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### Fresh Breeze Organic Dairy of Lynden named Salmon-Safe

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Fresh Breeze Organic Dairy near Lynden has been awarded a Salmon-Safe certification for its environmental practices.

Fresh Breeze is the only independent milk-bottling company in Washington and Oregon to be designated with the Salmon-Safe label, according to Stewardship Partners, the organization that coordinates the Salmon-Safe program in Washington.

"We understand that the way we treat the land has downstream impacts," said Clarissa Langley, who owns and operates the farm with her husband, Shawn Langley. "Salmon-Safe is a great way to let people know about our environmental commitment."

Fresh Breeze is located in the Bertrand Creek watershed on the Canadian border. Bertrand Creek, a salmon-bearing stream, winds its way through the farm. Salmon-Safe practices at Fresh Breeze include an extensive buffer of native vegetation along the creek, covering bare fields to prevent soil erosion, use of organic methods in lieu of chemicals, and careful han-

dling and storage of manure waste from their cows.

The Langleys are the fifth generation to operate the dairy, first settled by Shawn Langley's great-great-grandfather in the late 1800s. In the past year, they made the transition to organic production and started to bottle and sell their milk under their own independent label.

The Salmon-Safe program was founded in Oregon in 1997 and looks at agricultural practices to protect local waterways, prevent soil erosion, use natural weed- and pest-control methods, practice water conservation, minimize impacts from animals and encourage a diversity of plant and wildlife habitat. More than 150 farms in Oregon and 50 farms in Washington have been certified Salmon-Safe. More information can be found at [www.stewardshippartners.org](http://www.stewardshippartners.org). For more on Fresh Breeze, visit [www.freshbreezeorganic.com](http://www.freshbreezeorganic.com).

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