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With members of the Rivershed team returning home from connecting with communities throughout the watershed, we are busy developing our in-person and on-the-water programs for 2023 and beyond. We plan to incorporate what we've learned and the relationships we've built to inform future programs and we look forward to sharing more with you in future issues of *Rivershed Stories*!

Meet the Newsletter Author

Hi! My name is Aleena. Some of you may recognize me, I joined the Rivershed team as a Junior GIS technician last October. Since then, my role has expanded, and I am now Rivershed's Communications Coordinator and will be writing the newsletter. Martin, our Watershed Defender Movement Coordinator, is still here, contributing to the newsletter and working to grow the Movement behind the scenes!

I am excited to be bringing you *Rivershed Stories* and helping readers stay up to date on what is happening in the watershed. If you have news, events, or opportunities you would like to see included in the next newsletter, feel free to [get in touch!](#)

Salmon Returning

This fall, many areas in BC are experiencing extreme drought conditions. For some locations, rain has been absent from the landscape going on 85 days, leaving sections of forest [drier than Las Vegas!](#) These dry conditions are having unparalleled effects on the salmon that are trying to return to their natal rivers to spawn. Mass die-offs are happening around the province as a result of salmon returning to creeks and rivers that are bone dry. When salmon amalgamate in rivers and creeks with little to no water, they are very susceptible to mortality due to warm pool temperatures and low dissolved oxygen levels. This is an important reminder about why we must work to transform the Fraser into a resilient watershed using Watershed CPR (Connect. Protect. Restore.). For more information on what is happening to BC's salmon and the underlying biodiversity crisis, check out this [Narwhal](#) article.



▣ Rivershed News

Finance Minister visits Foodlands site on the s̄ce:łxwə́yəm

This morning, we were thrilled to welcome the Honourable Selina Robinson (MLA Coquitlam-Maillardville and Minister of Finance) to the Foodlands Restoration Corridor on the s̄ce:łxwə́yəm (Salmon River). We would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who worked to make the site tour possible.



Photo by Kendra Nelson.

Do you have your Salmon Pin yet?

The Fin Pin Shop designed this sockeye salmon pin and are donating 20% of all sales to Rivershed. To purchase one for yourself or as a gift for your loved ones, visit [the Fin Pin Shop](#).



Photo by Kendra Nelson

A BIG Thanks!

On behalf of the Rivershed Board of Directors and the entire staff team we would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this year's return to the water possible. All the way from the headwaters to the sea, we were welcomed with open arms. The list of individuals, communities, and organizations the team connected with on the water, in homes, through meetings, and at community events is endless, and it makes us proud to be part of an organization with a legacy of more than 25 years working to improve the health and resiliency of the Fraser Watershed.

We cherished every moment and interaction we had during our travels, and look forward to continuing to work with all of you.

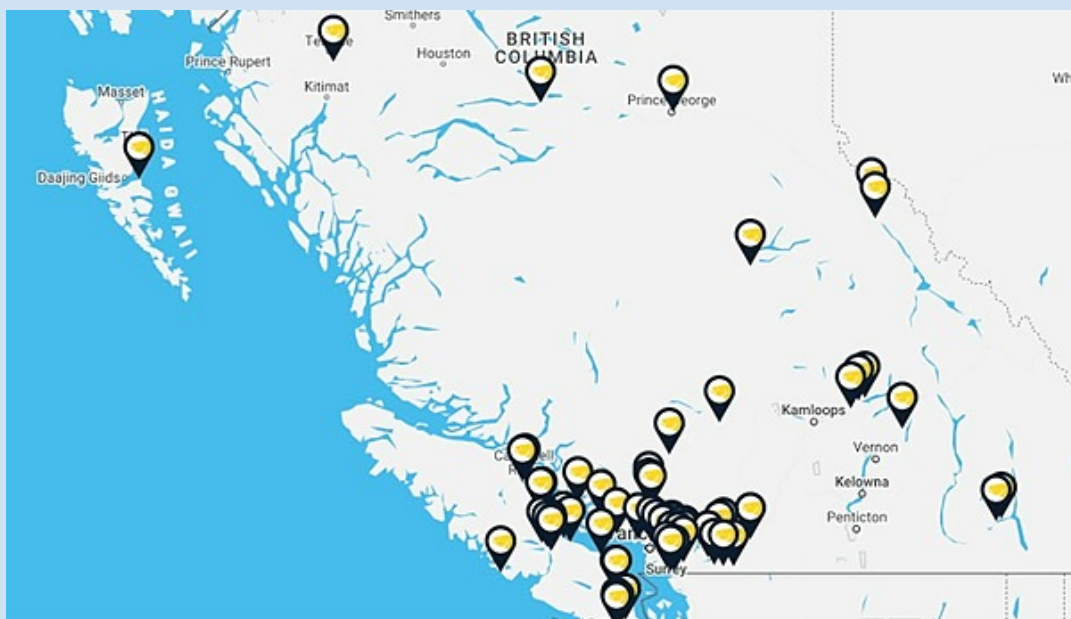


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□ News from the Watershed

Family Reunion: How Habitat Restoration is Returning Salmon to Katzie Territory


A 10-year restoration effort by the Katzie First Nation, a member of the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance, is well underway in the Upper Pitt River. They hope to see impacts in returns in 4-5 years. Learn more [here](#).



Find Salmon Spawning Grounds

From summer to the beginning of winter, Pacific salmon return to the rivers and streams of British Columbia to spawn. Explore [this interactive map](#) from our friends at the Pacific Salmon Foundation that shows where, when, and what kinds of salmon you are most likely to see when they return.

Events


 THE ADAMS RIVER
SALMON SOCIETY

Salute to the Sockeye

TSÚTSWECW PROVINCIAL PARK

Sept 30 - Oct 23
8:30AM - 4:30PM Daily
Local Indigenous Culture,
Food and Artists On-Site Daily

DISCOVER THE JOURNEY
salmonsociety.com



Salute to the Sockeye (Adams River)

On until October 23. [The Adams River Salmon Society](#) is hosting multiple events to celebrate this being a dominant return year for the sockeye. Check out their artisan

markets, educational interpretive programs, and more at the Tsútswecw Provincial Park.

Plant Native Species & Remove Invasive Plants (Maple Ridge)

October 15. Join the Lower Mainland Green Team and the Alouette River Management Society at Reg Franklin Park to help remove invasive Himalayan Blackberry and clear space to plant a variety of native species. [Register here](#) ahead of time!

Keeping the Legend Alive (Coquitlam)

October 18. Join Sarah Schreier, Executive Director of the Fraser River Sturgeon Conservation Society, for a talk about the society's work, conservation efforts and impacts, and what we can do to help the "Great White Sturgeon". More information available [here](#).

Salmon Come Home (Coquitlam)

October 23. Join the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable and the City of Coquitlam in [welcoming the salmon home](#) to Hoy Creek.

Halloweekend on the River (New Westminster)

October 29 & 30. Learn all about the Fraser River with a spooky twist! [The Fraser River Discovery Center](#) is hosting a weekend full of activities for the whole family. So, grab your costumes and head on down!

Opportunities

The **Department of Fisheries & Oceans** has openings for [Stock Assessment Technicians](#)

Ancient Forest Alliance is hiring a [Campaigns Coordinator](#).

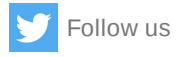
Nature-Based Solutions Foundation is seeking a [Fundraising Coordinator](#).

This newsletter is full of content provided by **YOU**, and we can't thank you enough for sharing!

Please continue sending us news, events or opportunities that you would like us to help promote throughout the watershed as we continue to build the Watershed Movement. If you want content included in our next edition of *Rivershed Stories*, [please email us the details](#) before October 24!



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