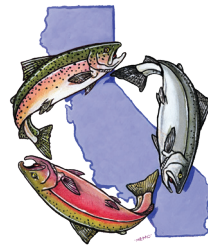




2026 Spring-Run Chinook Symposium



July 23 - 24, 2026

Forks of Salmon, CA

Wednesday, July 22

6:30pm — Welcome Dinner for Early Arrivals at Forks of Salmon School (15616 Salmon River Rd)

Thursday, July 23

8 - 9 am — Registration and Continental Breakfast at Forks of Salmon School

9:00 am — Opening Remarks

9:30pm — Spring Chinook Conservation Genetics Presentations & Panel Discussion

What Spring Chinook Need Most: An Evolutionary Reason to Exist, Tasha Thompson, *Ph.D, Wild Salmon Center*

Spring-run Chinook (ishyâat) in the Salmon River: A Tale of Two Forks, Amy Fingerle, *Ph.D Program, UC Berkeley*

Genetic Analysis Reveals Climate Exposure and Conservation Opportunities for a Vulnerable Life History in the North Umpqua River, Michael Miller, *Ph.D, Wild Salmon Center*

11:15 am — Recovery Strategies for Spring-run Chinook

The SPRING Team: A Forum for Shared Learning on Spring Chinook Repopulation and Recovery, Shari Anderson, *Lazuli Ecological Services*, and Craig Tucker, *Suits & Signs*

CDFW Spring Chinook Recovery Actions and Updates, Crystal Robinson, *California Department of Fish & Wildlife*

Introduction to SHaRP - Salmonid Habitat Restoration Prioritization, Christopher O'Keefe and Kurt Bainbridge, *California Department of Fish & Wildlife*

12:30 pm — Lunch

1:30 pm — Recovery Strategies for Spring-run Chinook

Ecosystem Response to the Removal of the Elwha River Dams, George Pess, *PhD, George Pess Consulting, LLC*

Remote Site Incubators in the South Fork Trinity, Joshua Smith and Allison Cofield, *Watershed Research and Training Center*

Structure and Habitat Diversity - Floodplain Restoration on the Salmon River, Karuna Greenberg, *Salmon River Restoration Council*

3:15 pm — Firefighter Roundtable with local experts:

Will Harling, Restoration Director, *Mid-Klamath Watershed Council*

Josh Smith, Watershed Stewardship Program Director, *Watershed Research and Training Center*

Karuk Tribe, Firefighter, *TBA*

Bona Fries, Fire, Fuels and Forestry Program Manager, *Salmon River Restoration Council*

4:30 pm — Tour Coordination for Friday and Closing Remarks

6:00 pm — Dinner



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Friday, July 24

8:00 - 9:00am — Breakfast and Sandwich Bar

9:00 - 5:00pm — Concurrent Field Tours

Salmon River Floodplain and Fisheries Restoration Tour, Kim Deniz and Karuna Greenberg, *Salmon River Restoration Council*.

High Mountain Meadows Restoration Tour, Jay Jackson, *Salmon River Restoration Council*, and Jimmy Peterson, *Mid Klamath Watershed Council*

Directions
Forks of Salmon School, 15616 Salmon River Rd, Forks of Salmon, CA 96031

Directions to Forks of Salmon from I-5 North:

Follow I-5 to Yreka. Take the CA-3 Exit 773 toward Fort Jones/Etna. Turn right onto CA-3. Follow through Scott Valley (passing Fort Jones and Etna), take Etna Pass over, and follow Sawyers Bar Rd (approx. 35 miles to Forks of Salmon School). The Forks of Salmon School will be on your left after a sharp turn near the Forks of Salmon Post Office.

Directions to the Forks of Salmon from 101 North:

Follow US-101 N / Redwood Hwy. Merge onto CA-299 E via Exit 716A toward Weaverville / Redding. Turn left onto CA-96 / Bigfoot Scenic Hwy. (in Willow Creek.) Continue to follow CA-96 for 44.3 miles, past Hoopa, Weitchpec, and Orleans. Turn right onto Salmon River Rd. and follow to the Forks of Salmon (16.9 miles). You will see the Forks of Salmon Community Club on the left, and the Forks school will be on your right.

Logistics

Camping: Free camping is available all week at the Nordheimer Group Sites (Forks of Salmon, CA 96031) on a first-come, first-served basis. There is limited camping available at Otter Bar for \$20/night for Wednesday and Thursday nights only. Please reach out to lindsay@calsalmon.org to reserve.

Come Prepared: Please bring layers of clothes, sunscreen, a sun hat, a personal water bottle, flashlight, and river & hiking shoes.

For More Information

Contact Salmonid Restoration Federation: info@calsalmon.org • www.calsalmon.org • 707-923-7501

Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Affiliation (if applicable): _____

Credit Card Number _____ Visa MC Exp Date _____

Early bird registration is \$150. Cost includes all .Please mail checks to SRF, 1018 2nd St., Eureka, CA 95501. You may also submit forms to lindsay@calsalmon.org