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Greetings Stakeholders and Community Members,

Thank you to those that attended the [South Fork Nooksack River Fish Camp \(Ts'eq\) Integrated Flood and Fish Project](#) (Fish Camp) Workshop #3 on September 15, 2022 at the Acme Presbyterian Church. The Nooksack Indian Tribe and Whatcom County River and Flood hosted the workshop, which was facilitated by Veda Environmental. The Nooksack Indian Tribe, Whatcom County, and Herrera Environmental Consultants shared [presentations](#) during the workshop.

The **purpose** of the workshop was to share the preliminary project design and the highest ranked alternative, hear feedback from attendees, and answer questions. The project team shared **updates on the design process, the ranking of the three design alternatives, the highlights of the project approach, and the expected benefits of the highest ranked alternative.** Please follow this link to the [Preliminary Design Report](#) for more details on the

A complete summary of the workshop can be found on the project webpage, [here](#). Highlights and key questions from the workshop included:

Questions about the project background, ranging from the role of federal and state agencies on the project and allocated funding to previous flooding events.

- *Role of agencies:* Federal and state agencies conduct the environmental review that is required as part of the permitting process the project will undergo. The Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) are project stakeholders, and staff from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and DNR Aquatics are involved in project design.
- *Project funding:* Both state and federal agencies provided funding for the project, which has received funding to complete 90% design for one portion of the project area and 30% design for a second area. Several grant sources also fund the project, including the Regional Conservation Partnership Program through USDA.
- *Recent flooding events:* While Acme floods regularly, the flooding event in 2021 was a result of an extended period of intense rain and a low snowpack where the river remained in flood stage for 24 hours.

Questions about preliminary design and project approach, including engagement with landowners and elements of the design.

- *Landowner engagement:* The project team aims to present solutions that have broad community support. While the team has talked with several landowners, discussions will continue and there will be follow up with high-priority landowners.

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deepen the river. The project will continue to meet with berm landowners to discuss details about the berm designs and gather additional feedback. The project design includes engineered logjams and woody structures to create refuges for salmon.

- *For more details on the proposed design elements and approach, please follow this link to the [Preliminary Design Report](#).*

Next Steps

Stay Engaged!

- You can still fill out our [brief online survey](#) to share your individual experience with flooding
- Visit the [project webpage](#)
- Attend future [Acme/Van Zandt Flood Control Subzone Advisory Committee](#) meetings
- Contact us! We want to hear from you and are happy to answer any questions! Email outreach@vedaenv.com

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions! Thank you,

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