

NOAA Restoration Center supports Pullen Creek fish passage restoration in Skagway

NOAA Fisheries awarded the Taiya Inlet Watershed Council over \$50,000 to improve fish passage and restore fisheries habitat in the Congress Way reach of the Pullen Creek watershed in Skagway. Pullen Creek is a small but important stream that flows through the City of Skagway and provides more than two miles of valuable habitat to naturally occurring populations of pink, Coho and chum salmon, as well as Dolly Varden and cutthroat trout. Pullen Creek provides the city with its only accessible stream for wild salmon observation and recreational fishing. The creek provides a valuable educational opportunity for the over one million visitors the city hosts each year.

Phase one of the projects was completed in 2006. It created Pullen pond, raising the water level and allowing for improved fish passage. Further upstream a perched culvert also constricts fish passage, and this barrier is being removed in phase two in the spring of 2007.



Area of Pullen Creek affected by perched culverts.

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