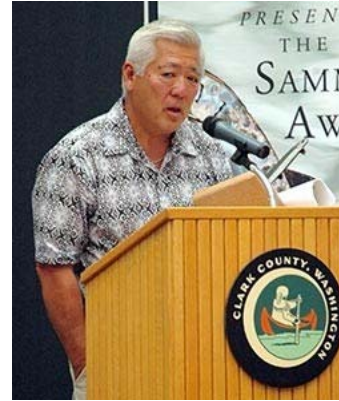


2007 Sammy Award Winners

Richard Doi

Richard Doi grew up surfing in Hawaii and lived as an adult in the Midwest. But it was the beauty of the Northwest that beckoned him when choosing a home for his retirement. From almost the moment Richard Doi arrived in Clark County several years ago, he became a very active member of volunteer organizations such as Fish First and Friends of the East Fork. As Treasurer for Fish First Richard secures grants, manages relationships with construction companies and manages cash flow. His volunteer efforts don't stop in the office. Richard worked very closely on the 2006 Swanson Side Channel project, manages the Fish First's nursery, and is the primary contact with the AmeriCorps teams that assist on many projects. Richard Doi's volunteer efforts also extend to education and outreach. He has lectured at the Watershed Stewardship Training Classes, trained AmeriCorps personnel on habitat restoration techniques, and sets up a booth at the Hewlett-Packard Earth Day summit each year. Richard Doi's well-rounded salmon recovery efforts make him a clear choice for a Sammy Award.



Ellen Leigh

The land owned by Ellen Leigh looks much the same as most lands that have been in agricultural use for the last 70 years. After years of grazing along the Lockwood Creek, stream conditions were not exactly what fish were looking for. The streambank was void of native vegetation, the channel was highly incised and there was little large woody debris to provide cover or structure. Wanting to correct the problem, Ellen Leigh and her property manager, Jim Maxwell, began working with Clark Public Utilities' StreamTeam program to develop a plan to improve salmon habitat on her property. Both were eager to do whatever it took to develop a successful project. With help from AmeriCorps volunteers, the Department of Natural Resources and others over 17,000 trees were planted on 20 acres along 3100 lineal feet of stream. Also, with technical assistance from the Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group and construction by Mike Watters Excavation over 240 pieces of large woody debris were placed to provide channel structure, stability and habitat complexity. This work will build upon projects already completed on adjacent land downstream. Thanks to Ellen Leigh the improved habitat on Lockwood Creek will welcome Coho and Steelhead as they return to Clark County for generations to come.



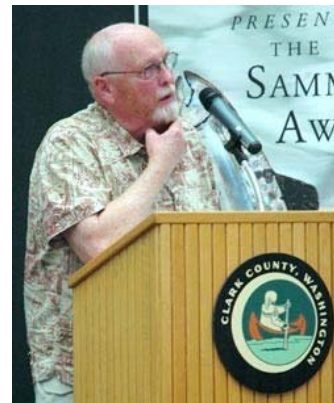
Les Greear

Even though he has retired from his career as a principal and teacher, Les Greear is still teaching and his lessons will ensure that a future generation learns salmon awareness. A long-time member of Fish First, Les Greear was instrumental in bringing the Woodland-based program to Ridgefield. He helped obtain an egg box at Ridgefield High School several years ago, and has been returning each year to help educate the students. In addition to teaching the students about caring for the salmon eggs he teaches them about maintenance of the egg box, releasing them into Gee Creek, and the importance of placing salmon carcasses into the creek. Les also mentors students for Ridgefield High School's Senior Project Program. Many of these students also participate in additional Fish First projects as a result of Les Greear's inspiration. Mr. Greear has been an excellent role model for salmon restoration by providing unique opportunities for students to learn from the information he has generously shared. Now, because of Les Greear, the students learn it, and will hopefully live it, and pass it on for many years to come.



Richard Kennon

Richard Kennon is involved in just about every salmon recovery organization in Clark County. The twelve different groups he is involved with include: The Native Fish Society, the Lower Columbia River Fish Enhancement Group, Friends of the East Fork, Washington Conservation Voters, and the Sierra Club just to name a few. With e-mail and telephone being his tools of choice much of his volunteer time is spent doing behind-the-scenes research and communication efforts. Richard Kennon works hard to understand legislation that might affect those working for salmon recovery in Clark County. He believes cooperation amongst the various fish agencies and volunteer groups is very important to restoring the native salmon he loves. Richard works tirelessly in communicating conservation issues to the local environmental community and making sure their individual efforts are disseminated to each other. While he performs the work of an unsung hero for these organizations it is clear to see Richard's passion for salmon recovery in the Northwest.



Caleb Ogier

When Caleb Ogier went to the Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center looking for an Eagle Scout project he wasn't going to settle for building benches or widening a trail. Caleb was looking for more than a project—he was looking for his passion. He found it in a restoration project at Woods Landing one of the last Chum



salmon spawning sites along the Lower Columbia River. Over a period of several months, Caleb organized work parties to remove debris and non-native plants from the site via a pulley system so as to not disturb the steep slope. Caleb and his volunteers also used logs from the site to build a natural retaining wall and installed biodegradable erosion matting. Even though Caleb has received his Eagle Scout award, his passion for the Woods Landing project continues as he works with City of Vancouver planners to obtain a permit for the construction of a permanent observation deck. He has also been appointed by the Columbia Land Trust as the Volunteer Land Steward for the site. As the youngest individual to receive a Sammy Award—we sincerely hope that others can be inspired by Caleb’s passion.

Michael Clapp

As a seventh grade science teacher for CAM Junior High in Battle Ground Michael Clapp began conducting water quality and macroinvertebrates studies in the East Fork Lewis River. What began as a lesson of local resources for his students resulted in a comprehensive macroinvertebrate guide and innovative website being used by students, agencies and professionals all over the country. Michael Clapp is not a water quality expert. He simply wanted his students to understand and make a connection to the living organisms in their local waterways. But once he started taking pictures and documenting information Michael felt compelled to share this information as a resource for others. His unique one-page guide is used by watershed specialists and volunteers and his website has been added to the list of resources on the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency’s biomonitoring website. Whether responding to requests from abroad or getting his students ready for the Watershed Congress, Michael Clapp’s enthusiasm and knowledge ensures that everyone he works with comes away with a better understanding of water quality, macroinvertebrates and the role they play in healthy streams for salmon.



Ivan and Gayla Rayworth

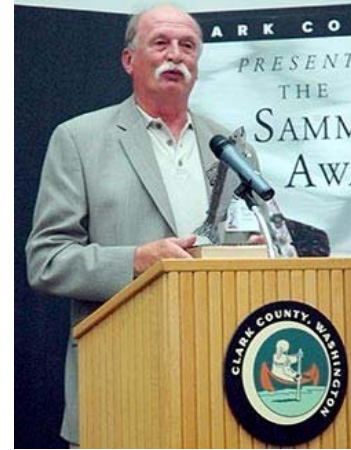
Ivan and Gayla Rayworth have lived on their Salmon Creek farm for over 30 years. It is where they raised their children, farmed and grazed cattle. Now, it is where they hope to help bring salmon back to Salmon Creek. The Rayworths teamed up with Clark Public Utilities Stream Team to restore 1,500 lineal feet of Salmon Creek that runs along their property. This very involved project included plantings of 9,000 native trees and adding large woody debris jams to protect eroding banks. Ivan, a watershed steward, had originally inquired about the possibility of creating a small buffer to better protect the creek. As the project grew to its current 11 acres including a 160-foot buffer, he needed to be assured of just one thing with each step of the process—that the results would be good for salmon recovery in Clark County. The Rayworth’s property sits prominently on 142nd Avenue and they hope it has the potential to inspire awareness in landowners along Salmon Creek and other citizens



to make a difference where they can. Thanks to the Rayworths ongoing commitment and resolve many acres of prime floodplain and riparian area in the heart of the Salmon Creek watershed have been restored as a fish haven.

Wilson Cady

As Union Environmental Representative for the Georgia Pacific Mill in Camas it is difficult to tell where Wilson Cady's professional life stops and his personal life starts. He is a dedicated volunteer and contributes to many environmental efforts in Clark County. Wilson has volunteered time on several Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership restoration projects including LaCamas Creek, Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge, the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, Gee Creek and Lake River. He has also made sure that native plants are donated to these projects through his work at Georgia Pacific where he established a native plant nursery on Lady Island. Wilson lends his expertise of native plants and riparian wildlife to help with the design of plantings and restoration projects and has been known to round up volunteers for planting events. Wilson Cady's extraordinary efforts don't end with restoration projects. He volunteers many hours in the area of environmental education by guiding interpretive hikes for students and has worked with Cub Scout and Girl Scout groups. Wilson Cady's renaissance approach to environmental stewardship is sure to breed a future generation committed to caring for and restoring habitat in Clark County.



2007 Certificate of Merit Winner

George Pacific Mill in Camas for their contributions to habitat restoration projects throughout Clark County.