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ENVIRONMENT Plan devised to aid chinook KATIE N. JOHANNES

Restoring habitat in the south fork of the Nooksack River is one of the top priorities of a Puget Sound basinwide recovery plan for threatened chinook salmon, to be adopted today by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The plan covers 14 river basins that drain into Puget Sound in a region that stretches from the Canadian border to Olympia, Hood Canal and the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

It was developed over five years by a collaborative group called Shared Strategy for Puget Sound, which includes representatives of the state, tribes, local governments, industry, conservation groups and others.

Shared Strategy plans to post the final version of the plan on its Web site at www.sharedsalmonstrategy.org.

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