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Project Opens Habitat To Wild Salmon On A Snoqualmie Tributary.

Fall City, WA – Seattle-based Stewardship Partners is working with the owners of a 96 acre forested parcel of land just below Snoqualmie Falls to remove a fish blockage that will make available a mile of pristine habitat to migrating salmon on O Creek, a tributary to the Snoqualmie River.

Last month a four foot waterfall was removed and replaced with a series of rock weirs that allow adult and young salmon to utilize the upstream habitat for spawning and rearing. The blockage was created when a logging road was built in the early 1930's. A replacement bridge will be installed next summer.

Sue Holbink, a volunteer who helped initiate the project, states "I was impressed with Stewardship Partners ability to raise the necessary funds in less than 7 months and their responsiveness to the needs of the landowner."

"It is essential to involve private landowners in salmon conservation because without their participation, we will not recover salmon." said Stewardship Partners Executive Director, David Burger. "This is an excellent example of collaborative salmon recovery that has the community support and a willing landowner." Stewardship Partners collaborated with local residents, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Stilly Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Taskforce, and volunteers from the Washington Fly Fishing Association to complete the project.

Funding for the project was provided by the Raven Foundation, Family Forest Fish Passage Program, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board.

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Stewardship Partners is an independent non-governmental organization that helps private landowners restore and preserve the natural landscapes of Washington State.

We do this by promoting and implementing incentive-based programs that encourage landowners to participate in fish and wildlife conservation and restoration activities while simultaneously meeting their economic needs through sustainable land management. More at www.stewardshippartners.org