



# Jefferson County Conservation District

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## Other Accomplishments



Livestock fencing, manure storage and rain garden under construction.



Downspout drains being installed to divert stormwater from livestock pasture and prevent manure from entering Discovery Bay.



Spring development for downslope cattle watering facility.

### 2018 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

## Donovan and Rice Creek Fish Passage Barrier Removal

### Resource Challenge

During the winter months, Donovan and Rice Creek would overflow the culverts and driveway of elderly property owners, causing the owners to be stranded and salmon habitat to be degraded. Downstream, shellfish beds were impacted by livestock accessing the creeks.

### Project Summary and Results

Two bridges were installed to replace the culverts, the driveway was raised, and gravel for salmon spawning was installed in the new stream beds. Native trees and shrubs were also planted along the streams, and cattle fencing was installed to exclude cattle.

The property owners reported excellent salmon returns based on decades of observation, and a neighbor thanked the District for making sure first responders could reach the elderly property owners.

### Key Partners

Recreation and Conservation Office;  
Washington State Conservation Commission



Photos: (Top) Property owner sharing photos of the previous year's flooding of his driveway. (Bottom) One of two new bridges installed.

Photos by Jerry Clarke

## Priorities for 2019...

- ▶ Secure funding to implement the District's Adaptive Beaver Management Plan.
- ▶ Provide livestock technical assistance to under-served Hood Canal watershed residents.
- ▶ Launch a local Vets on the Farm Program.