

2011 Salmon Film Festival – List of Films

Short Films

Aquaculture Revolution (16") Industrial fish farming, "a grand experiment gone horribly wrong," has significant ecological, economic, and cultural costs. In this film from British Columbia, scientists and First Nations representatives testify to the impacts of salmon aquaculture on wild salmon. SAT 12 PM

A Simple Question: The Story of STRAW (36") This film looks at an innovative program that brings together students of all ages, their teachers, community groups and local land-owners to undertake habitat restoration and preserve endangered species. STRAW (Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed) is a national model for involving students in hands-on, place-based environmental education. Winner of Best Educational Documentary at the Mammoth Mountain Film Festival. SAT 10 AM; SAT 1 PM

Bringing Back the Salmon: Bypassing Dams to Restore Snake River Salmon (21") A historical perspective on past and current salmon populations, the impacts of dams, "techno-fixes" that didn't work, and the potential risks of losing salmon forever. People across the region are working to remove Snake River dams so that the Snake River salmon may once again thrive. SAT 2PM

Calling Back the Salmon Ceremony (5") A slide show about the annual effort by the Tsi Akim Maidu to bring back salmon to the South Yuba River. SAT 3 PM

Carpa Diem (2") An apartment. Bedtime. A little girl lovingly watches a fish swimming in an aquarium, while her younger brother is playing in the bathroom, listening to music and letting the water run in the sink. A waste of water that could turn into tragedy... FRI 6 PM; SAT 10 AM

Copper Salmon: A Call for Wilderness (11") The Elk River in Southwest Oregon is home to populations wild salmon and trout that are nearly extinct. The video highlights influential community members speaking for the need to protect the Copper Salmon and conveys the urgent need for headwaters protection. SAT 11 AM

Dancing Salmon Home (15") A documentary, still in the making, to chronicle the Winnemem Wintu's journey to New Zealand and their connections with the local Maori tribes, in their effort to bring New Zealand's McCloud salmon back home to Northern California. FRI 5PM; SAT 3 PM

Farmed Salmon Exposed: The Global Reach of the Norwegian Salmon Farming Industry (23") The film takes viewers on a whirlwind tour of the countries in which open net cage salmon farms dump their waste, toxins, parasites, and diseases directly into the surrounding marine environment, taking a heavy toll on wild fish and the ecosystems, indigenous and coastal communities that depend on them. SAT 12 PM

Fishy Business (4") An animated short by Food & Water Watch, that describes the concerns associated with industrial aquaculture and genetically engineered salmon. FRI 8 PM; SAT 12 PM

Getting it Done: Salmon Recovery in Chelan County (11") Historic footage, aerial photographs and project videos were used to summarize the accomplishments of fish habitat restoration efforts in Chelan County, Washington, along the Upper Columbia River. Winner of a 2010 EcoTrust watershed restoration film competition. FRI 6 PM; SAT 2 PM

No Fish No Fishermen (6") A film by SalmonWaterNow discussing what happens when we lose our fisheries due to water habitat loss in California. FRI 5 PM

Off-Road Vehicles PSA (8") This Public Service Announcement was created by a local Noyo Watershed consortium to show the damage of off-road vehicles to salmon habitat, and to promote alternatives. FRI 6 PM

SalmonsKin (11") This short film was created for the 2009 Fisher Poets gathering in Astoria, Oregon. It features all five species of wild salmon found in the Pacific Northwest, plus steelhead. Geographically, this film spans the entire length of the temperate rainforest, from Kodiak, Alaska to the middle fork of the Eel River. FRI 9 PM

Salmon Life Cycle (3") A delightful animation illustrating the different parts of the salmon's life cycle. FRI 5 PM

Salmon Perspectives (4") Underwater footage of Butte Creek Spring Run Chinook salmon. Imagery overlaid with music and rolling text describing the salmon life cycle. FRI 9 PM; SAT 1 PM

Salmon Yeggs (6") 1958 Animation from Universal Pictures telling the story of how Poppa Bear got salmon for Baby Bear. FRI 5 PM; SAT 10 AM

Saving Salmon, Saving Us (6") A field-based video with testimony from restoration volunteers and agency staff about how important it is to act now to save salmon. FRI 6 PM; SAT 11 AM

Save Salmon Streams (2") A short animation showing how our actions pollute salmon marine and freshwater habitat. FRI 6 PM; SAT 10 AM

Save Wild Salmon (3.5") This new Stewardship Partners video by filmmaker Donovan Greene beautifully captures the Salmon-Safe program featuring Oxbow Center & Organic Farm, Novelty Hill-Januik Winery, Salmon-Safe certified Oregon hop grower Goschie Farms of Silverton, Oregon, and Deschutes Brewery, brewer of Green Lakes Organic Ale, the first beer sourced from Salmon-Safe hops. FRI 6 PM; SAT 11 AM

Science, Politics, and Salmon (10.5") A film by SalmonWaterNow discussing the water policy decisions in California leading to the collapse of salmon populations. SAT 11 AM

Something's Not Right (20") A film by SalmonWaterNow describing why corporate-friendly water policies in the Central California agricultural region have unnecessarily pitted California farmers against fishermen. SAT 1 PM

The Greatest Migration (20") Snake River salmon swim more than 900 miles inland and climb almost 7,000 feet to reach their spawning grounds. These iconic fish travel farther and higher than any other salmon on Earth, but a gauntlet of dams blocks their great migration and is pushing these high-altitude salmon to extinction. FRI 5 PM; SAT 2 PM

The Majestic Plastic Bag (4") A brilliant tongue-in-cheek "nature" documentary following the terrestrial and aquatic migration of a single plastic bag narrated by [Jeremy Irons](#). It was produced by [Heal The Bay](#) as promo in support of [California bill AB 1998](#) to help put an end plastic pollution. FRI 6 PM; SAT 12 PM

The Power of Partnership (13") The video tells the story of a unique group of collaborators engaged in a grassroots effort to restore salmon and steelhead. The Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board (UCSRB) addresses salmon recovery through locally based efforts that include public involvement and the integration of sound scientific information. SAT 11 AM

Wild Salmon in Trouble (6") Produced by Watershed Watch – Salmon Society, this animated film shows the connections between year-round farmed salmon, the increase of sea lice in the otherwise ecologically balanced waters of British Columbia, and how this threatens wild salmon. FRI 6 PM; SAT 11 AM

The Winnemem Way of Life – Water (8") The Winnemem Wintu of Northern California testify about their struggles to maintain their traditional responsibility to protect water and all life against great odds after the Shasta Dam drowned their homeland. SAT 3 PM

Feature-Length Films

Alexandra's echo (47") a personalized story of how a Canadian scientist uncovers a deadly threat to migrating salmon from aquaculture salmon farms established in otherwise pristine waters where she lives.

* *Spirit of Activism Award*, Wild & Scenic Film Festival (2011); *Best Environmental Film Award*, San Francisco Ocean Film Festival (2010) FRI 7 PM

Red Gold (54") Bristol Bay in SE Alaska is at the confluence of the Kvichat and Nushagak rivers, two most prolific sockeye salmon runs in the world. The salmon runs are threatened by proposed open-pit mining operations at the rivers' headwaters. FRI 8 PM

* *Director's Choice and Audience Choice Award*, Telluride Mountain Film Festival; *The Culture Award*, San Francisco Ocean Film Festival

River of Renewal (60") tells the story of conflict over the resources of California and Oregon's Klamath Basin. The film follows Jack Kohler, a Yurok/Karuk Indian who grew up in San Francisco, on a journey of self-discovery to learn about the cultural traditions of his people and their modern-day struggles to defend tribal rights and the Klamath River.

* *Best Documentary Film*, American Indian Film Festival SAT 4 PM

Shadow of the Salmon (44") Shadow of the Salmon, produced by 360 Productions, the Northwest Straits Commission, Salmon Defense, the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and the Potlatch Foundation, will introduce Cody Ohitika—a 15 year old boy from Pine Ridge who comes to visit the Coastal Salish part of his family for the summer. In that summer he learns about life in the Pacific Northwest, experiencing a First Salmon Ceremony and Canoe Journey. He learns about the environment and salmon management from his Uncle Ray and Aunt Fran and the tribal elders and ultimately helps respond to a tragic oil spill in the river. FRI 9 PM