



## Prime Day Creek Salmon Habitat Preserved

In the 1960's, a group of families looking for a quiet recreational getaway purchased property along Day Creek, a tributary of the Skagit River. A place of many happy get-togethers as well as quiet contemplation, the land features 1,326 feet of shoreline, productive riparian areas, and a mature forest environment. Over 40 years after their purchase, members of this group approached Skagit Land Trust—their hope was to preserve the habitat and serenity of the place they enjoyed throughout the decades.

Now, after a multi-year conversation with the Trust, 75-acres of productive salmon habitat and prime forestland are permanently safeguarded. As part of a larger effort to protect the Day Creek watershed, the acquisition of the Day Creek Corp Conservation Area was made possible through funding from Washington State's Recreation and Conservation Office - Salmon Recovery Board and with support from the Skagit Watershed Council and Seattle City Light.

Day Creek is an important tributary for Skagit River salmon recovery efforts. The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife has documented numerous species of salmon spawning, rearing or migrating through this stretch of creek and the property was identified as a priority by the Skagit Watershed Council. The forested area also provides high quality habitat for wildlife, as well as shade and soil erosion protection for Day Creek.

This acquisition expands upon Skagit Land Trust's Conservation Strategy to protect the best, most at-risk lands first. "We are pleased to be the new stewards of this property, which has been cared for so lovingly by the former landowners" said Molly Doran, the Trust's Executive Director. "This property expands our conservation in Day Creek, which has long been recognized for its value for salmon and other wildlife, and it is also a place of beauty and rich local heritage."

