



The Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail is now recruiting volunteers to serve as docents for the fall 2011 season. The Trail is administered and sponsored by South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group (SPSSEG) and Mason Conservation District (MCD) and is primarily used as an outdoor salmon classroom for local students. Each year, over 5,000 people visit the Trail to learn more about the salmon lifecycle and to observe their spawning and courting behaviors.

Since 2000, SPSSEG and Mason Conservation District along with many other community partners, have been working diligently to make sure that there is a place for local students and our community to learn more about these iconic and wild northwest salmon. Since the beginning, the Trail has grown into a local and regional destination for salmon viewing. Media coverage ranges from the local Olympia area newspapers and blogs, to regional magazines such as Sunset, and national exposure in the National Geographic Traveler. The word is out about this excellent program and salmon viewing at the Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail.

The Trail is a community supported and volunteer based program. Each year over 40 volunteer docents donate approximately 600 hours specifically to the program. The Trail is open to the general public every weekend day in November as well as Veteran's day and the day after Thanksgiving. During the week, the Trail is reserved for school groups and classroom visits. Classes range from preschool through college. SPSSEG & MCD provide the overall organizational support and coordination necessary to operate the Trail safely and efficiently.

We are always looking for new volunteers! Interested community members attend a one day training where they are taught about the salmon life cycle, habitat and tour the trail. This year's training date is October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am – 4 pm. If you are interested in learning about chum salmon, or have a desire to educate local school groups and/or community members about this unique trail and salmon run, please contact Stephanie Bishop at (360) 427-9436, ext. 22 or [Stephanie@masoncd.org](mailto:Stephanie@masoncd.org). For more information about the Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail, please visit [www.spsseg.org](http://www.spsseg.org) or [www.masoncd.org](http://www.masoncd.org).