

40th Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference

April 25-28, 2023 Fortuna, CA

Deep Roots

—Celebrating 40 Years of Watershed Restoration



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Thursday April 27

Plenary Session

River Lodge, 9am—noon

Master of Ceremonies

Michael Belchik, Yurok Tribe

Natural History of the Klamath Mountains: How Honesty, Accuracy, and Receptivity Guide us to Better Stewardship of Definable Landscapes

Justin Garwood and Michael Kauffmann

(Co-authors of Klamath Mountains Natural History)

The Water Remembers: A Calling to Follow Indigenous Knowledge and Law to Restore Ecosystem and Community Resiliency in the Klamath Basin

Amy Cordalis

Ridge to Riffles

Connecting the Omics: Genomics, Phenomics, and TEK are Keys in Restoring the Klamath Basin Post Dam Removal

Keith Parker

Senior Fisheries Biologist, Yurok Tribe

Why We Fish: Decolonizing Salmon Rhetorics & Governance for Climate Resilient Futures

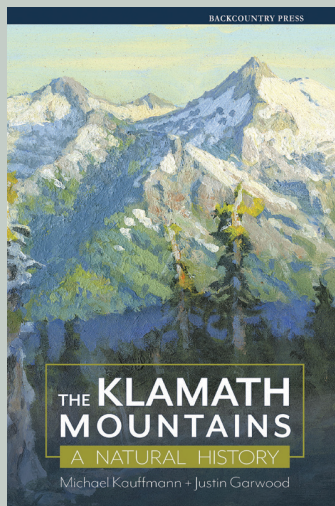
Cutcha Rising Baldy

Department Chair Native American Studies,
Cal Poly Humboldt

Booksigning 12:30pm

*Natural History
of the Klamath Mountains*

Poster Session 7-10pm



Afternoon

Evolving Policies and Tools to Advance Salmon Restoration: Flows, Cannabis, and Funding Opportunities

Session Coordinators:

Kelly Souza, California Department of
Fish and Wildlife; *Matt Clifford*, Trout
Unlimited; and *Monty Schmitt*,
The Nature Conservancy

Room

Coho Room

1:30pm

Using Satellite Imagery to
Assess Watershed Conditions
and Anthropogenic Water Use,
Redwood Creek,
Kelly Souza, California Department
of Fish and Wildlife

How CDFW's Cannabis
Restoration Grant Program
Can Contribute
to Salmonid Restoration,
Virginia O'Rourke, California
Department of Fish and Wildlife

Modeling Streamflow Depletion
from Cannabis Cultivation in
California's North Coast Salmon-
Bearing Streams, *Philip
Georgakakos*, UC Berkeley

Break
3:15-
3:30pm

Efficient Science Tools to
Identify Streamflow Objectives
to Support Flow Enhancement
Project Development and
Implementation, and Trigger
Management Actions Under
Critically Dry Conditions,
Jennifer Carah,
The Nature Conservancy

Water From Bedrock: Efforts to
Condition New Groundwater
Wells to Protect Streamflow for
Salmon in Sonoma County,
Monty Schmitt, The Nature
Conservancy and *Matt Clifford*,
Trout Unlimited

Granting Equity. The Future of
CDFW's Granting Programs,
Timothy Chorey, California
Department of Fish and Wildlife

12:15pm Lunch Outside and Steelhead Room

Concurrent Sessions

Large-Scale Fisheries Habitat Restoration in Working Landscapes

Session Coordinators:

Jay Stallman, Stillwater Sciences, and Ann Willis, American Rivers, California Regional Director

Modeling Salmonid Habitat: Stream State, Forest Conditions, and Future Climates

Session Coordinator:

Jonathan Halama, MPH, Ph.D., US EPA

Fish Passage Design and Implementation Lessons Learned

Session Coordinators:

Jason White, Environmental Science Associates; Travis James, Michael Love & Associates; and Lucas Walton, Prunuske Chatham, Inc.

Chinook Room

Klamath Reservoir Reach Restoration Plan: Assessing Habitat Conditions and Prioritizing Restoration Post-Dam Removal,
Bob Pagliuco, NOAA Restoration Center

Forest and Mountain Meadow Resiliency, Fisheries Restoration and River Recovery Actions on Working Lands in the Scott River,
Charnna Gilmore, Scott River Watershed Council

Habitat Restoration on the Working Landscapes of the Smith River Plain,
Marisa Parish Hanson and Monica Scholey, Smith River Alliance

CCC Room

Habitat Mosaics Support Variation in Salmon Foraging and Growth Potential Under Extreme Drought Conditions,
Rachael E. Ryan, Ph.D. Candidate, UC Berkeley

Modeling Benefits of Refuge Habitat for Salmonid Populations with InSTREAM,
Steven F. Railsback, Ph.D., PD, Lang Railsback & Associates

Modeling the Influences of Diversions and Forest Practices on Streamflow in Streeter Creek Near Laytonville, CA,
Julia Petreshen, Thomas Gast & Associates

Steelhead Room

Lesson Learned Constructing a Horizontal Fish Screen at Derby Dam,
Dan Kaler, PE, Farmers Conservation Alliance

Carmel River Reroute and Dam Removal Project: Challenges in Design and Construction of a Step-pool Channel,
Robert Mussetter, Tetra Tech, Inc.

Mill Creek Fish Passage Project: Design, Construction & Lessons Learned,
Justin Bodell, RLA, PCI

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A Vision, Plan, and Strategy for Comprehensive Recovery of Lower Elk River,
Darren Mierau, California Trout

Trout Unlimited's North Coast Coho Project—Over 20 Years of Restoration on Working Forest Lands,
Anna Halligan, Trout Unlimited

Garcia River Estuary Enhancement Project and TNC's Approach to Restoration on the Mendocino Coast,
Peter van de Burgt, The Nature Conservancy and Lauren Hammack, PCI Ecological Design and Planning

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Streams Across Lands (SAL): A New Stream Flow Modeling Method,
Jim Graham, Ph.D., Cal Poly Humboldt

Habitat Modeling of Salmonid Movement and Survival in Degraded and Restored Watersheds,
Greg Blair, ICF

Individual-Based Modeling of Stage 0 Treatment on Juvenile Chinook,
Aleah Hahn, MS Student, Oregon State University

Predicting Fish Movement near Infrastructure in Different River and Reservoir Environments,
R. Andrew Goodwin, Ph.D., PE, U.S. Army Corps

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Embrace Change: Combining Engineering and Geomorphic Principles to Design Resilient Fish Passage on San Geronimo Creek,
Jason Q. White, Environmental Science Associates

Implementation When Design Cannot Progress Past a Conceptual Level: North Fork Battle Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project,
P. Travis James, P.E., Michael Love & Associates, Inc.

Beale Lake Dam Removal and Roughened Ramp,
Mark Gard, CDFW

Final Design, Material Sourcing, and Construction Methods of the Nelson Dam Roughened Channel Fishway,
Michael C. Garelo, PE, HDR Engineering, Inc.



7-10pm Poster Session and Reception at the River Lodge (all rooms)

April 28 Friday Morning Concurrent Sessions

The Eel River: A River of Opportunity with Implications Beyond its Basin

Session Coordinator:
Alicia Hamann,
Friends of the Eel River

Approaches to Build Trust and Engage Our Diverse Communities

Session Coordinators:
Mary Burke, Cal Trout;
Natalie Arroyo, Humboldt County
Board of Supervisors; and Leslie Wolff,
NOAA Fisheries

Cal-PBR Network: Process Based Restoration in a Changing Climate

Session Coordinators:
Carrie Monohan, Ph.D., The Sierra
Fund; Karen Pope, Ph.D., Pacific
Southwest Research Station USDA;
Kate Lundquist, Occidental Arts and
Ecology Center

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Steelhead Room

9:00am

Past, Present, and Future Work on the Wiya't: Restoring the Wiyot Tribes' Role as Stewards of Their Ancestral Territory,
Adam Kanter, Wiyot Tribe Natural Resources Department

Monitoring Populations of Adult Salmonids in the Eel River Basin—Historical Context and Advancing Modern Abundance Estimates to Inform Recovery Targets and Recovery Efforts within the Basin,
David Kajtaniak, CDFW

Life History Characterization of Wild Steelhead in the Eel River, California,
Carlos Garza, Ph.D., Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries

Starting at Home: Co-Creating an Inclusive Restoration Organization Culture,
Jen Rice, independent consultant

Diversifying Connections to Support Healthy Habitats,
Carla Avila-Martinez and Leslie Parra, Save the Redwoods League

Bridging Cultural Fault Lines in the Middle Klamath to Build a Restoration Movement,
Will Harling, Mid Klamath Watershed Council

Doing the Impossible Before Breakfast,
Kevin Swift, Swiftwater Design

Hydraulic Mines and Process Based Restoration,
Carrie Monohan, Ph.D., The Sierra Fund

A Practical Restoration Model for Restoring the Sprague River Valley,
Mike Edwards, USFWS

BREAK

10:30-10:45am

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Totally RAD Impassable Barriers: How Geologic Features Separate Summer and Winter-run Steelhead in the Eel River and Beyond,
Samantha Kannry, TRIB Research

Physical and Biological Constraints on the Capacity for Life-history Expression of Anadromous Salmonids: an Eel River, California, Case Study,
Alyssa M. FitzGerald, UC Santa Cruz and Southwest Fisheries Science Center

Advocacy on the Eel: How an Endangered Species Act Take Claims and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Litigation Can Remove Barriers to Salmonid Recovery Nationwide,
Redgie Collins, Esq., California Trout

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Bedrock Principles for Successful Restoration Partnerships,
Stephen Greenwood, Portland State University

Centering Environmental Justice: Examples from the North Coast,
Natalie Arroyo, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

The Intergenerational Struggle of Being a River-based Community in Modern Day America,
Danielle Frank, Hupa tribal member; Save California Salmon

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Beaver Dam Analogues—Summary of Five Years of Monitoring in the Scott River,
Erich Yokel, Scott River Watershed Council

Looking Forward, Not Back to Inform Restoration Design in a Rapidly Changing Climate,
Craig Benson, Cal Poly Humboldt

Beaver Restoration Policy Updates,
Kate Lundquist, OAEC

12:15pm

Lunch outside and Steelhead Room

**Please May I Get Upstream?
Reintroducing Extirpated
Salmon Runs Upstream of Dams**

Session Coordinators:

*Eric Ginney, ESA and Randy Beckwith,
CA Department of Water Resources*

Chinook Room

**Yes You May: Fighting Extinction
in the Central Valley with Salmon
Reintroductions,**

*Brian Ellrott, NOAA Fisheries,
West Coast Region, California Central
Valley Office*

**Winnemem Wintu Tribe
Perspectives on Co-Stewardship
of the McCloud River Nur,**

*Honorable Chief Sisk,
Winnemem Wintu Tribe*

**Considerations for Assisted
and Non-Assisted Passage
at Large Dams,**

*Jon Mann, PE, California Department
of Fish and Wildlife*

**Pilot Efforts Supporting
Reintroduction: The Juvenile
Salmonid Collection System,**
*Randy Beckwith, DWR
& Matthew Silva, ESA*

**Winter-Run Chinook Salmon
Swim the McCloud River for First
Time Since Construction of Shasta
Dam: Drought Action Returns
Endangered Salmon to Their
Historical Habitat,**
Matthew R. Johnson, CDFW

**A Release Study Assessing the
Survival of Juvenile Spring-Run
Chinook Salmon in the Upper
Klamath River Basin to Inform
Reintroduction,**
Rachelle Tallman, UC Davis

**Klamath Basin Fisheries
Collaborative: Data Integration for
Monitoring Dam Removal, Project
Effectiveness Monitoring, and
Species Management,**
*Betsy Stapleton, Scott River
Watershed Council*

Erosion and Sediment Control Field School June 6-8, 2023 in Mendocino

Salmonid Restoration Federation is hosting an Erosion and Sediment Control Field School. This technical field course is part of our Northern California Best Management Practices Education Series funded by the CDFW's Fisheries Restoration Grant Program. SRF is partnering with Pacific Watershed Associates and the Redwood Forest Foundation Inc. to produce this technical event.



24th Annual Coho Confab August 25-27, 2023 Mattole River

Join SRF, Sanctuary Forest, Mattole Restoration Council, Mattole Salmon Group, and other partnering restoration groups for a destination Confab on the Mattole River in Petrolia, CA. This Confab will feature Mattole estuary and headwaters restoration projects, flow enhancement projects including Sanctuary Forest's Baker Creek String of Pearls, large wood projects, grassland restoration, a suite of other techniques that are implemented or are being planned in this critical watershed.



April 28 Friday Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

Accelerating Restoration —New Tools to Get the Job Done

Session Coordinators:
Ruth Goodfield, NOAA Restoration Center; *Erika Lovejoy*, Sustainable Conservation; and *Jacob Shannon*, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

20+ Years of Restoration on the Trinity River: What Have We Learned, and Where Do We Go From Here?

Session Coordinators:
Mike Dixon, Trinity River Restoration Program, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and *Kyle de Juilio*, Yurok Tribal Fisheries Program

Riparian Corridors, the Link Between Upland and Instream Restoration

Session Coordinators:
Tom Leroy, Pacific Watershed Associates; *Elise Ferrarese*, Trout Unlimited; and *David Roon*, Oregon State University

Room

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Coho Room

Steelhead Room

1:30pm

Solving the Puzzle to Accelerate Restoration—Statewide Progress on Efficient Permitting,
Erika Lovejoy, Sustainable Conservation

Focusing Trinity River Science—A Plan for Addressing Key Uncertainties,
Darcy Pickard, Pickard Environmental

Redwoods Rising: Resetting the Standard of Parks Management,
Andrew Morin, National Park Service

Permitting Efficiencies for Restoration Projects Through NOAA Restoration Center,
Ruth Goodfield, NOAA Restoration Center

From Rock Piles to Riparian: Recovering Riparian Function and Vegetation on the Trinity River, CA,
John Bair, McBain Associates

Incorporating Invasive Species Management into Riparian Restoration Design and Implementation at the Redwood National and State Parks Visitor Center and Restoration Project,
Amy Livingston, McBain Associates

Aquatic Restoration Projects Made Easier in California Thanks to New Statewide Programmatic Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Available to Federal Agencies,
Marissa Reed, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Evolution of Tributary Junctions and Their Capacity for Rearing Juvenile Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) on a Regulated River,
Todd Buxton, Bureau of Reclamation

Evaluating the Effects of Riparian Forest Thinning on Stream Ecosystems in Coastal Northern California Watersheds,
David Roon, Post-doc, OSU

BREAK
3-3:15pm

Applying New Tools to Support Aquatic Habitat Restoration Projects,
Jake Shannon and *Jonathan Warmerdam*, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Assessing Salmon Rearing Habitat with Physical Capacity and Flow Durations in the Trinity River,
Emily Cooper-Hertel, Yurok Tribal Fisheries Department

Is More Light Good for Fish?: Results from a Riparian Buffer Manipulation on Private Timberland in the Oregon Coast Range,
Ashley Sanders, OSU

Cutting the Green Tape with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife,
Brad Henderson, CDFW

Quantifying the Morphologic Underpinnings of Salmonid Habitat,
David Gaeuman, Yurok Tribal Fisheries Department

Effects of Experimental Riparian Canopy Gaps on Fish, Salamanders, Biofilms and Ecosystems Processes in Headwater Streams,
Dana Warren, OSU

Constraints and Initial Solutions to Increasing the Pace and Scale of Riverscape Restoration: Summary from the 2023 NOAA Organized Riverscape Restoration Workshop,
Brian Chuer, NOAA Fisheries

Synthesizing 87 years of Scientific Inquiry into Trinity River Water Temperatures,
Seth Naman, National Marine Fisheries Service

Riparian Canopy Modification Experiment: Lessons Learned and Results from Salmonid and Coastal Giant Salamander Monitoring in an Experimental Watershed in Northwestern CA,
Mathew Nannizzi, Green Diamond Resource Company

Opportunities for Restoring Ecosystem Function and Phenological Synchronicity Through Flow Management on the Trinity River, CA,
Ken Lindke, California Department of Fish & Wildlife

Effectiveness of Meadow and Wet Area Restoration as an Alternative to Watercourse and Lake Protection Rules,
Christopher Surfleet, Cal Poly, SLO

6:30pm

Banquet, Awards Ceremony, and Dance at the River Lodge

**Planning and Evaluation
of Dam Removal, Salmon Recovery,
and Habitat Restoration**

Session Coordinator:
Mike Belchik, Yurok Tribe

Chinook Room

Overview of Regulatory Processes for
Klamath River Dam Removals,
Matt Robart, MS, Camas LLC

Lessons Learned from Flood Impacts
to Habitat Improvement Efforts after
Dam Removal: Process-based vs
Form-based Restoration Efficacy,
Matt Berry, Sierra Streams Institute

Los Padres Alternatives Study:
Feasible Alternatives for Maintaining
or Removing Los Padres Dam
and Implications for Steelhead
in the Carmel River Watershed,
Jonathan Stead, AECOM

South-Central/Southern California
Steelhead 5-Year Reviews,
Mark Capelli, NOAA Fisheries

Reintroduction of Spring-run
Chinook salmon in the San Joaquin
River: Evaluating Efficacy of
Decision-making in the Captive-
breeding Program,
Kasey C. Pregler, UC, Berkeley

Follow the Science:
The Role of Scientific Decision-
making in the Big Notch Project,
Dennis Finger,
Department of Water Resources

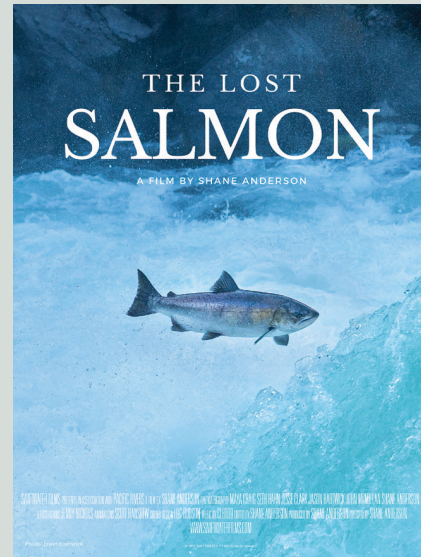
Diet, Growth, and Survival
of Juvenile Coho Salmon
(*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) in Restored
Off-channel Habitats in Tributaries
to Humboldt Bay,
Joshua Cahill and Kate Stonecypher,
Cal Poly Humboldt

Conference Events

Wednesday April 26

5:30pm Annual Meeting Coho Room

6:30pm Membership Dinner Chinook Room



**With Film Screening of *The Lost Salmon*
with filmmaker Shane Anderson**

Friday April 28

**6:30pm to Midnight SRF Banquet
& Awards Ceremony River Lodge Ballroom**



Live Music by *Canary and the Vamp*

40th Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference at a Glance

Tuesday

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Thursday

Friday

8 - 9am Registration at Fortuna River Lodge Lobby

Workshops and Field Tours 9am - 5pm

**Healthy Fire, Healthy Fish
Workshop**
Chinook Room

**Flow Enhancement
Workshop**
Coho Room

**All field tours depart
from the River Lodge**

Lower Mattole River

**McGarvey Creek,
Klamath River**

Humboldt Bay Estuary Tour

**Prairie and Redwood Creeks
Tour**

Workshops and Field Tours 9am - 5pm

**CA Lamprey Workshop and
Field Tour**
Coho Room

**Practical Remote Sensing
Tools Workshop**
Chinook Room

**All field tours depart
from the River Lodge**

Van Duzen Tour

**Prairie and Redwood Creeks
Tour**

**Ocean Ranch and Eel River
Estuary Tour**

Elk River Tour

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**Justin Garwood
and Michael Kauffman**

Amy Cordalis

Keith Parker

Cutcha Risling Baldy

Book Signing



Lunch 12:15 to 1:15 pm
Outside and Steelhead Room

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions 1:30 - 5pm

Working Landscapes
Chinook Room

Fish Passage
Steelhead Room

Modeling Salmonid Habitat
CCC Multi-Purpose Room

Evolving Policies
Coho Room

7-10pm Poster Session
River Lodge (all rooms)

Morning Concurrent Sessions 9am - 12:15pm

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