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**Run with the Chums
5k Fun Run/Walk
“Healthy Water, Healthy People”**
A Whatcom Water Week Event
Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 10 am
BP Highlands
4900 Brown Rd, Blaine, WA 98230

Mark your calendars for the 5th Annual Run with the Chums, a FREE family-friendly Whatcom Water Week kickoff event. Run or walk a scenic loop through the highlands above Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve and Point Whitehorn and learn about watershed health while taking care of your own health! The route explores forested trails, opening up to coastal views, and finishing through agricultural land to demonstrate the wide variety of resources we have here in Whatcom County. From mountains to sea, we all rely on clean, fresh water for drinking, productive farmland, healthy fisheries, outdoor recreation and safe shellfish harvesting. Let’s celebrate and get healthy in the process!

Registration is free and the first 300 participants will receive a free event t-shirt! A kid’s 1k Smolt Sprint – featuring an obstacle course this year – will start at 10am and all racers will receive a ribbon.

Festivities before and after the race include refreshments, watershed information exhibits, kid’s activities and water conservation prizes. Be sure to stay for the raffle following the 5k! Exhibitors include: Chums of Terrell Creek, Whatcom Conservation District, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association, Marine Mammal Stranding Network, Birch Bay Watershed & Aquatic Resources Management District, and more.

To register in advance, please visit www.chumsofterrellcreek.org. Race day registration will also be available. For additional information or questions, please contact Aneka Sweeney at (360) 526-2381 x 103 or asweeney@whatcomcd.org.

[Whatcom Water Week](#) is an annual week-long event that celebrates local water resources. Between September 16-23, businesses, non-profit organizations and community groups will celebrate the importance of water, share information about the state of the resource, offer stewardship opportunities, and expand awareness and appreciation of our marine and freshwater resources and the vital role water plays in our lives. Water – it’s everybody’s business. Let’s celebrate it!

