

# South Fork Nooksack River, Fish Camp (Ts'eq) Reach\*

## INTEGRATED DESIGN PROJECT

### PURPOSE

This project aims to reduce flooding risk and restore habitat for Chinook salmon in the Fish Camp Reach\* of the South Fork Nooksack River.

\*upstream of Acme, River Miles 9.0-9.6

### BACKGROUND

This project will address two specific challenges:

1. Increased frequency and intensity of floods in the S. Fork Valley.
2. Declining populations of Chinook salmon.



A citizen weighs whether or not to cross floodwaters rushing across SR 9 north of the Acme General Store (Whatcom County River and Flood)

### HIGHLIGHTS OF PROJECT APPROACH

- Assess habitat conditions and flood risk, including channel and flooding conditions.
- Develop project design options to address flood risk and protect/restore habitat.

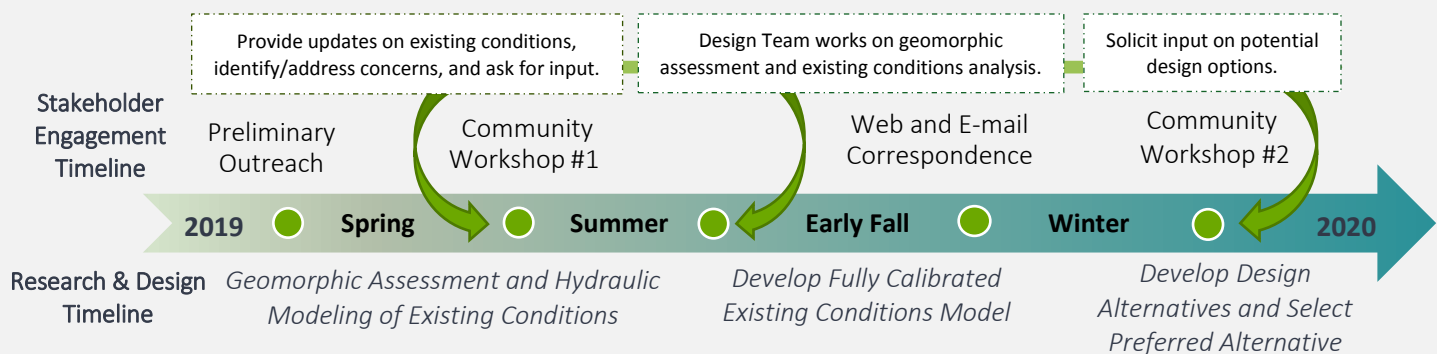
### EXPECTED BENEFITS

- Reduce the negative impacts from more frequent and intense floods in the Lower S. Fork Valley.
- Increase wild Nooksack Chinook salmon numbers from their current critically low state.



### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The project co-leads are committed to engaging stakeholders throughout this process. Plans include: 1) meetings with individuals and groups to discuss ideas and concerns, 2) community workshops to share results of preliminary research and gain input, and 3) regular updates via a Listserv and webpage. More information about these opportunities will be communicated via a Listserv and on a project webpage: <http://whatcomcounty.us/3106>



### FUNDERS



### PARTNERS/SPONSORS



For general information, contact co-leads Lindsie Fratus-Thomas: [lfratus@nooksack-nsn.gov](mailto:lfratus@nooksack-nsn.gov), and Paula Harris: [pharris@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:pharris@co.whatcom.wa.us). For more information regarding engagement opportunities or to be added to the Listserv, email: [hello@vedaenv.com](mailto:hello@vedaenv.com)