

Dropping in to help the salmon



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In an experimental project to enhance salmon habitat, The Nature Conservancy contracted with Columbia Helicopters to install tree-sized logs in two intertidal channels of the Stillaguamish River estuary, north of Hat Slough in Port Susan Bay. Twenty-six pieces of large wood were strategically placed in the two channels. A dozen 1,000-pound concrete ballasts were dropped from several hundred feet above the ground to anchor the logs in place. The Stillaguamish Tribe, Anchor Environmental and EarthCorps assisted in cabling the logs in place.