSTAINABLE Hits the Streets!

Sustainability is directly related to the health and function of the economy, the environment, and the community as a whole. NISQUALLY SUSTAINABLE, a voluntary business certification program which identifies and supports local businesses protecting natural resources, endeavors to enhance all three within the Nisqually Watershed.

The NISQUALLY SUSTAINABLE program advocates for local people and businesses who take actions which support a healthy community. The program provides resources and marketing opportunities for participating businesses.

If you shop in the Nisqually area, encourage your favorite businesses to be NISQUALLY SUSTAINABLE. If you own a business in the Nisqually area, you can be among the first to be certified NISQUALLY SUSTAINABLE.

There are two ways for a business to join the Nisqually Sustainable program; the first is to participate in an approved third party certification, such as EnviroStars, Salmon-Safe, or Forest Stewardship Council. The other is to work with the Nisqually River Foundation staff to analyze and improve water, waste, and/or energy resource inputs and outflows.

Implementing sustainable business practices can increase efficiency, conserve valuable resources, reduce purchasing costs, and reduce waste disposal costs, among other benefits.

The Nisqually River Council and the Nisqually River Foundation are proud to support local businesses who are working to protect the health of our region!

Learn more by calling 360.438.8715 or visiting [www.nisquallyriver.org](http://www.nisquallyriver.org).

### NISQUALLY SUSTAINABLE:

The mark of a local business which is taking positive actions to protect local health.



## 1990 Time Capsule Opening At Festival

The 2010 Nisqually Watershed Festival celebration will be bigger than ever, with more opportunities to celebrate, discover, and enjoy the Nisqually.

In addition to the fun family activities always offered, this year's Festival will include the long-awaited opening of a time capsule which was put together and buried by watershed students in 1990.

The Nisqually Watershed Festival is Saturday September 25, 2010, from 10am - 4pm. This FREE event is at the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge with shuttles will be from Schilter Farms.

**Please join us in celebrating the environmental, cultural, and economic diversity of the Nisqually watershed.**

## What is Sustainability?

Sustainability is often defined as *meeting the present needs of our community without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.*

## Nisqually River Council Meeting Schedule

May 21 - OHOP, Ohop Grange  
June 18 - DELTA, Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge  
July 16 - ASHFORD, Ashford Fire Station  
August 20 - ROY, Wilcox Farms

September 17 - LONGMIRE, Mount Rainier National Park  
October 15 - EATONVILLE, Pack Forest  
November 19 - YELM, Yelm School District Office  
December 17 - DELTA, Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge

***We invite you to join us! Please check the agenda or contact us to confirm time and location. Carpools supported.***

# NISQUALLY RIVER COUNCIL

Working together to protect and improve the ecologic and economic viability of the Nisqually Watershed.



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WA Department of Fish & Wildlife  
WA Parks & Recreation Commission  
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Nisqually Indian Tribe  
Citizens' Advisory Committees  
WA Department of Ecology  
WA Conservation Commission  
UW Pack Forest  
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# Who's Who in the Nisqually

The Nisqually Watershed is blessed with an amazing wealth of natural beauty and diversity. The Nisqually is also fortunate to have a variety of people and organizations dedicated to keeping the region healthy and vibrant.

Here's a brief introduction to a few of the many organizations and partners of the Nisqually River Council who are working to protect and enhance the Nisqually Watershed:

## The Nisqually Indian Tribe Natural Resources Department

works to protect and improve salmon habitat and other valuable resources.

[www.nisqually-nsn.gov](http://www.nisqually-nsn.gov)  
360.438.8687

## The Nisqually Land Trust (NLT)

works to protect the Nisqually watershed by acquiring, managing, and protecting land, especially along the river.

[www.nisquallylandtrust.org](http://www.nisquallylandtrust.org)  
360.458.1111

## The Nisqually River Business Alliance for Living Local

**Economies (BALLE)** is a newly-formed alliance of local business owners dedicated to strengthening and supporting the economy of the Nisqually region and socially responsible local businesses.

[www.livingeconomies.org](http://www.livingeconomies.org)  
253.732.9820

The **Nisqually River Foundation (NRF)** is the non-profit that staffs and funds the work of the Nisqually River Council.

[www.nisquallyriver.org](http://www.nisquallyriver.org)  
360.438.8715

## The Northwest Natural Resource Group (NNRG)

promotes ecological forestry and economic development through Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification, carbon trading, and consulting.

[www.nnrg.org](http://www.nnrg.org)  
360.316.9317

## The Partnership For Water Conservation

is dedicated to increasing water conservation so that all water users have access to fresh, clean water.

[www.partners4water.org](http://www.partners4water.org)  
206.957.2199

## The South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group (SPSSEG)

work closely with many regional groups to protect and restore aquatic habitats in our region.

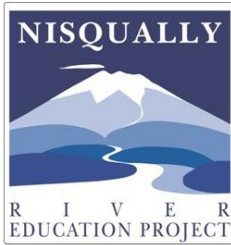
[www.spsseg.org](http://www.spsseg.org)  
360.412.0808

**Stewardship Partners** helps private landowners restore and preserve the natural landscapes of Washington State and manages the Salmon-Safe certification for regional farms.

[www.stewardshippartners.org](http://www.stewardshippartners.org)  
206.292.9875

## Did you know?!

The Nisqually Watershed includes 240 square miles of land, 500 miles of streams, and 23 subbasins.



## NREP 2009-2010 School Year Summary

### The Nature of Learning Grant - Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge

227 students and 152 adult volunteers installed 1500 live stakes and 200 live plants.

### Community Salmon Fund Grant - Tanwax Creek

275 students with 53 adult chaperones planted 1,266 native trees and shrubs.

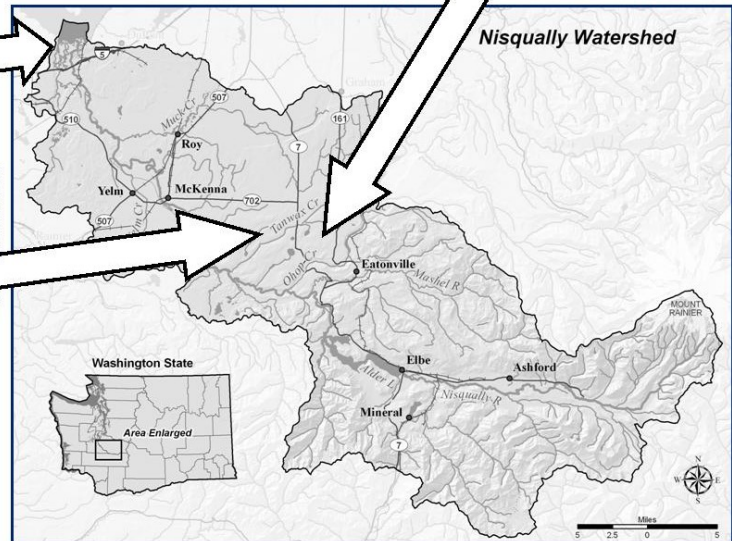
### Community Salmon Fund Grant - Salmon Toss

183 students and 41 adult volunteers tossed 2,078 Chinook and Coho salmon carcasses into the upper watershed to boost the aquatic food chain.



### NREP with Nisqually Land Trust at Ohop Creek

194 students with 43 adult volunteers planted 295 native trees and shrubs and protected 600 plants.



### EPA Targeted Watershed Grant

835 students and 33 teachers monitored water quality at 31 sites throughout the Nisqually watershed.



## **2010 Nisqually Watershed Poster Contest Winners**

138 students submitted artwork for the Nisqually Watershed Festival's poster contest. Michael Archuleta, a 5th grader in Jill Case's class at Rocky Ridge Elementary School in Graham, won Best of Show. Michael's artwork will be displayed on posters, websites, and materials promoting the Nisqually Watershed Festival. All winning posters will be on display during the Watershed Festival (September 25), and the artists will be honored during the awards ceremony.

Congratulations to all the contest winners: **Michael Archuleta, Madilyn Fleetwood, Azariah Camacho, Landon Nicholson, Tristen Arrudda, Madison Ball, Megan Begnaud, Ariel Brice, Nma Chika Ejiawoko, Sarah Christensen, Marissa Lapenski, Kincaid Marshall, Savannah Soeung, Alex Choate, Mark Karyauyy, and Dorothy-Ann Rice.**

As an added bonus, all teachers who had students submit artwork were entered into a drawing for an all-expenses paid field trip to the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge. Tracy Fowler won the trip for her Clarkmoor Elementary class.



**2010 Nisqually Watershed Poster Contest winner Michael Archuleta displays his Best of Show artwork.**



**The Nisqually River Education Project (NREP) welcomes Kathy Schouweiller back!** Kathy was involved with the NREP Project during the 91-92 and 92-93 school years, and returned to the program this year. She teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Mill Pond Elementary in Yelm. Linda Lee Tatro, a long time NREP participant, encouraged Kathy to participate and she enjoyed the experience. Kathy has been teaching for twenty years. Kathy says NREP provides her students with a meaningful, real-world application for their science studies.

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

### **Nisqually Stream Stewards -**

There are multiple opportunities to get involved and learn more about the natural and cultural history of salmon, water, and people in the Nisqually Watershed. For more information, contact Don Perry, Salmon Recovery Program Outreach Coordinator, at [dperry@nwifc.org](mailto:dperry@nwifc.org), 360.438.8687 ext. 2143.

### **NatureMapping the Ohop -**

Want to watch and help track the changes and progression of the Ohop Creek restoration project? NW Trek offers Ohop Valley Creek field trips July 25 & October 17, and a NatureMapping workshop October 9 & 10. For more information, contact NW Trek: [jessica.moore@nwtrek.org](mailto:jessica.moore@nwtrek.org), 360.832.7160. [www.nwtrek.org](http://www.nwtrek.org)

### **NEW! Site Tours with Council Meetings -**

We will be offering afternoon site and project tours in conjunction with certain Nisqually River Council meetings. Keep an eye out for a Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified tree farm tour at Wilcox Farms in August, and a tour of recent rain garden installations in Eatonville this October.

### **Nisqually River Council -**

Meetings are open to the public and occur the third Friday of each month at various locations throughout the watershed. You are invited to attend.

### **Citizens Advisory Committee -**

Meetings are open to the public and usually take place the first Thursday of the month from 7-9pm in Yelm.

### **Community Forums -**

Informal opportunities for neighbors to come together and discuss issues important to them, to identify commonalities, and develop a shared vision for the future of their community.

To find out about existing community forums in the watershed, or for guidance on forming one in your area, contact Steve Pruitt at 360.832.7787 or [ohopbob@rainierconnect.com](mailto:ohopbob@rainierconnect.com).

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