



2023 Annual Report



Success + Momentum

The continued collaboration and hard work of Salmon SuperHwy partners has resulted in tremendous progress toward our goal of 180 miles of habitat reconnected. The 50 projects completed have restored access to 129 miles of spawning and rearing habitat for Chinook, coho, chum, steelhead, cutthroat trout, and lamprey, and on top of that, they've made Tillamook County's transportation system safer for residents, visitors, and industry. We're making a big push to keep that momentum going until we reach our goal.



Salvaged lamprey in their ammocoete phase were transferred while the SSH Hughey Creek culvert was replaced.

2023 + OVERALL SUCCESS

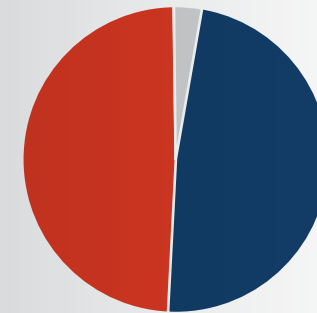
- 3 barriers removed for a total of 50 out of 93 projects complete
- 5 miles of habitat reconnected for a total of over 129 miles, over two thirds of the way to our goal of 180 miles
- 6 species of ocean-going fish returned to historic habitat
- Over \$3.3 million in funding leveraged this year, for a total of \$19 million
- 50 jobs created for a total of 314
- Landowners united with local, state, and federal partners to meet goals

UPCOMING PROJECTS + GOALS

- 4 projects to reconnect 5 miles of habitat: Juno Creek Tributary, Upper Sutton Creek (2 culverts), Myrtle Creek and Flower Pot Creek
- \$2 million will be leveraged in 2024
- Secure a funding package that will propel SSH toward the finish line
- Partner with specific landowners to put remaining priority projects in motion

2023 FUNDING

Salmon SuperHwy leveraged \$100K of \$750K available in new funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Tillamook County was awarded \$2,110,400 from Federal Highways toward replacing 3 culverts on the SSH priority list. Private and foundation funding help support staff capacity and partners continue to collaborate on funding resources.



- Federal: \$1,699,944
- State: \$1,243,611
- Local/Private: \$421,000
- 2023 Total: 3.3 million (with 100,000 in BIL funds)

PARTNERS

LOCAL: Tillamook County, Tillamook Estuaries Partnership, Tillamook County Creamery Association, Nestucca, Neskowin & Sand Lake Watershed Council

STATE: OR Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, OR Dept. of Forestry, OR Dept. of Transportation, OR Watershed Enhancement Board, OR Fish Passage Task Force

FEDERAL: US Fish & Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Natural Resources Conservation Service

NGO: Trout Unlimited

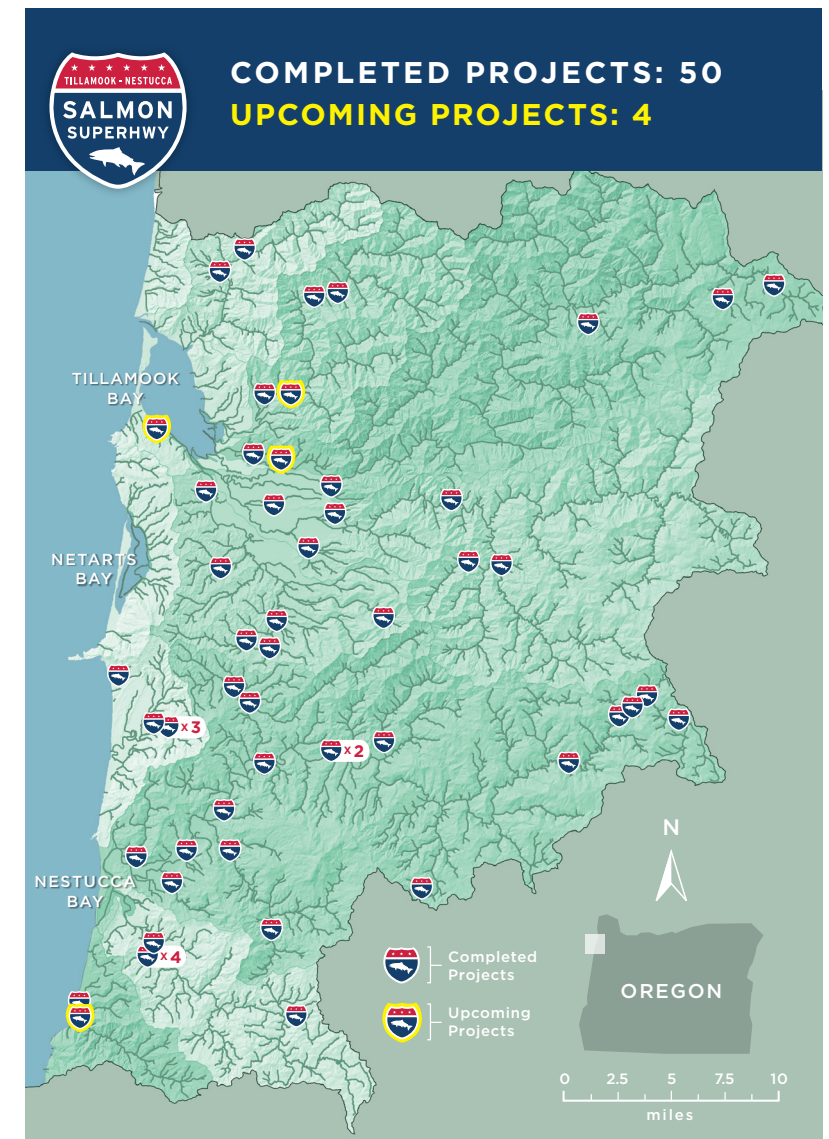
SOCIAL MEDIA + OUTREACH

FACEBOOK:

- @ facebook.com/SalmonSuperHwy
- Overall: 41.3% increase from 2022
- Peak hit: Feb 2023, approx. 3.0K views
- Profile visits: 2.5x the visits in 2023 vs 2022

INSTAGRAM:

- @ salmonsuperhwy
- Doubled reach and profile visits in 2023 vs 2022
- Peak hit: Aug 2023, approx. 800 views
- Profile visits: up 100% from 2022



Connecting communities, one fish at a time.



Great progress

BIL FUNDING: SSH spent \$100k of \$750k in BIL funds through USFWS for the culvert replacement on Samson Creek. The new bridge reconnected 1.3 miles of blocked habitat for five fish species while minimizing the possibility of road failure due to storms. The reduced maintenance required by Tillamook County will save tax payers money.

ECONOMIES OF SCALE: The Green Creek and Samson Creek projects are located relatively close along Trask River Road. Constructing them at the same time and working closely with our contractor we were able to find creative ways to save money. For example, the set of slabs used to create the bypass at Green Creek were then moved up to be part of the permanent structure at Samson Creek.

OUTREACH: SSH Executive member Terry Turner presented to ORVIS, the outdoor brand, in an effort to spread awareness of the success of SSH projects. Liz Ransom, SSH Director, and Terry presented at a NNSLWC public annual meeting sharing past, present and upcoming SSH projects in their area. Jacob Jesionek, SSH Restoration Project Manager, presented to students starting a masters program at OSU and also increased SSH outreach with a highly bolstered social media presence resulting in greatly improved reach to the public.

THREE COMPLETED PROJECTS: SAMSON, GREEN + HUGHEY CREEKS



SAMSON CREEK PROJECT, WHICH LEVERAGED \$100,000 OF BIL FUNDING.



GREEN CREEK PROJECT, WHICH SHARED THE TEMPORARY BRIDGE FROM THE SAMSON CREEK PROJECT FOR COST SAVINGS.



HUGHEY CREEK PROJECT, A MUCH NEEDED IMPROVEMENT ON A ROAD THAT NEARLY COLLAPSED.

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Front cover: Salmon SuperHwy gets literal with a drone shot of the Samson Creek project featuring the newly built bridge over Trask River Rd. Photos by Broken Banjo Photography, Jesse Andrew Clark and Nathan Holdstedt.