

# COHO CONFAB



**August 20 - 23, 2026**

**Jug Handle Creek Farm, Mendocino Coast**

## **Thursday, August 20**

3-6pm — Registration and Camp Set-Up, at Jug Handle Creek Farm and Nature Center, 15501 CA-1, Caspar, CA

6:30pm — Confab Welcome Dinner at Caspar Community Center (15051 Caspar Rd)

7:30pm — Confab Welcome with Salmonid Restoration Federation

7:35 pm — Orientation Presentations at Caspar Community Center

North Coast Coho Project, Over 25 Years of Partnerships and Restoration on the Mendocino Coast, Anna Halligan, *Project Director, Trout Unlimited*

Watching the Rivers Flow and the Numbers Grow — Monitoring Coho on the Mendocino Coast, Sarah Gallagher, *Senior Environmental Scientist, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fort Bragg*

## **Friday, August 21**

8:30 - 9:30am — Breakfast and Sandwich Bar

9:30 - 10am — Opening Circle

10am - 5pm — Concurrent Tours

Collaboration in the Navarro Watershed to Restore Salmon Populations, Anna Halligan, *Trout Unlimited*; Peter Van de Burgt, *The Nature Conservancy*; Linda MacElwee, *Mendocino County Resource Conservation District*, with support from *Mendocino Land Trust* and *Prunuske Chatham, Inc.*

Conserving Water and Salmon at the Iconic Black Oak Ranch, Anna Birkas, *Village Ecosystems*, and Joel Monschke, *Stillwater Sciences*

Firefighter Training, Henri Holbrook, Gabe Goff, and Lenya Quinn-Davidson, *UC ANR Fire Network*

6:30pm — Dinner

## **Saturday, August 22**

8:30 - 9:30am — Breakfast and Sandwich Bar

9:30 - 10am — Morning Circle

10am - 5pm — Concurrent Tours

Large-scale Instream and Off-channel Habitat Restoration in the Lower Ten Mile River, Peter Van de Burgt, *The Nature Conservancy*, and Lauren Hammack, *Prunuske Chatham, Inc*

Restoration Partnerships with State Parks in Big River, Mike Love, *Michael Love and Associates*, Anna Halligan, *Trout Unlimited*, and Chris Blencowe, *Blencowe Watershed Management, Inc*

Cahto Creek Restoration Tour, Hands-on Gully Stuff, and Swim/Paddle at Mendocino Magic, Chantal Simonpietri, *Mainspring Consulting*, Joel Monschke, *Stillwater Sciences*, Tivon Sandowsky, *Swift Water Design*, and Woods Wilson, *Cahto Tribe*

6:30pm — Dinner

7:30pm — Evening Program TBA

# Sunday, August 23

8:30 - 9:30am — Pack Up, Breakfast and Sandwich Bar

9:30 - 10am — Closing Circle

10am - 5pm — Concurrent Tours

**Coastal Population Monitoring, Restoration, and Recovery at Jackson State Demonstration Forest**, Anna Halligan, *Trout Unlimited*, Sarah Gallagher, *California Department of Fish & Wildlife*, and Robert Douglas, *Jackson State Demonstration Forest*

**Flynn Creek Infiltration Project: Lessons Learned from a Paired Watershed Study**, Katie Robbins, *Trout Unlimited* and Linda MacElwee, *Mendocino County Resource Conservation District*

**Flow Enhancement and Augmentation Marshall Ranch Project, Redwood Creek, South Fork Eel River**, Joel Monschke and Tanner Cunningham, *Stillwater Sciences*

**Coho Salmon, Habitat, and Restoration in Usal Creek**, Tom Leroy, *Pacific Watershed Associates*, Karen Youngblood, *Usal Redwood Forest Company*, Karen Jamgochian, *Trout Unlimited*, and Richard Gienger, *Redwood Forest Foundation, Inc.*

**Directions**  
Jug Handle Creek Farm and Nature Center  
15501 CA-1, Caspar, CA 95420

### **From Eureka (~3 hours)**

Take 101 South to Leggett and look for the CA-1 South / Fort Bragg / Mendocino exit to merge onto CA-1. Continue south on CA-1 past Fort Bragg for about 10 minutes. The driveway Jug Handle Creek Farm and Nature Center driveway will be on your left.

### **From Santa Rosa (~2 hours)**

Take 101 North for about 33 miles to Exit 522 to CA-128 W towards Fort Bragg/Mendocino. Stay on the CA-128 W for about 55 miles until you reach the CA-1. Take the CA-1 for about 15 miles. The Jug Handle Creek Farm and Nature Center driveway will be on your right.

### **From Sacramento (~3.75 hours)**

Take 1-5 N North to Exit 578 for CA-20 W toward Clear Lake/Colusa. Over the next 80 miles be sure to follow signs to stay on CA-20 W until you reach the ramp for US-101 N. From the 101 take Exit 568 to get back onto the CA-20W towards Willits. For another 30 miles follow the CA-20 W to the CA-1 S. Follow the CA-1 south for about 3 miles and then the Jug Handle Creek Farm and Nature Center driveway will be on your left.

**Logistics**

**Camping:** Please come to the Confab prepared to camp. You should bring a tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, pillow, flashlight, water bottle, comfortable shoes, sunscreen, and anything else you would need to be comfortable

**Cabins:** There are bunkhouses and private rooms in the Victorian Farmhouse at Jug Handle Creek Farm available. Lodging must be reserved for all 3 nights and pricing ranges based on room style. To check availability or to reserve lodging and make payment, please email [lindsay@calsalmon.org](mailto:lindsay@calsalmon.org)

**Come Prepared:** Please bring layers of clothes, sunscreen, a sun hat, a personal water bottle, flashlight, and river & hiking shoes. No dogs allowed.

### **For More Information**

Contact Salmonid Restoration Federation: [info@calsalmon.org](mailto:info@calsalmon.org) • [www.calsalmon.org](http://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 \$250 until August 1. Late registration is \$300. Cost includes all meals.

Please email SRF if interested in work-trade at the Confab, [lindsay@calsalmon.org](mailto:lindsay@calsalmon.org)

Please mail checks to SRF, 1018 2nd St., Eureka, CA 95501. You may also submit forms to the email above.