



Frequently Asked Questions

Is the training required to help out?

Since the data collected through visual surveys is already limited, we want to ensure that volunteers are as accurate as possible in their observations. However, we understand that schedules differ or the training dates may have already passed. Please reach out if attending the training is a barrier to your participation.

Short answer: yes | Longer answer: we can try to accommodate on a case-by-case basis!

Do I need any specific supplies or materials to participate?

All you need to participate is a way to get to your site and appropriate clothing/footwear for the weather. Otherwise, we will provide all supplies needed to participate. A cell phone with an internet connection to submit your data is ideal, but if you would rather record your observations on a sheet of paper and submit the data at a later time, we can provide printed datasheets.

I'm under 18 and want to participate!

Volunteers under the age of 18 must have approval from a guardian and reliable access to a site to volunteer with us. If you have both, you are invited to sign up. This is a great family and friend group activity, so the more the merrier!

I am not seeing any salmon at my site, am I doing something wrong?

It's an unfortunate reality that in some historically abundant streams you'll be hard-pressed to find any salmon. Nevertheless, observations indicating the absence of salmon are just as important as observations indicating their presence. If you aren't seeing any salmon, it is likely because they aren't there rather than anything you are doing wrong. Your observations are greatly valued, regardless of the presence of salmon.

There's a creek running through my property, can I submit data on it?

Depends! If it's salmon-bearing, then monitoring on your property is an even easier way to help out. Contact us so we can look into it.