



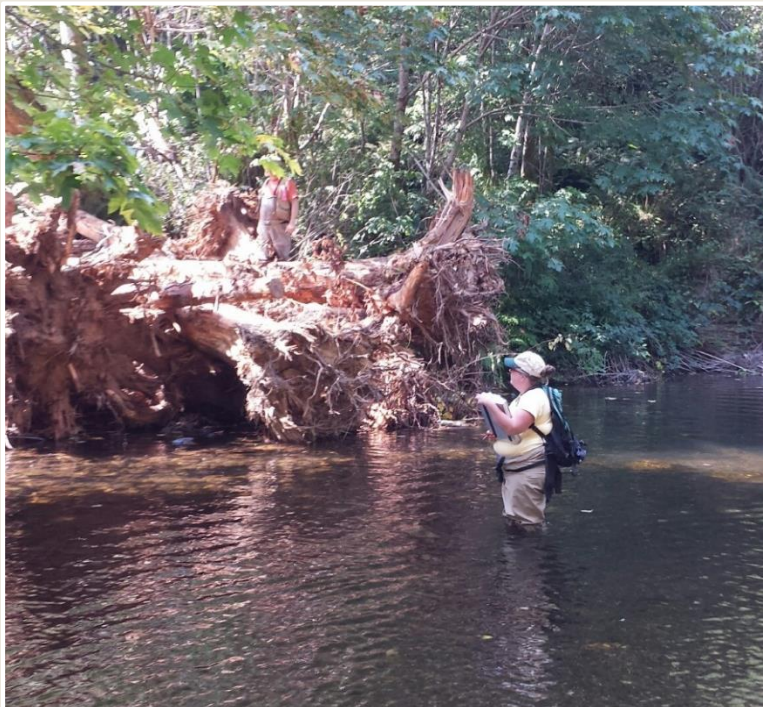
Pacific Coast Fish Wildlife and Wetlands Restoration Association

# WINTER NEWSLETTER

We are a 501c3 non-profit that has restored over 150 miles and prescribed treatments for 500 square miles of salmonid habitat since our start in 1991, including 17 projects in 2017! Read on for a few highlights from this year's accomplishments.

## Yontocket Slough Fish Barrier Removal Complete!

Just finished in September, this project helps restore salmon access to more than 6 miles of upstream habitat along Yontocket Slough and Tryon Creek, which is probably the best over-winter rearing habitat for coho salmon within the Smith River estuary.



## Salmon Habitat Structures Installed in Little River!

We provided more places for young coho salmon to hide and grow by installing 11 log habitat structures along a half mile stretch of Little River. Completed in August, these structures are increasing the number of places for salmon to shelter; creating slower, deeper and cooler summertime pools; providing refuge during high runoff events; as well as improving rearing habitat and spawning conditions.

## Humboldt Bay Habitat Enhancement Planning

This project will examine the tributary streams entering Humboldt Bay to identify, assess, and prioritize specific sites for potential off-channel habitat restoration projects. The focus is on the stream-estuary ecotone, critical to salmon and other native fish. This endeavor, funded by CDFW through 2019, will benefit rearing juvenile salmonids that are listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and also other ESA-listed native fish species such as tidewater goby and longfin smelt.



## Designs for Panther Creek Barrier Removal in Progress

Designs are underway to remove a barrier to salmon and trout near the mouth of Panther Creek, a key tributary to Redwood Creek. This project is necessary because an abandoned road crossing / gaging station is currently a barrier to juvenile salmonids, especially coho salmon. Removal of this barrier would open passage to 4.5 miles of anadromous salmonid habitat in Panther Creek.

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