



# Salmon Defense News

Protecting Salmon for Our Common Future

## The Salmon Forever Fund is Born at Billy Frank Jr.'s 80th Birthday

The evening of March 12, 2011 was spent celebrating Billy Frank Jr.'s 80th birthday at the Little Creek Casino's Event Center. When asked how he felt on his 80th birthday, Billy calmly shrugged his shoulders and unpretentiously replied, "For me, I'm just another day older."

As the evening began, you entered the events center to a beautifully



Billy and his honored guests stand for the opening prayer at his 80th Birthday Celebration. *Photo courtesy of "Michael Harris, THIS IS INDIAN COUNTRY with Billy Frank Jr."*



A Squaxin Island singing group serenades Billy. *Photo courtesy of "Michael Harris, THIS IS INDIAN COUNTRY with Billy Frank Jr."*

decorated room filled with an array of tables cascading with food, including traditionally cooked salmon, clams, elk, turkey, vegetables, fruit, decadent desserts, birthday cake and a complete oyster bar that was provided and staffed by Taylor Shellfish. Joining in this monumental celebration were more than 500 people, including political dignitaries from throughout the country, tribal leaders, and Billy's closest family and friends.

Although Billy said he's just another day older, celebrating his 80th birthday was more than just another day for those who hold him dear to their hearts. The party kicked off with a prayer and then guests dashed to fill their plates with food. Meanwhile, Bob Whitener, who was the master of ceremonies, kept the crowd entertained and the party flowing. When everyone had settled into their seats, Billy received a personal phone call from Rep. Norm Dicks, which was broadcast throughout the room for everyone's enjoyment. He had spoken with Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii (who is also Senate President Pro Tempore) earlier in the day. Both of them cordially wished him a very happy birthday and thanked him for his leadership,

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## As Long As the Rivers Run Update:



Salmon Defense is excited about progress on the "As Long as the Rivers Run (ALATRR)" project. More than 16 hours of timeless interviews

were gathered from a dozen fishermen, fishermen's wives, and children from different parts of the Boldt case area in developing a companion video to the original ALATRR documentary. The interviews from, as Billy would say, "The Expert Witnesses" will be an in-depth illumination of the magnificent history of the fishing rights struggle.

While all of the interview footage can't fit into the one-hour timeframe for the companion video, don't be alarmed. The full interviews and other materials will be available via a website that is being created for the project.

If you're not following Salmon Defense on Facebook, you should, and be on the lookout for a trailer of the video, which is scheduled for release in fall 2011. A great "roll out" celebration is also planned to coincide with the release of part II. So stay tuned! 🐟

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### GOAL

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BILLY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

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persistence and friendship. As the event continued, Gov. Chris Gregoire, who had the honor of sitting with Billy, gave a wonderful speech about her long political career, working with Billy for several decades. At one point she referred to Billy as an old-growth cedar tree that we all could learn from. Following the words of the governor were heartfelt recollections from Patricia Zell, Charles Wilkinson, Brian Cladoosby, Ron Allen, and many other family and friends.

When the honored guests were done wishing Billy a happy birthday, Mr. Whitener introduced the Billy Frank Endowment for Salmon and invited everyone to give to the fund. It was remarkable to see people come forward and make their donations. This Salmon Forever Fund was created as a master gift that would reap rewards for generations to come. The donations ranged from \$20 to \$10,000 and at the conclusion of the evening, the donations totaled more than \$50,000. Leading up to the birthday celebration, Billy had asked party planners to mention in the invitation that he preferred donations to the endowment fund instead of gifts. In addition to everyone's generosity to the endowment fund, several folks brought him gifts that included a sandstone sculpture, original paintings, traditional Indian clothing, jewelry and books.



A coastal group gracefully honors Billy with mesmerizing traditional songs. Photo courtesy of "Michael Harris, THIS IS INDIAN COUNTRY with Billy Frank Jr."

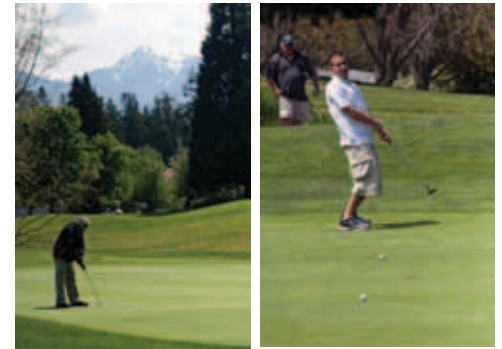


Gov. Chris Gregoire gallantly gets the guests engaged as she gives one of her best speeches. Photo courtesy of "Michael Harris, THIS IS INDIAN COUNTRY with Billy Frank Jr."

Billy's party was a huge success and a timeless event, thanks to the year-long planning of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Squaxin Island Tribe and support of many of the tribes in western Washington. Billy is truly one in a trillion. We can't all possess the gifts that Billy does but we sure can learn all that we can from him and we can work to help him restore and protect the environment while working together!

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Salmon Defense Golf Tournament

On Friday, May 20, the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe sponsored the Salmon Defense Golf Tournament on the stunning Cedars at Dungeness Golf Course for yet another year. It is clear that each year the tournament grows bigger and bigger. Strong participation from the sponsors and golf teams make this annual fundraising effort possible. This year the course was filled with 36 teams and a total of 12 hole sponsors.



All golf photos courtesy of Debbie Preston.

It started as a beautiful sunny day with the Olympic Mountains greeting the golfers, and bald eagles swooping and twirling in the blue sky. By afternoon, the golfers were challenged by a chilling and at times bitter wind. At the end of the day, the smiles on the participants' faces proved each had a great time "Swinging a Club to Save a Salmon."

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## CELP 2011 Roslyn Workshop

Salmon Defense is adding its name as a sponsor of 2011 Roslyn Workshop organized by the Center for Environmental Law & Policy (CELP). The workshop is a forum for tribal representatives, water activists, lawyers and policy makers to gather, discuss and develop creative solutions to topics such as water conservation, water

availability, water resource litigation (past, present and future), and climate impacts on water supply. The Squaxin Island Tribe also provides sponsorship and staff support to the workshop. Salmon Defense supports this event as part of the effort to maintain and restore instream flows for salmon.

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# CALENDAR



Photo by Debbie Preston

## 2011 PADDLE TO SWINOMISH

An Inter-tribal canoe journey and celebration of tribal cultures

**Location:** Hosted by the Swinomish Tribe in La Conner, WA

**Date:** July 25-31, 2011

**More Information:** <http://tribaljournneys.wordpress.com/> and <http://paddletoswinomish.com/>

## ELWHA RIVER DAM REMOVAL

The Nation's Largest Dam Removal in History

**Location:** Olympic National Park

**Date:** Dismantling of the dam is scheduled to take place in fall 2011

**More Information:** <http://elwha.org/damremoval.html> and <http://www.nps.gov/olym/naturescience/elwha-ecosystem-restoration.htm>

## 22ND ANNUAL STILLAGUAMISH FESTIVAL OF THE RIVER & POW WOW

**Location:** River Meadows Country Park in Arlington, WA

**Date:** August 13-14. Gates open at 10 a.m. both days


**More Information:** <http://www.stillaguamish.nsn.us/festival.htm>

## Coastal Marine Spatial Planning

Salmon Defense facilitated a kickoff conference in December 2010 to promote tribal dialogue about the upcoming creation of regional and national objectives and standards in the realm of Coastal Marine Spatial Planning. The conference took place at the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino and was generously sponsored by the Lazar Foundation and the Harder Foundation.

Coastal Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP) is a planning process that analyzes current and projected uses of the coastal areas in order to determine sustainable practices. Goals of CMSP include meeting environmental, economic, security and social objectives by identifying areas most suitable for various levels of each activity. Ultimately the planning process works to reduce conflict among purposes by developing compatible uses

while reducing impact to the environment and critical ecosystem services.

The National Ocean Council has been created with top policy representatives from each of the federal agencies and departments with regulatory responsibilities in the ocean. National objectives for CMSP are currently being developed. To help facilitate this, the National Ocean Council is holding public "Regional Listening Sessions" across the country, including a session that was held June 27 at the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino in Ocean Shores, WA. Do you want to know what is being discussed? You can find comments that have been submitted to the National Ocean Council at the following public comment portal: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/oceans/comments>. 

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## SPECIAL THANKS

Salmon Defense would like to give a special thank you to **Mitch Corbine & his team** from **Squaxin Island's Little Creek Casino** for donating their golf tournament winnings back to Salmon Defense.

# In Memory of John Arum

By: Brian C. Gruber



Salmon Defense expresses its sadness at the August 2010 death of John Arum, a partner in the Seattle law firm of Ziontz, Chestnut, Varnell, Berley & Slonim. John was a tireless advocate

for the tribes of the Pacific Northwest and environmental interests across the region for more than 20 years. He zealously and effectively fought for Makah treaty whaling rights, treaty fishing and hunting rights, and

the environmental preservation necessary to protect these resources for future generations. John was deeply respected by his colleagues and friends at the firm and throughout the tribal and conservation communities. He has inspired many others to follow his leadership in the areas of water law, tribal law and environmental protection. John was a leading practitioner of water law in the state of Washington and spearheaded a coalition of six tribes that challenged the 2003 Municipal Water Law. As with many of John's efforts, this case sought to preserve a better future for Washington by protecting instream flows and the salmon that depend on abundant and clean water. 🐟

GOLF TOURNAMENT  
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Proceeds from this tournament benefit Salmon Defense activities and operation. A special thank you goes out to our hole sponsors:

- Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
- Nisqually Tribe
- Stillaguamish Tribe / Angel of the Winds Casino
- Northwest Marine Technology
- Little Creek Casino
- Salish Seafoods
- Skookum Creek Tobacco
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- Squaxin Island Tribe
- Muckleshoot Tribe
- The Mahoney Group
- Quinault Beach Resort 🐟

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