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**Run with the Chums  
5k Fun Run/Walk & 1k Smolt Sprint  
"Healthy Water, Healthy People"**

A Whatcom Water Week Event

Saturday September 15, 2018 at 10am

BP Highlands - 5042 Grandview Road, Blaine, WA 98230

Run with the Chums is a fun and FREE event for all ages as part of Whatcom Water Week. Run or walk on a scenic loop through the highlands above Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve and Point Whitehorn and learn more about watershed health while taking care of your own health! The 5k route explores forested trails, opening up to coastal views, and finishing through agricultural land - celebrating 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-only 1k Smolt Sprint featuring a salmon themed obstacle course will start at 10am and all racers will receive a ribbon.

Festivities before and after the race include refreshments, children's activities, hands-on exhibits, and more. Be sure to stay for the generous raffle following the 5k! Exhibitors include: Whatcom Conservation District, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association, Birch Bay Watershed & Aquatic Resources Management District, Blaine-Birch Bay Parks and Recreation District 2, and more.

To register in advance, please visit [www.chumsofterrellcreek.org](http://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](mailto:asweeney@whatcomcd.org).

[Whatcom Water Week](#) is an annual week-long event that celebrates local water resources. Between September 15-22, 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!

