



NEWS RELEASE

Everyone is invited to celebrate the sockeye salmon returning after their challenging 6000-kilometre journey to the ocean and back.

October 01, 2026- The Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Alliance (OSCA) and the Okanagan Nation Alliance are hosting two “Celebrate Our Salmon” open houses. Historically, the open houses have been held in Oliver and Penticton. **NEW for 2026, the events will be held in Penticton and Peachland.**

The first open house will take place on **Saturday, October 17th 10am -12pm in Penticton at the Okanagan Lake Fish Passage on the east side of the Dam.**

Join interpreter Lee McFadyen to learn about the many salmon spawning enhancement projects along the Okanagan River and the fascinating life cycle of ocean-going fish. Did you know that the Okanagan River is the only remaining British Columbia Sockeye Salmon Spawning grounds in the Columbia watershed?

The second open house will be on **Sunday, October 18th 10am - 12pm at Peachland Creek in the Hardy Falls Regional Park. At the south end of Peachland.**

Join Chereen, Outreach Coordinator for the Okanagan River restoration initiative at Peachland Creek, for a walk to see the salmon habitat restoration project. New rock riffles were installed in Peachland Creek to restore degraded spawning habitat, improve creek health, and support salmon spawning. This work enhances overall ecosystem function and reflects ongoing Indigenous caretaking of the land and waters.

The events run rain or shine. For more information contact Rachel Bland at 778 386 9436 or ecostudies@osca.org.

Penticton–Saturday, October 17th 10am to 12pm

Okanagan Lake Fish Passage on the East side of Okanagan Lake Dam. Near the Rose Garden and Loco Landing Adventure Park. 75 Riverside Drive.

Peachland – Sunday, October 18th 10am to 12pm

Peachland Creek in Hardy Falls Regional Park. 30 minute drive north from Penticton on Hwy 97 then take Hardy Street . Wheelchair accessible. Short flat trail.

