

Dear Acme / Van Zandt subzone,

This letter contains information about the Lummi Nation's upcoming project on the South Fork Nooksack River to improve habitat conditions for chinook salmon and reduce flooding risks for residents in the project area. The precise project location is 3.5 miles southeast of Acme, Washington, from river mile 12.8 to 13.9 at the transition between the Saxon and Skookum reaches (see the project map on the enclosed fact sheet).

You have been identified as an important stakeholder in this effort.

Project purpose

The overall goal for this project is to engage stakeholders in developing a design concept that restores salmon spawning, rearing, and holding habitat. This design should result in self-sustaining salmon runs at harvestable levels, and increased flows in the channel and available floodplain to reduce flooding to downstream properties.

Who will benefit?

This project is expected to benefit residents in surrounding residential and agricultural lands by reducing flood and/or erosion risk. Additionally, the project is expected to improve habitat conditions for threatened chinook salmon populations. This will benefit salmon recovery efforts and fisheries.

Current Work and Project Timeline

Currently, the project team is reaching out to stakeholders to inform them of the project's purpose and schedule, and is hiring the incumbent engineering firm, Herrera Environmental Consultants. The next step will be to develop design alternatives to accomplish the project's objectives. See the project timeline on the enclosed fact sheet for more details.

The project timeline will be fluid since we anticipate much of the design process will be guided by landowner and stakeholder outreach efforts and input.

Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

Lummi Nation is committed to engaging stakeholders throughout the duration of the project and plans to take the following actions to accomplish this:

- Meet with individual and groups of landowners/stakeholders to discuss the project.
- Host a community workshop to discuss design options.
- Provide project updates via a webpage.

Stakeholders will have opportunities to weigh in on various aspects of the project, including but

not limited to:

- Knowledge and experience regarding chinook use and recovery.
- Understanding of past and current concerns regarding flooding in the project area.
- The alternatives analysis which will inform the final design.

We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

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Additional Information

More information on the project can be found **at the project website**. Type in the following url or scan the QR code to visit the project website.

www.lummi-nsn.gov/Website.php?PageID=934



Please feel free to contact us with questions.

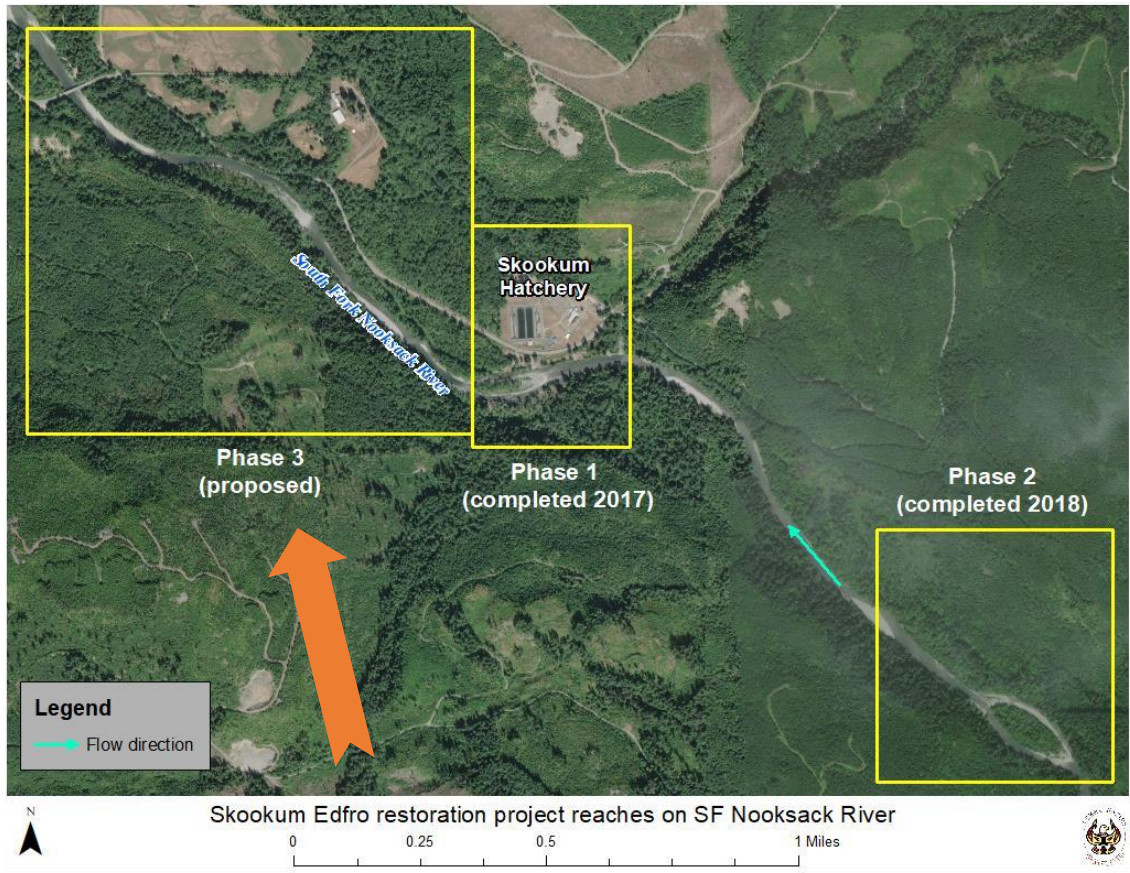


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Project Location



Engagement Timeline

