



Long Live the Kings (and other salmon...)

September's Sustainable Lands Strategy Executive Committee was a chance for members to get updated on some of the great work being conducted within Snohomish County's reaches, including an outside effort led by [Long Live the Kings](#) (LLTK) and the Canadian-based [Pacific Salmon Foundation](#).

The study is designed to identify the leading causes of weak salmon and steelhead survival in the Salish Sea. The results will be useful to the SLS Executive Committee and other groups throughout the region as they plan floodplain projects.

With assistance from the Tulalip Tribes, the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and federal, state and local agencies, the [Salish Sea Marine Survival Project](#) will evaluate Salish Sea salmon and steelhead survival while determining ways to improve both.

"The better we understand the impacts to salmon, the better we can determine how



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best to help increase their numbers,” said Debbie Terwilleger, Snohomish County’s Surface Water Management director.

According to study documents, fisheries managers have identified early marine survival as the most critical unknown in sustainable recovery and management of salmon and steelhead.

“In order to realize substantial and lasting gains from our significant investments in their watersheds, we must also consider the factors limiting salmon and steelhead survival in the marine environment,” Jacques White, LLTK’s executive director, has said.

Initiated in 2012, the project will last seven years with the next five years critical in terms of research.

For more information on the project, [click here](#).

Rep. Rick Larsen gets first-hand look at Smith Island

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Debbie Terwilleger, Snohomish County's Surface Water Management director, explains the aspects of the Smith Island Restoration Project to U.S. Congressman Rick Larsen as well as federal and local officials. The group took a boat tour of the area after inspecting shoreline areas earlier in the morning. At more than 400 acres, it's the largest project in the Snohomish River estuary. Just days earlier, Larsen and others helped the Tulalip Tribes break ground on their Qwuloolt Estuary project to the north of Smith Island, another 400 acre project.

Mark your calendars: SLS Executive Committee

The SLS Executive Committee meets again Tuesday, Oct. 8, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The October meeting will be held on the Third Floor of Snohomish County's Admin West

Building, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, which also houses the county's Surface Water Management Division.

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