



## WEST COAST SALMON SUMMIT

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Leo Kuntz, Nehalem Marine Manufacturing, Tide Gate Specialist

Dear Leo,

Congratulations and thank you! Your energy and expertise made the West Coast Salmon Summit (WCSS) a tremendous success for everyone involved.

On behalf of the WCSS Steering Committee, we wish to thank you for the invaluable contribution you made to the Summit. We deeply appreciate the time you took from your busy schedule to join us and sincerely thank you for sharing your insight and knowledge with our attendees. Your participation, presentation, and discussion made this a very special event.

The feedback we have received has been outstanding (with the dominant comment being there were *too many* outstanding presentations to attend). Many solutions and new ideas were generated due to this unique meeting of the minds involved in critical salmon recovery. It was wonderful to have so much accumulated knowledge at this event and the extreme willingness to share that knowledge with others. The expertise you provided was critical to the positive impact WCSS achieved.

We were fortunate to have a wide range of speakers from all arenas; education, nonprofits, businesses, agriculture, state agencies, federal agencies, higher education, and others. Our collective efforts and thoughts on best practices and innovation will ensure the future of our magnificent West Coast salmon. Having speakers from such diverse areas of expertise allowed our participants to fully envision the work being done to create a strong quilt of recovery. The opportunity to meet many of the people we have only read about, or had phone conversations with, also made this a very meaningful event.

This summit was not meant to be a single event, but the starting point for an annual opportunity to meet and share, creating new goals and building a future for salmon together. We have received so many favorable remarks about your energy and participation, and are hoping you will speak at the next Summit (tentatively scheduled for October 23, 24 & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014).



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Our steering committee and sponsors all volunteered their time and energy to create this first summit, and the finest reward any of us could have ever received was the wonderful reception and positive outcomes achieved...*and you...*made that possible. So once again, our deepest thanks for joining us in 2013. We could have never hoped for this amazing success without your presence.

Yours Sincerely,

The West Coast Salmon Summit Steering Committee Members

*Will Martin, member*