



MIKE TRENT SITS AT THE NEW 52' BRIDGE OVER CLEAR CREEK WHICH ALLOWS UNIMPEDED FISH PASSAGE AND AMPLE CAPACITY TO PASS HIGH FLOWS AND DEBRIS DURING STORM EVENTS.

## WHAT IS THE SALMON SUPERHWY?

The Salmon SuperHwy is a series of nearly 270 individual projects that replace failing culverts to help restore passage and habitat for fish and other aquatic species in the Tillamook - Nestucca watersheds. After a project is completed, fish of all life stages can migrate safely, traveling from the nearby coastline all the way up to their spawning ground, without being blocked by impassable culverts. Hence the name "Salmon SuperHwy" (SSH).

But that's not all SSH projects do. Replacing culverts also: restores habitat for aquatic critters that don't travel to the sea; improves roads and infrastructure for local residents, commerce and safety vehicles; mediates seasonal flooding; improves property values; provides jobs and helps farmers and families utilize their properties into the future.

If your property is in the SSH project area, has a waterway running through it or is adjacent to one, you may be able to apply for a project. Learn more at [salmonsuperhwy.org/landowners](http://salmonsuperhwy.org/landowners), or call Liz Ransom at (541) 619-9233.



SALMON SUPERHWY PROJECTS REMEDY FLOODING AND FISH PASSAGE FAILURES LIKE THIS ONE.

## FACTS FOR LANDOWNERS

- The Salmon SuperHwy is in its 10th year and is known as a highly successful project by both private landowners and the partnering agencies.
- There are 5 years left to complete approximately 35 private landowner projects and projects adjacent to private property where access approval is needed.
- If your property lies within the boundaries of the Tillamook Watersheds Conservation Partnership project area, you could benefit from a SSH project. View the map at the website below.
- Salmon SuperHwy landowner projects improve property value, secure safe access to or over your land and improve fish habitat in your waterways.
- If your property is adjacent to a Salmon SuperHwy project, you can be confident the project will be managed well and you will be informed of all details.
- There is generally little, if any, financial cost to landowners for Salmon SuperHwy projects.

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# LANDOWNER CASE STUDY: CLEAR CREEK

Mike Trent still lives and tends the farm along Clear Creek his grandad bought in 1928. The original culvert that was installed where the road crosses the creek over half a century ago was failing, but it wasn't obvious to the average Joe. Salmon SuperHwy partners met with Mike and not only showed him the fish passage and safety issues with the old culvert, they invited him to be a member of the board representing other landowners like himself. And with that Mike began helping with the planning of the new bridge over Clear Creek along with numerous other SSH projects and stream-side replanting.

Mike's experience with the planning and construction on and around his farm made him a firm believer in SSH restoration projects. Since then he has become a board member of the Nestucca, Neskowin & Sand Lake Watershed Council to continue his support of watershed improvements.

**General Landowner Benefits:** Increased property value; secure and resilient access to property; ease of improvement to property without landowner effort; improved fish habitat; reduced flooding; restoration of waterway health reminiscent of times past; a sense of community with SSH partners.

Do you have a waterway on your land that could benefit from a Salmon SuperHwy project? **Call Liz Ransom at (541) 619 - 9233**, or learn more at [salmonsuperhwy.org/landowners](http://salmonsuperhwy.org/landowners)



“ When I was a kid, there was a lot of fish in these creeks. There was even fish in this creek right here [Clear Creek]. And they're just not there anymore. But they're coming back. Like one guy from DSL told me, if you build it, they'll come. If you fix it up (which we did), they'll come back. And they're slowly, slowly coming back. ”

— Mike Trent

Local Farmer/Landowner on Clear Creek  
Nestucca, Neskowin & Sand Lake Watershed Council  
Board Member

