

NOAA Restoration Center Partners with Trout Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy and the US Forest Service to restore heavily logged areas on Prince of Wales Island

NOAA Fisheries is working with the Forest Service, Trout Unlimited, and the Nature Conservancy to restore salmon habitat on Prince of Wales Island. This island contains some of southeast Alaska's most productive habitats.

During much of the last century, Prince of Wales was the location of the most intense logging programs in the region. The Cobble area on Prince of Wales Island is among the "Core Areas of Biological Value" due to its rich assemblages of yellow and red cedar and streams supporting populations of sockeye salmon, along with other salmon and trout species. Watersheds within the Cobble area provide restoration opportunities due to past logging activity.

Successful restoration has already been implemented on Sal Creek, opening up one mile of the creek for fish passage, and another three miles will be opened up in 2007. These projects will serve as a model for future restoration on the island.



Sal Creek Watershed. Photo credit: U.S. Forest Service