



Funds Distribution Report

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Jefferson Land Trust

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Organization's General Goals:
Jefferson Land Trust is a private, non-profit, community-driven conservation organization in Jefferson County, nestled on the stunning Olympic Peninsula of Washington State.

Date of Award:	Level:
2020 Q4	\$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Jefferson Land Trust.

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Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund

Final Report for *Bringing Home Our Salmon* 2021 Grant

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Number Recipients Served: Jefferson County's residents (31,000)

Organizational URL: www.saveland.org

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Thank you for your support of our work to *Bring Home Our Salmon* through restoration of essential salmon habitat in Jefferson County.

We at Jefferson Land Trust truly appreciate your continued partnership with us last year and we are excited to share our progress with you. We warmly invite you to join us in person for a tour of our properties!

Your grant supported our *Bringing Home Our Salmon* program, a program designed to restore streams and habitat on the Olympic Peninsula and ultimately to support the Puget Sound's iconic but endangered resident orca population while we still have the chance to do so. Last year, your support helped us work towards these three goals:

Goal #1: To remove invasive plants from along streams and riparian areas

Invasive plants can choke off streams and decimate delicate food webs, and noxious weeds place additional stress on an ecosystem already working hard to adapt to a changing climate. By removing or reducing these stressors, we supported overall resilience and encourage the natural biodiversity of the area and allow fish to travel more freely.

Goal #2: To plant native plants in place of the noxious weeds we remove

Native plants help keep waterways cool through shading, clean for salmon and other fish, and provide food and habitat. By planting a variety of native plants, we create buffers around the streams that encourage greater biodiversity in both flora and fauna, the latter including mammals such as the magnificent Roosevelt elk, otters, as well as diverse bird species.

Goal #3: To involve the community through education, volunteerism, and appropriate access

Multi-generational community involvement ensures that stewardship of these invaluable lands will continue. We involved the Washington Conservation Crew, youth and adult volunteers to



help in this restoration and stewardship work, and in doing so are creating a rising generation of stewards who will care for the preserves as we do and continue to carry the work forward.

With your grant and support of our community, we've made great progress towards these three goals. These activities also benefit the health of the entire ecosystem, which is rich with multiple species of birds and wildlife. For example, our work along the Duckabush River and Quilcene Bay - both important coastal estuaries in the region - improved the riparian habitat, supported water quality downstream, and supported salmon and other fish, and all those who depend upon them.



Your support helped us build a better future. Thank You!

Jefferson Land Trust preserves lie in a wild and beautiful area, with deep stands of evergreens, maples, and salmon-bearing streams that drain into the Hood Canal. In the fall, salmon swim upriver to spawn, and there are signs of elk, bear, and cougar in many of these protected properties. With the help of partners like you, we work towards ensuring that critical wildlife habitat and migration corridors are protected and enhanced in perpetuity. What's more, studies here on the Olympic Peninsula show that when you restore salmon runs, the entire ecosystem begins to regenerate in surprising ways. Mammals and birds who have been diminished return, and a new cycle of life begins. It is a promising new beginning that you have helped make possible.



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