

WILD SALMON CENTER

An aerial photograph showing a river meandering through a vast, dense forest of green trees. The forest covers rolling hills and valleys, with the river cutting through the center. The sky is overcast with soft, grey clouds. The overall scene is a lush, natural landscape.



Ken Morrish, Fly Water Travel

LETTER FROM GUIDO

"Partnerships are key to our success. They take time to build and nurture—and trust to sustain." – Guido Rahr

April 2008

Dear Friend of the Wild Salmon Center,

For years the Wild Salmon Center has been building a strategy to secure the protection of the most extraordinary salmon rivers along the northern Pacific Rim.

This strategy, which focuses on creating a network of globally significant salmon rivers, evolved through workshops, field research, and through consultation with the top salmon scientists and conservation leaders from Japan, Russia, Canada and the United States.

The strategy is both scientifically sound and based on real-world approaches that the Wild Salmon Center and partners have tested in river systems throughout the United States, Pacific Northwest and the Russian Far East.

The scope and potential impact of the Wild Salmon Center's work is unprecedented. In the Russian Far East, Wild Salmon Center has already helped secure the long-term protection of two watersheds totaling 700,000 acres. Additional watershed complexes or sub-watersheds totaling over 6,000,000 acres are being advanced by Russian partners for future protection or conservation management.

All together, this represents the largest habitat-based salmon conservation opportunity in 20 years. Many believe that there are no other comparable opportunities anywhere that will rival this in its scope and scale. The results – not just for salmon, but for whales, bears, eagles, and hundreds of other species that share salmon watersheds – will be historic.

The key to making this happen will be partnerships.

These wild salmon watersheds are enormous areas, each with a different mix of government agencies, businesses, native peoples and nonprofit groups. Salmon alone swim through several national and regional jurisdictions during their life cycles.



The way to navigate this diverse political and geographical landscape is to build partnerships among key players and establish a shared vision of long-term salmon ecosystem health.

We have worked very hard to do this and I am proud to say that we have been successful. In the United States Pacific Northwest we have, through the North American Salmon Stronghold Partnership, forged working alliances with numerous government agencies, conservation groups and local communities.

In the Russian Far East, we have formed an international partnership to protect wild salmon on Sakhalin Island. The partnership includes indigenous fishermen, local community groups, businesses, and the Sakhalin Energy Investment Company. And in Moscow, we supported the creation of the Russian Salmon Fund, an independent Russian organization dedicated to funding salmon conservation.

Partnerships take time to build and nurture – and trust to sustain – but we cannot succeed without them. Nor can we succeed without the support of our donors, who make all of this work possible.

Securing the protection of some of the world's most spectacular river systems will be a gift that benefits generations to come. And our generation may be the last one that actually has the chance to leave a gift of this magnitude – and beauty.

Sincerely,

Guido Rahr
President and CEO

North American Salmon Stronghold Partnership

North America's Pacific coast contains a vast and diverse landscape of wild salmon rivers. While this region does contain rivers and salmon runs that are threatened, there are still river ecosystems from northern California to Alaska that are healthy and abundant with wild salmon. Wild Salmon Center is working to conserve these healthy salmon river basins through the North American Salmon Stronghold Partnership.



"We all want our great-grandchildren to experience wild salmon. With so many stocks of wild salmon in decline, now is the time to work together to conserve the best salmon ecosystems in North America." – Guido Rahr

Top: North American Rainbow Trout.
Right: Wild fish habitat in southern Oregon.

The Salmon Stronghold Partnership brings together leaders in scientific, educational, non-profit, tribal, governmental and local communities to:

- **Identify Salmon Stronghold Basins.** The Salmon Stronghold Partnership has developed an innovative, science-based methodology to identify the healthiest salmon stronghold river basins in North America.
- **Support Effective Conservation Actions.** In each stronghold basin, partners determine which populations of salmon and steelhead are priorities, evaluate the actions necessary to keep these populations healthy, and support completion of these conservation actions.
- **Provide Resources and Support for Local Communities.** The Salmon Stronghold Partnership leverages public and private funding sources and taps into the expertise of scientists and numerous state and federal land agency experts to assist in conservation efforts.

Progress in 2007

This past year, the Salmon Stronghold Partnership gathered over 40 leading scientists together to identify specific salmon stronghold rivers in California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Their work continues as additional data is analyzed and decisions are made about focal areas within each basin. Currently, a small number of basins have been initially identified in these states, with more under consideration in 2008.

Also in 2007, Wild Salmon Center and several of our partners presented their salmon stronghold strategy in Congressional briefings in Washington D.C. Together we introduced the Salmon Stronghold Partnership mission, articulated the global value of salmon, illustrated recent successes, and built broad-base political support for protecting wild Pacific salmon.



Ken Morrish, Fly Water Travel

North American Salmon Stronghold Partnership

Currently, North American Salmon Stronghold Partnership Steering Committee members include:

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bonneville Power Administration
- Environmental Protection Agency
- US Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Columbia Inter-tribal Fish Commission
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington Salmon Recovery Office
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Oregon Governor's Office
- Idaho Office of Species Conservation
- California Department of Fish and Game
- Northwest Power and Conservation Council
- Trout Unlimited
- The Nature Conservancy
- Wild Salmon Center



Guido Rahr

Right: John Day River, Oregon.
Below: A field outing on the John Day River.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Established a Steering Committee for the North American Salmon Stronghold Partnership

The Salmon Stronghold Partnership established a steering committee of nonprofits and state, federal, and tribal governments to focus on the shared vision of protecting the strongest salmon and steelhead populations in North America. Additionally, the Salmon Stronghold Partnership developed a charter, governance document, and work plan that a dozen agencies and nonprofits have signed. Wild Salmon Center organized three Salmon Stronghold Partnership meetings in February, June, and October 2007. These were attended by the Steering Committee and dozens of other agency and private sector partners.

Engaged Scientists to Evaluate Salmon Populations

The Salmon Stronghold Partnership designed and executed an expert opinion process to identify Pacific salmon and steelhead strongholds in the continental United States. This process engaged more than 40 salmonid scientists who evaluated salmon populations based on abundance and productivity, percentage of natural spawners, diversity, and resilience.

Supporting Conservation Actions in Priority Basins

The Salmon Stronghold Partnership addressed requests for assistance with conservation actions in ten river basins: the Rogue/Illinois, Sandy, John Day, Elk, Siletz, Molalla, Wenatchee, Lemhi, Queets/Quinalt, and the Smith. These requests will be acted on by the Salmon Stronghold Partnership at their June 2008 meeting.

OTHER WSC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN NORTH AMERICA

Conducted Fish Surveys in Hoh River and Helped Establish Group to Protect Olympic Peninsula Rivers

The Hoh River is one of only a few watersheds in the lower 48 with the majority of the landscape still in good condition and with permanent protections that support diverse wild salmon populations. In the Mt. Tom tributary of the Hoh River, WSC continued intensive snorkeling and habitat surveys, providing data essential to understanding and protecting increasingly rare populations of steelhead. Additionally, Wild Salmon Center has been instrumental in establishing and providing scientific expertise for two collaborative work groups, the local North Pacific Coast Lead Entity and the regional Washington Coast

Sustainable Salmon Partnership, to support the long term health of Olympic Peninsula rivers.

Working with Landowners in the John Day Basin, Oregon

The John Day Basin is one of the longest undammed rivers in the West without a hatchery. Given this special status, the Wild Salmon Center organized stakeholders in the basin to develop a shared conservation and landowner vision for maintaining basin health. The National Policy Consensus Center now serves as facilitator for this process.

Oregon Board of Forestry Nominees Confirmed

Wild Salmon Center supported two nominees that have been approved by the Oregon State Senate for appointment to the Oregon Board of Forestry. Both of these nominees manage lands certified by the Forest Stewardship Council and support a sustainable stewardship and salmon conservation approach to forest management. Additionally, the Wild Salmon Center initiated a collaborative effort with the Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, The Nature Conservancy, and Ecotrust to assess and prioritize salmon conservation areas on the Oregon North Coast.

Kamchatka

The Kamchatka Peninsula in the Russian Far East is a pristine and largely undeveloped region that produces nearly 25 percent of all wild Pacific salmon. Brown bears, Steller's sea eagles and a myriad of fish and wildlife thrive in and along the magnificent rivers and coastlines of this rugged area.

The peninsula, which is roughly the size of California, contains vast watersheds that remain healthy and free-flowing from headwaters to ocean. In many ways, this area is still as Kamchatkan natives have experienced the land for thousands of years—unaltered by human development and extremely biologically productive.



Natalia Pustovit

Conserving 6 Million Acres of Salmon Ecosystems

Wild Salmon Center is now working with Russian partners to promote conservation and sustainable management plans on 6,000,000 acres of Kamchatkan salmon ecosystems. This includes watershed complexes that are eligible to become national or regional parks, or become salmon protected areas where management is carefully planned and controlled.

"The proposal is a milestone in the management of an important resource—it will be a precedent," said Andrei Klimenko, International Relations Director of the Wild Salmon Center. "There is nothing like this anywhere else."

An International Partnership

To proactively safeguard this amazing sustainable resource, Wild Salmon Center and Russian experts are galvanizing international interest and investment to conserve this immense wilderness.

Among other efforts, Wild Salmon Center is working with Russian and American scientists to gather important biological data to further our understanding of wild salmon ecosystems. A centerpiece of this scientific effort is the biostations on the Kol and Utkholok Rivers, where research illustrates precisely what makes a salmon ecosystem so productive and how integral salmon are to the health of freshwater systems. These "living laboratories" will inform conservation and river management approaches throughout the Pacific Rim now and in the years to come.

These scientific efforts, along with the recent creation of the Kol River Salmon Protected Area – a 544,000 acre headwaters-to-ocean preserve – have gained the support of the United Nations Development Programme, which has partnered with the Global Environmental Facility to fund a complimentary multi-year Russian effort to sustain wild salmon biodiversity in Kamchatka.

"This initiative is magnificent. It is important not only for people who live today, for contemporary people, but for future generations."

– Dr. Dimitry S. Pavlov, Director of the A. N. Severtsov Institute of Ecology and Evolution at the Russian Academy of Sciences

Above: Salmon research being conducted at the Utkholok biostation, Russia.
Right: Kol River, Kamchatka, Russia.



Guido Rahr

Kamchatka Program

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Creating a Regional Network of Wild Salmon Rivers

The historic Kol Salmon Refuge designation in 2006 has led to an opportunity to create a regional network of salmon protected areas encompassing 6,000,000 acres of near pristine habitat. Invited by the Kamchatka Administration, the Wild Salmon Center and our main partner on Kamchatka, Wild Fishes and Biodiversity Foundation, have engaged in an effort to protect priority salmon rivers – the Opala, Utkholok, Oblukovina, Kolpakova and Zhupanova Rivers. Wild Fishes and Biodiversity Foundation has completed rapid assessments, developed the necessary documentation for formal nomination of the potential new protected areas, and submitted documentation packages for the Opala and Oblukovina Rivers. Protected area designation on these two rivers is targeted for 2008 and 2009.

Promoting Salmon Conservation with Russian Officials

Wild Fishes and Biodiversity Foundation hosted a wide range of government officials at the Kol Biostation to help promote salmon conservation in Russia. In June, more than 40 key leaders of regional governments visited the Kol river, including Vice-Governors of Kamchatka, the Governor of Sakhalin, the President of Sakha Republic (Yakutia), the Regional Representative of President Putin, representatives of federal agencies from Moscow, and leaders in the scientific and business communities.



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International Workshops

In partnership with the UN Development Programme and US Forest Service, the Wild Salmon Center sponsored a workshop on protected area management. This event was a starting point for a series of trainings and workshops for the staff of Salmon Protected Areas. Additionally, Wild Salmon Center worked with The Nature Conservancy to introduce Conservation Action Planning (CAP) methodology to colleagues from Kamchatka and Sakhalin.

Science Council Convened for Kol Salmon Refuge

In 2007, the Science Council for the Kol River Salmon Protected Area was formally convened. The Council provides general oversight on management for the area along with a detailed workplan for 2008 management activities. Council members include: Kol Protected Area Management; Kamchatka Departments of Natural Resources, Forestry, and Veterinary and Phytosanitary Oversight; Sobelev District Administration; Wild Fishes and Biodiversity Foundation; local branch of the Federal Committee on Fisheries; Kamchatrybvod; Kamchatka

Branch of Pacific Institute of Geography; KamchatNIRO; UN Development Programme's Salmon Program; and Kamchatgazprom.

MOU Signed with Kamchatka Natives

Wild Salmon Center's Russian partner, the Wild Fishes and Biodiversity Foundation, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Thshanom Council of Kamchatka Itelmen. The two parties agree to cooperate and assist each other in development of the anticipated Utkholok River Salmon Protected Area, also a Territory of Traditional Use.

US–Russia Agreement on Environmental Protection

Wild Salmon Center worked with Russian partners and the US Fish & Wildlife Service to secure inclusion of activities to “promote sound management of salmon populations in both countries” in the 2007-2008 US–Russia Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Protection of the Environment and Natural Resources. The language of the agreement allows for “the possibility of creating a network

of high priority salmon rivers to conserve biodiversity and maintain abundance for sustainable use of North Pacific wild salmon populations,” and lays a foundation for the development of a Russian network strategy.

International Field Research on Kol and Utkholok Biostations

Wild Salmon Center provided financial and organizational support in operating two field research projects at the Kol and Utkholok biostations operated by the Wild Fishes and Biodiversity Foundation from early May to October 2007. Salmonid scientists from Moscow State University, Institute of Ecology and Evolution, and University of Montana's Flathead Lake Biological Station successfully completed their research objectives. The field research in Kamchatka is part of a large-scale research program called the Salmonid Rivers Observatory Network (SaRON). The SaRON Project, managed by WSC board member Dr. Jack Stanford, is studying salmonid productivity and life history diversity in targeted pristine rivers throughout the Pacific Rim.

Left and Above: Kol Biostation research team and station, Russia.

Sakhalin Salmon Initiative

Sakhalin Island and its surrounding waters are rich with great biological wealth, containing some of the Pacific Rim's rarest and most commercially valuable populations of salmon. Salmon provide for almost half of the island's rural employment, and over 32,000 jobs are linked to the salmon fishery.



"Sakhalin Energy is pleased to play a meaningful role in such a landmark sustainable development for the island. This is a special collaboration as the Wild Salmon Center is leveraging our contribution with matching support from other sponsors, thus maximizing the benefit." – Sakhalin Energy's CEO, Ian Craig

Above: Watershed analysis, Sakhalin, Russia.
Right: Pilenga River, Sakhalin, Russia.

Wild Salmon Center has come together with the people of Sakhalin to share knowledge and help communities find ways to sustainably manage salmon while avoiding some of the conservation and development missteps made in other regions of the Pacific Rim.

Launched in 2006, the Sakhalin Salmon Initiative (SSI) is a collaborative effort to promote conservation and sustainable use of wild salmon and the ecosystems upon which they depend, to build institutional capacity for conservation, and to promote sustainable economic development on Sakhalin Island, Russia. The SSI brings together businesses, local communities, commercial fishermen, government agencies, academic institutions, and nonprofits in an ambitious public-private partnership that is leading salmon conservation efforts in the Russian Far East.

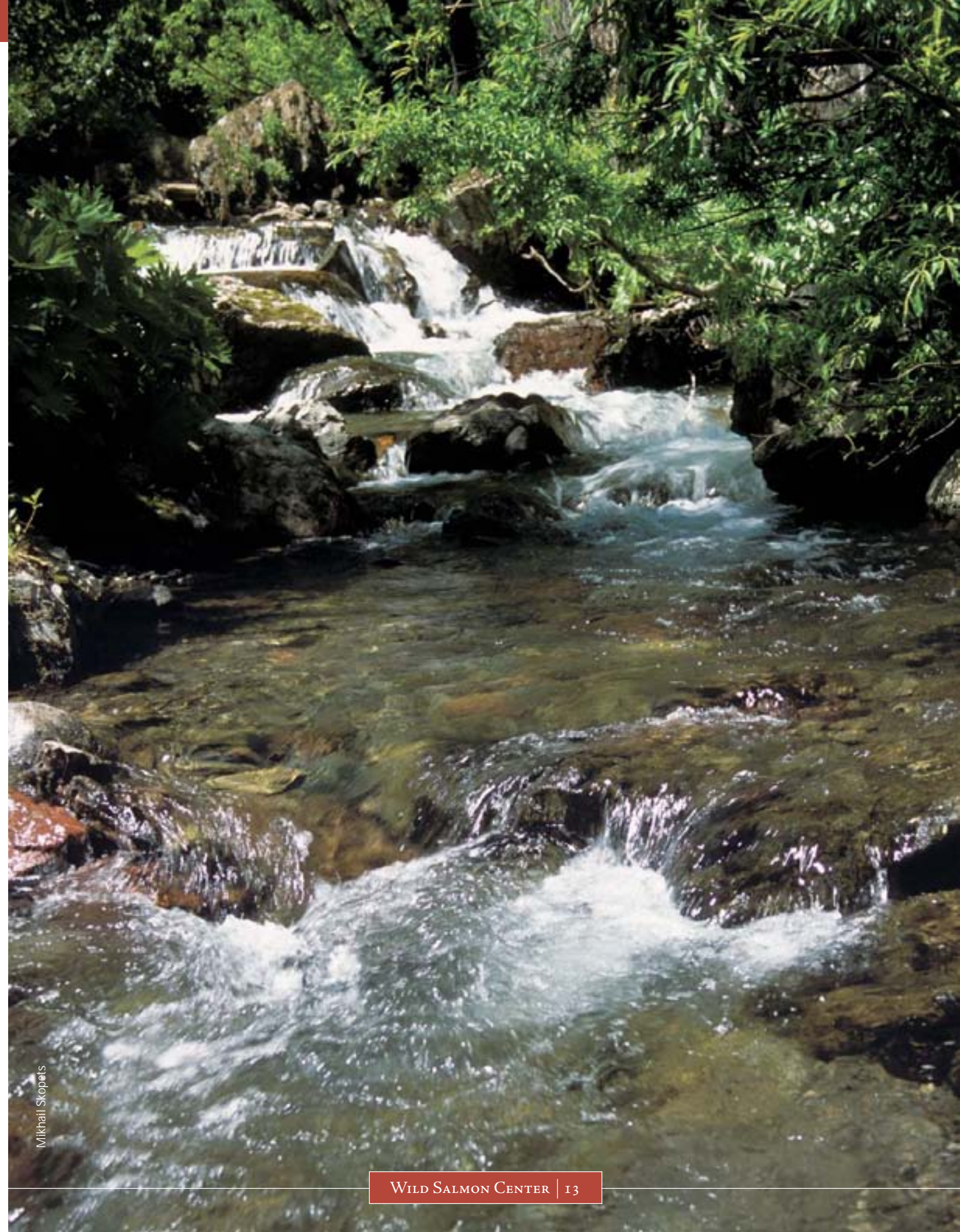
Sakhalin Salmon Initiative partners work to ensure that salmon habitat is restored, poaching reduced, protected areas strengthened, and that salmon continue to produce positive, long-term benefits for the people of Sakhalin. Significant rivers for wild salmon include the Langri, Bolshaya, Vengeri, and Pursh-Pursh Rivers.

Milestones in 2007

In 2007, the SSI reached several milestones that will lay the foundation for salmon conservation in years to come. In April 2007, the partnership opened the Sakhalin Salmon Initiative Center in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia. The current staff of seven manages the partnership's conservation activities and actively works with all SSI partners.

In August 2007, the SSI celebrated a conservation victory when Governor Khoroshavin of Sakhalin established the Vostochnii Refuge in northeast Sakhalin. The 165,000 acre refuge protects two entire ocean-draining basins, the Vengeri and Pursh-Pursh Rivers, and supports numerous healthy populations of salmon.

In December 2007, the Wild Salmon Center and the Sakhalin Energy Investment Company, Ltd. worked to finalize a landmark agreement that jointly funds a three-year \$8.8 million program for wild salmon conservation efforts on the Island.



Mikhail Skopets

Sakhalin Salmon Initiative

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Vostochnii Refuge Established in Northeast Sakhalin

Governor Khoroshavin of Sakhalin signed an order officially establishing the Vostochnii Refuge in northeast Sakhalin. The 165,000 acre refuge protects two entire ocean-draining basins, the Vengeri and Pursh-Pursh Rivers, and supports healthy populations of pink, chum and coho salmon, as well as char and other salmonids. The refuge protects some of the last remaining intact forest ecosystems of Sakhalin, and includes a 2km marine buffer to protect endangered sea lions.

Through the Sakhalin Salmon Initiative, we will work with Sakhalin Environment Watch and the Sakhalin Administration to ensure effective protection of the refuge. Vostochnii is located in the Smirnikhovsk District of Sakhalin, which is also a proposed site for a sustainable fisheries pilot project. Therefore, this particular area presents an exciting opportunity to showcase a combination of approaches to salmon conservation and sustainable management.

The Sakhalin Salmon Initiative "is an unconditional success and wonderful example of regional cooperation between Russia and the USA."

– Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Greenpeace



Maki Yamamoto

Evaluated 200 Sakhalin Rivers for Salmon Health

The Sakhalin Salmon Initiative gathered Russian and American experts to complete a regional prioritization of wild salmon rivers for Sakhalin, Russia. More than 200 rivers were ranked using Wild Salmon Center's Pacific Salmon Conservation Assessment in conjunction with the knowledge and opinions of 20 Russian fisheries experts. The Sakhalin Administration approved the results of the Sakhalin prioritization workshop, and the priorities that emerged are providing the basis for major SSI conservation initiatives. Results were published in the "Proceedings of Sakhalin Fisheries and Oceanography Institute" (SakhNIRO).

Opened Sakhalin Salmon Initiative Center

On April 2, 2007 we celebrated the opening of the SSI Center, a new, local nonprofit in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk formed to lead the implementation of SSI activities. At the same time, a coordinating committee was formed to steer the initiative and provide guidance to the SSI Center. These partners signed a cooperative agreement

in May 2007, entitled "Agreement on Cooperation on Protection of the Environment and Natural Resources of Sakhalin Oblast," articulating joint environmental, economic and social goals, as well as a commitment to improving communication and cooperation to achieve the shared goals.

International SSI Monitoring Workshop

Wild Salmon Center supported and presented at the International Sakhalin Salmon Initiative Monitoring Workshop to share respective methodologies and to create a new salmon monitoring program within the SSI. Methodologies for the program were drawn from both Sakhalin and the United States. Implementation of a joint monitoring approach will begin at pilot sites in 2008.

Developed a Watershed Restoration Program on the Dzhimdan River

A joint US Forest Service/Wild Salmon Center team conducted a collaborative workshop on Sakhalin on how to develop a community-based watershed and fish habitat

restoration program on the Dzhimdan River. Primary participants in the multi-year project include: the US Forest Service; Sakhalin Energy; Wild Salmon Center; the Russian Forest Service; Sakhalin Fishing Management Agency (SAKRYBVOD); representatives and members of the local indigenous community; and the residents of Nogliki.

Hosted Trip to Oregon for Vice Governor of Sakhalin

Viktor Nagornii, the Vice Governor of Sakhalin, visited Oregon to learn more about Wild Salmon Center and our local programs, visit restoration and education sites, and find out more about Oregon's efforts to mark hatchery fish and mitigate hatchery fish impacts on wild populations.

Above: Vostochnii coast, Sakhalin, Russia.
Left: Spawning Taimen, Sakhalin, Russia.

State of the Salmon Consortium

The State of the Salmon Consortium is central to Wild Salmon Center's science-based conservation approach. A joint project of Wild Salmon Center and Ecotrust, the consortium convenes salmon experts and scientists to assess salmon status and tackle emerging issues such as global warming, marine carrying capacity and salmon biocomplexity.



Anatoly Semenchenko

Accomplishments

First range-wide status assessment for Pacific salmon submitted for approval to the World Conservation Union's (IUCN) Species Survival Commission. State of the Salmon led an innovative new study that shows significant population declines of sockeye salmon in key river basins across the Pacific Rim. The study was a collaboration between State of the Salmon and the IUCN Salmonid Specialist Group. The report is currently in

review, and results are expected to be released publicly in 2008. The study is the first of its kind to identify subpopulations of salmon as threatened on the IUCN Red List, and provides a new, objective way of marking progress toward achieving conservation goals for the species at a global scale.

Published the first Salmonid Field Protocols Handbook for use by field practitioners and adoption by the Bonneville Power Administration and state agencies. This book describes a standard set of monitoring protocols and best practices that decision-makers and funding organizations can adopt and practitioners can use to generate, maintain, and share high quality field data on salmonids. Well over four dozen fisheries experts contributed to creating the most reliable protocols for enumerating salmonids in the field. Presented in an easy to use format, each of the 18 peer-reviewed protocols covers objectives, sample design, data handling, personnel and operational requirements, and field and office techniques, including survey forms.

Published peer-reviewed article on sockeye salmon monitoring efforts in British Columbia and Alaska in the Bulletin of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission. The authors describe and compare current monitoring programs for sockeye salmon in Bristol Bay, Alaska and the Fraser River, British Columbia. The authors conclude that approximately four times more effort is committed to monitoring sockeye salmon escapement in the Fraser River compared to Bristol Bay. The paper recommends expanding monitoring in Bristol Bay to include more effort at counting adults on spawning grounds.



Guido Rahr

Russian Far East Mainland

On the Russian Far East mainland, Wild Salmon Center is focusing conservation efforts on the Koppri River, the Samarga River, and the Shantar Islands. These magnificent rivers and islands support threatened species, numerous productive salmon runs, and provide habitat for a large variety of marine mammals.

For over a decade, Wild Salmon Center has helped bring together fishermen, community leaders, government officials, businesses, scientists, and nonprofits to study, design and implement practical conservation strategies in these river basins.

Accomplishments

The Shantar Islands. In 2007, Wild Salmon Center supported a series of expeditions to the Shantars. The Russian Federal and Khabarovsk Regional Ministries of Natural Resources have shown strong public support for the creation of the Shantar Islands National Park.

The Koppri River. Wild Salmon Center, Khabarovsk Wildlife Foundation and other partners have completed an initial assessment of the Koppri River and are preparing recommendations for protected area creation, and development of a unique public-private management model for the 1,800,000 acre basin.

The Samarga River. Wild Salmon Center completed and recommended an aquatic conservation plan for the 2,000,000 acre Samarga River Basin. This plan was informed by WSC field expeditions conducted over the past two years. The plan has already been useful in guiding logging activities away from key salmon habitat. Wild Salmon Center staff have presented their results at several national and international scientific conferences.

Russian Far East Market Work. Wild Salmon Center organized an international workshop with fishermen, leading nonprofits and seafood industry representatives to seed an economic constituency for sustainable salmon fisheries in the Russian Far East. The workshop was well attended and laid the groundwork for a region-wide agenda for sustainable fisheries.

Establishment of the Russian Salmon Fund. In 2007, Wild Salmon Center supported an initiative led by Russian partners to create the Russian Salmon Fund in Moscow. The Russian Salmon Fund will provide leadership and galvanize domestic political and financial support for the conservation and sustainable use of Russia's salmon

resource. They plan to develop into a strong strategic partner and co-funder of many joint projects.



Japan

In northern Japan, Wild Salmon Center is working with local partners, scientists, government agencies and private land owners to protect the last free-flowing salmon rivers in the region.

Accomplishments

Shiretoko World Heritage Site. Wild Salmon Center contributed to the development of Japan's newest international protected area, the Shiretoko World Heritage Site. WSC's involvement led to the formation of the first interagency government commission in Japan to develop a holistic wild salmon management plan. Additionally, we supported the removal/modification of two dams, enhancing fish passage for natural spawning.

Sarufutsu River. Wild Salmon Center hosted a public symposium and community event for the critically endangered Sakhalin taimen in the Sarufutsu River, one of the last wild salmon strongholds in Hokkaido, Japan. A WSC-supported nonprofit in Japan successfully fought for a major re-meandering project on the Sarufutsu River leading to improved habitat for Sakhalin taimen, masu salmon and other wild salmonids.

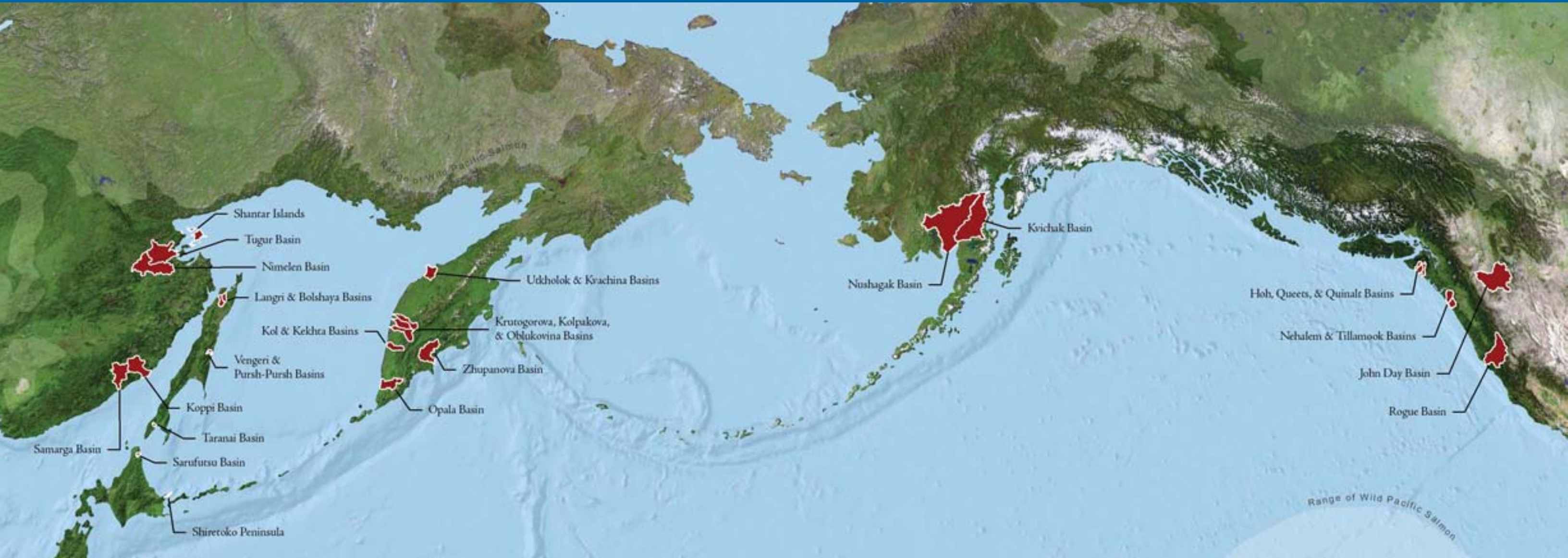
Left: Samarga River, Russia.

Top Left: Masu salmon.

Above: Sarufutsu River Community Event, Japan.

The North Pacific Ecosystem

Wild Salmon Center's work focuses on conserving globally significant salmon rivers across the North Pacific. This map identifies priority areas where the Wild Salmon Center is working to form the foundation for a larger network of salmon protected areas across the Pacific Rim.



By saving salmon ecosystems we also protect eagles, bears, sea lions, whales and a host of other fish and wildlife that rely on salmon. By protecting these places, we also ensure that healthy salmon runs support sustainable economies, clean water, and healthy forests.

A horizontal strip of four small images. From left to right: 1. A group of people on a boat fishing in the ocean. 2. A brown bear and two cubs on a rocky shore. 3. A group of sea lions resting on a rocky beach. 4. A bald eagle in flight over the ocean. Vertical text 'Ben Knight' is on the left side of the second image, and 'Greenpeace' is on the right side of the third image.

Statement of Activities*

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007

	2007
	<i>In thousands</i>
REVENUE	
Foundations	\$2,281
Individuals	1,477
Governments	93
Corporations	162
Investments and other income	338
Total revenue	4,351
EXPENSES	
Program Services:	
North America Salmon Biodiversity Program	960
Kamchatka Salmon Biodiversity Program	1,172
Kamchatka Subgrants	1,236
Russian Far East Salmon Biodiversity Program	432
Russian Far East Subgrants	378
State of the Salmon	400
Principles of Salmon Conservation	221
Japan	55
Support Services:	
Management and General	643
Development and Fundraising	494
Total expenses	5,991
Change in net assets from operations	(1,640)
Disposal of business segment	(590)
Net assets at the beginning of the year	6,404
Net assets at the end of the year	\$4,174

* **Net Assets:** Generous pledges in prior years allowed Wild Salmon Center to expand programs in FY 2007. The lower half of the Statement of Activities shows net assets of \$6,404,000 on December 31, 2006. This sum includes multi-year gifts that were received in 2006 for future year activities, of which \$3,129,000 was designated for 2007 activities. At the end of FY 2007, WSC still has significant funding available for future years, with \$1,440,000 designated for activities in 2008 and a total of \$4,174,000 in net assets reflected on the balance sheet.

Accounting standards require that we record revenue in the year that a donor makes a pledge or commitment to WSC, even if the funding is for future years. The net assets section thus records the amount of committed funding available to WSC for future years. These pledges are a source of stability and strength for WSC.



Wild Salmon Center has received a four-star rating of excellence from Charity Navigator, which evaluates the financial health of 4,000 of America's largest charities. Charity Navigator noted that, "The Wild Salmon Center has demonstrated exceptional

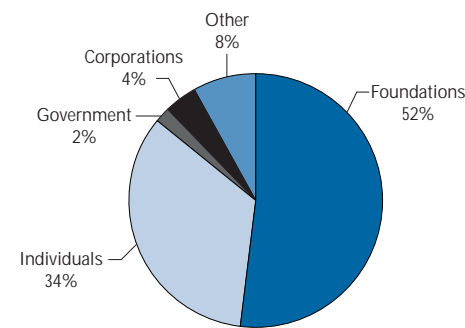
financial health, outperforming most of its peers in its efforts to manage and grow its finances in the most responsible way possible ...supporters can be assured that the Wild Salmon Center is worthy of their trust and commitment."



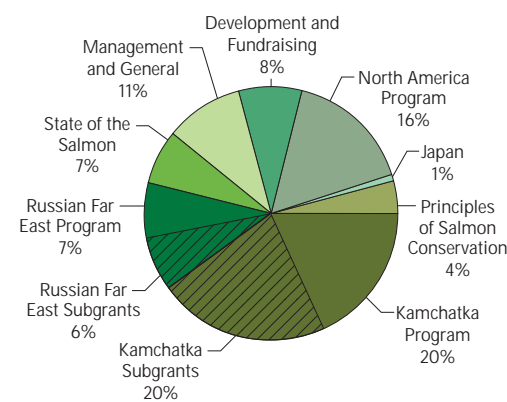
Wild Salmon Center has been awarded The Independent Charities "Best in America" Seal of Excellence by the Independent Charities of America and Local Independent Charities of America. This signifies that, upon rigorous independent review, the organization met the

highest standards of public accountability, as well as program and cost effectiveness.

FY 2007 Operation Revenue: \$4.4 Million



FY 2007 Total Expenses: \$6 Million



Ken Morrish, Fly Water Travel

PARTNERS

United States

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
 Audubon Society of Portland
 Bonneville Power Administration
 Bureau of Land Management
 California Department of Fish and Game
 California Trout
 Coast Range Association
 Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
 The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
 Conservation Angler
 The Conservation Fund
 Conservation International
 CIPAM - Consortium for Int'l Protected Area Management
 Ecotrust
 Environmental Protection Agency
 Flathead Lake Biological Station, University of Montana
 Hoh River Trust
 Hoh Tribe
 Idaho Office of Species Conservation
 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 Native Fish Society
 The Nature Conservancy
 The North Umpqua Foundation
 Northwest Power and Conservation Council
 Olympic National Park
 Olympic Park Institute
 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Oregon Governor's Office
 Oregon State University
 Oregon Trout
 Pacific Environment
 Quileute Tribe
 The Sonoran Institute
 Sustainable Fisheries Partnership
 Tillamook Bay National Estuary Project
 Trout Unlimited
 University of Washington
 US Fish and Wildlife Service
 USDA Forest Service
 US Forest Service International Programs

US Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station
 US Geological Survey, Biological Resource Division
 Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Washington Salmon Recovery Office
 Washington Trout
 Western Rivers Conservancy
 Wild Steelhead Coalition
 World Wildlife Fund

Russia

Agzu Indigenous Co-op (Obshchina)
 Biodiversity Conservation Center
 Bureau for Regional Outreach Campaigns
 DVS-Tours (Magadan)
 Ecodal (Khabarovsk)
 Far Eastern State University
 Greenpeace Russia
 International Socio-Ecological Union
 Interregional Association of Independent Tour Operators
 International Riverfoundation
 ISAR-Far East (Vladivostok)
 Kamchatka Ecotourism Society
 Kamchatka Environmental Protection Committee
 Kamchatka League of Independent Experts
 Kamchatka Regional Government
 Kamchatka State University
 Kamchatka Technical University
 KamchatNIRO
 Khabarovsk Division TINRO
 Khabarovsk Wildlife Foundation
 Krechet Hunting & Fishing Society
 Moscow State University, Biological Faculty, Ichthyology Department
 Russian Academy of Sciences
 Institute of Biological Problems of the North,
 Institute of Biology and Soil Sciences, Vladivostok,
 Institute of Ecology and Evolution, Institute of Water and Ecological Problems,
 Kamchatka Branch of the Pacific Institute of Geography

"WSC understands how important partnerships are to accomplishing ambitious conservation initiatives. I'm proud to play a part in the North American Salmon Stronghold Partnership, joining leaders from state and federal agencies, nonprofits, tribes, local organizations and recovery boards to make a difference for the future of salmon ecosystems." – Sara LaBorde, Special Assistant to the Director, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife



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 Sakhalin Energy Investment Company
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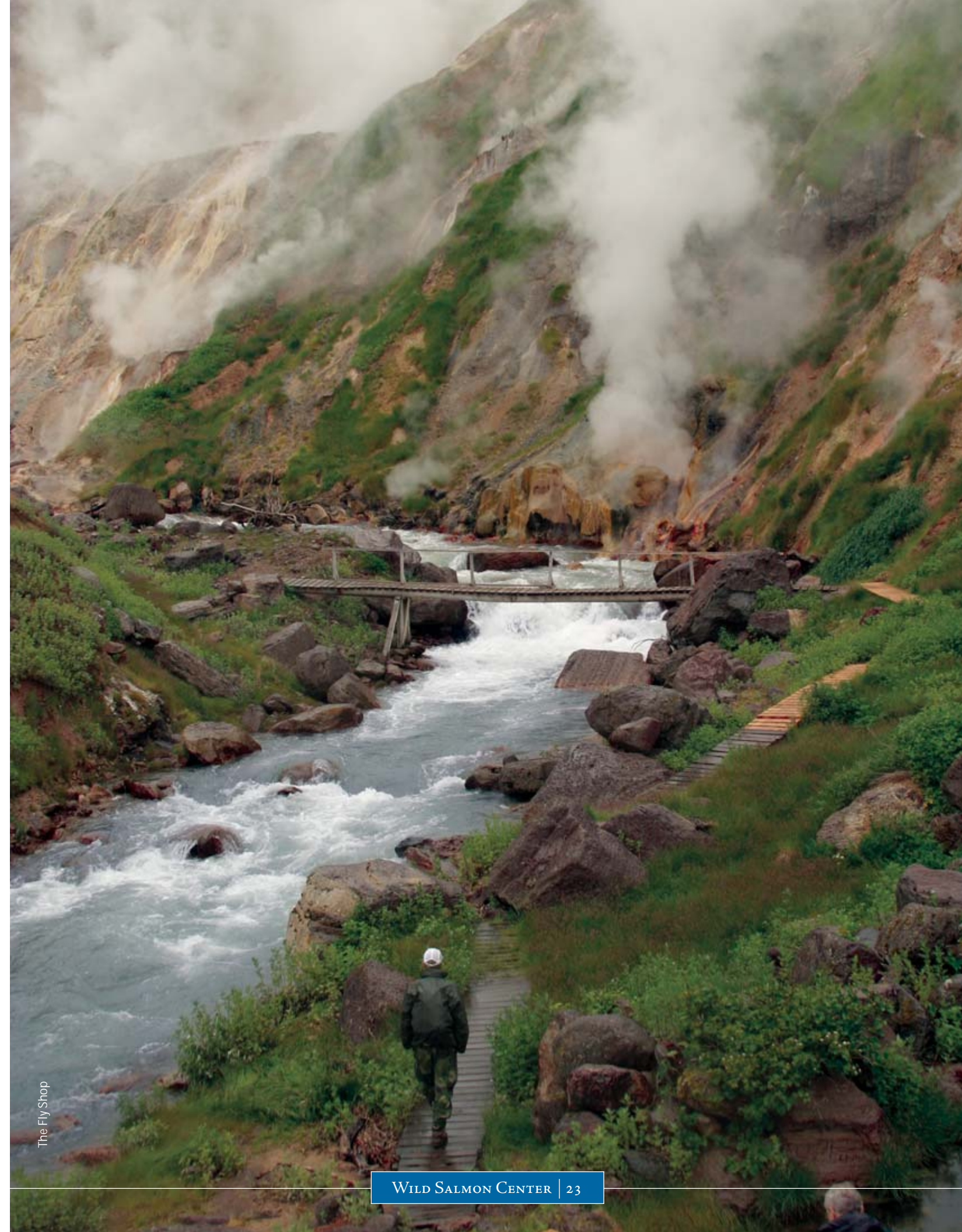
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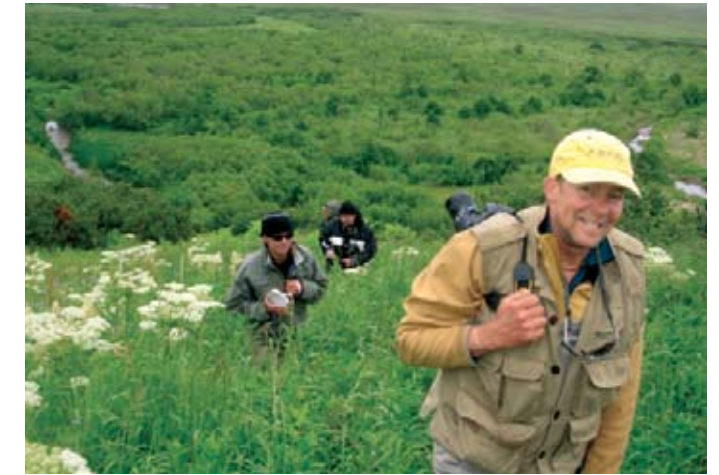
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