

THE FREEWHEELER

West Sound Cycling Club

The next General Meeting is

7 pm Wednesday Nov. 9

United Way Kitsap, 647 4th St, Bremerton, WA 98337

Next **WSCC Board Meeting** is Thurs., December 9, 5:30 pm

Location: Charlie Michel's home, 6088 Kingfisher Court
Bremerton, WA 98312

November 9 Chris Warmedahl presents:

WSCC in

Solvang California



Elections for the WSCC Board of Directors

Nominations are welcome during the November 9 meeting.

Current Nominees:

President - Paul Dutky running unopposed

Vice President - Court Hartranft running unopposed

Secretary - open - Brian Watson respectfully withdrew his nomination.

Treasurer - Debra Saldivar running unopposed

Volunteer positions:

Webmaster - Cary Blackburn

Refreshments Chair - currently open Volunteer?

Membership Coordinator - Carol Michel

WSCC Holiday Party

Our Christmas Dinner will be at the Kingston Village Green Community Center this year, starting at 6 pm, December 14.

The cost is \$15 per person (the club is subsidizing part of the cost) and can be paid online using the club event calendar.

We've bought a liquor permit for the evening, so BYOB! We will hold our customary Chinese gift exchange this year. Bring a wrapped gift that costs under \$10.

Dinner will be served by the folks who did such a great job in Kingston for TdK, Mi Sueño Catering.

Message from the President.

Apparel Purchase - Chris Susi did not feel there was enough interest in new club jerseys at the last meeting to pursue a purchase at this time. Primal requires at least 10 requests for a specific garment type to process an order. The quality of their clothing is good, but quality *and* a winning graphic is needed to motivate folks to place an order. Please send me your ideas for an inspiring graphic. I seek three or four designs for the membership to consider, with an eye towards a jersey order in the Spring.

TdK Reinvention Meeting Summary - Meeting participants did not want to stage the TdK outside Kitsap County. The consensus was that participants in the last TdK were separated from one another through multiple start locations, a large geographic region, and numerous possible routes. This isolated our riders, who often arrived at rest stops with few or no other riders present. The group felt that a mass start from one location on a challenging primary loop with shorter length options cutting back to the start location should ensure riders feel socially connected to the ride and all of its participants. This simplified organization would be less volunteer intensive, more cost-effective, and have fewer rest stops.

Six participants agreed to craft a new TdK route, and possibly rename it. Most key positions to coordinate and plan TdK were filled at the meeting, with a few important gaps. The board will decide on whether to organize a TdK for 2017 or wait until 2018 after it reviews route options and the club's ability to adequately staff and coordinate such an endeavor.

President's Message, continued . . .

Dyes inlet Loop - Two months ago the club voted to endorse a bike loop around Dyes Inlet hoping to create interest in this idea - to the betterment of both Bremerton and Silverdale. With the club's support, I brought this idea to the director of the Silverdale Chamber of Commerce, Kathleen Gordon. She has been looking for a family bike ride to compliment the annual Water Trails Festival on June 25, and liked the idea.

The Water Trails festival sponsors a paddle from Evergreen Park in Bremerton to Old Town Silverdale. The Dyes Inlet Loop connects these two locations. A meeting is planned for the week of November 14 to work out details.

I feel that WSCC should make this ride its highest priority for 2017, and will suggest this to the advocacy committee and board. The loop has several gaps that need bike infrastructure and clear signage to become a feasible family friendly ride. By sponsoring this ride, WSCC would help the community understand what an outstanding attraction this loop would make, and how it would benefit local transportation and strengthen the economy of both Bremerton and Silverdale. The loop would open the Navy's closed gate at Shorewood park (at least for a day), demonstrate the benefits of a bike and pedestrian connection between Navy Yard City and the Shipyard, and highlight the importance of completing an essential component of the Mosquito Fleet trail in Bremerton (a stated transportation priority since 2001).

The route would pass by or through Evergreen Park, the new Manette Bridge, Lions Park, Port Washington Narrows, Anna Smith Park, the new Bucklin Hill Bridge, Mill Park, Silverdale Waterfront Park, Old Town Silverdale, NAD Marine Park, View Point Park, Kiwanis Field, Puget Sound Naval Museum, Harborside Fountain Park, and return to Evergreen Park along newly bike-ped friendly facilities. It would bypass hazardous conditions on Kitsap Way, 6th, and 11th streets.

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**The WSCC online calendar of
events holds the most current
information regarding club rides.**

Upcoming Rides

November 10, this Thursday: We'll ride from REI in Silverdale to Seabeck for a coffee/snack break, and back via Chico Creek to check out the Chum Run - about 28 miles. Meet at REI at 10 am.

November 19th: Ted is leading a 40-ish mile ride on the newest section of the Olympic Discovery Trail west of Crescent Lake. Start at 10 am at the entrance to Sol Duc Hot Springs on highway 101 and peddle just past Sappho to check out Beaver Falls before heading to the Hungry Bear Cafe for pie, ice cream, lunch. Bring extra food just in case our only food stop opportunity is closed. Contact Ted if you'd like to carpool so he can help coordinate that. The full write up is in the event calendar.

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BICYCLE ADVOCACY

“LOW HANGING FRUIT”

At the request of Bremerton Public Works, the Advocacy committee has begun a focused project that needs your help: identifying “low hanging fruit” that public works can “fix” inexpensively with paint and signs during the next round of contracted road marking and striping in 2017.

Our hope is that next summer painted bicycle facilities will make our city a little safer for cyclists, pedestrians and vehicles. Road markings that define bicycle facilities make the road safer for everyone - whether we are driving or cycling, we know where we belong.

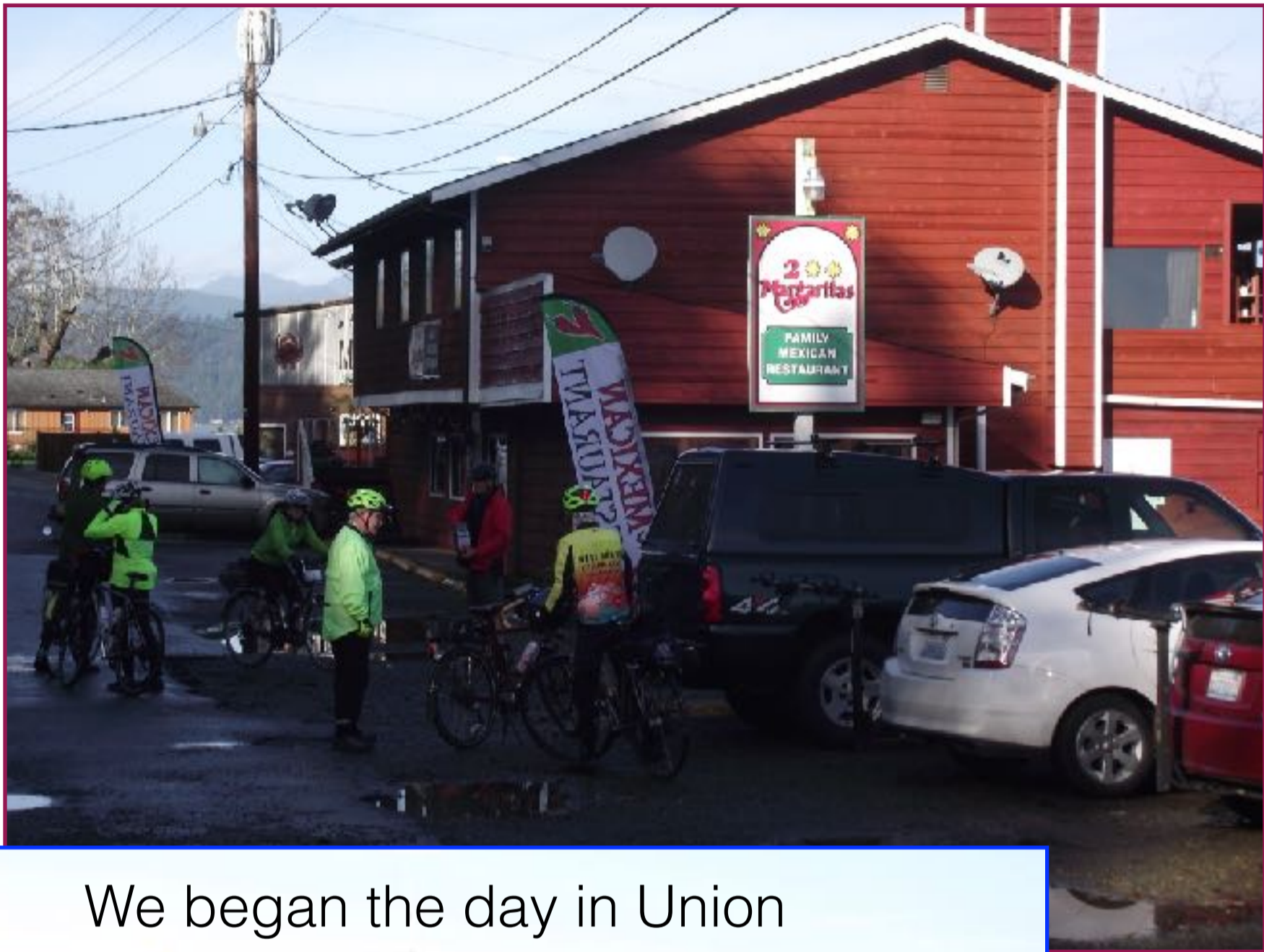
The advocacy committee chose 20 cycling roads within the city limits of Bremerton to begin our data collection process. We are measuring streets, lanes, sidewalks, and speed of cars in order to recommend a bike facility that makes sense for a particular location. We plan to share our recommendations with Public Works at our next quarterly meeting January 26th.

We are excited about this opportunity and are looking for club members to join us in this data collection period. We now have a measuring wheel that can quickly (and safely) measure road and lane widths. Call Paul Dutky ([360-479-2683](tel:360-479-2683)) if you would like to help with this project or use the measuring wheel.

The next Advocacy Meeting is November 23, 6:30 pm, Paul Dutky’s home at 6018 Peregrine Court, Bremerton. Committee members will present their data and proposals, and have these suggestions vetted by the group.

Photos from Recent Club Rides

Skokomish River Ride 11/3/2016



We began the day in Union



Looking across the Hood Canal to the North Shore

Fishermen gill-netting salmon







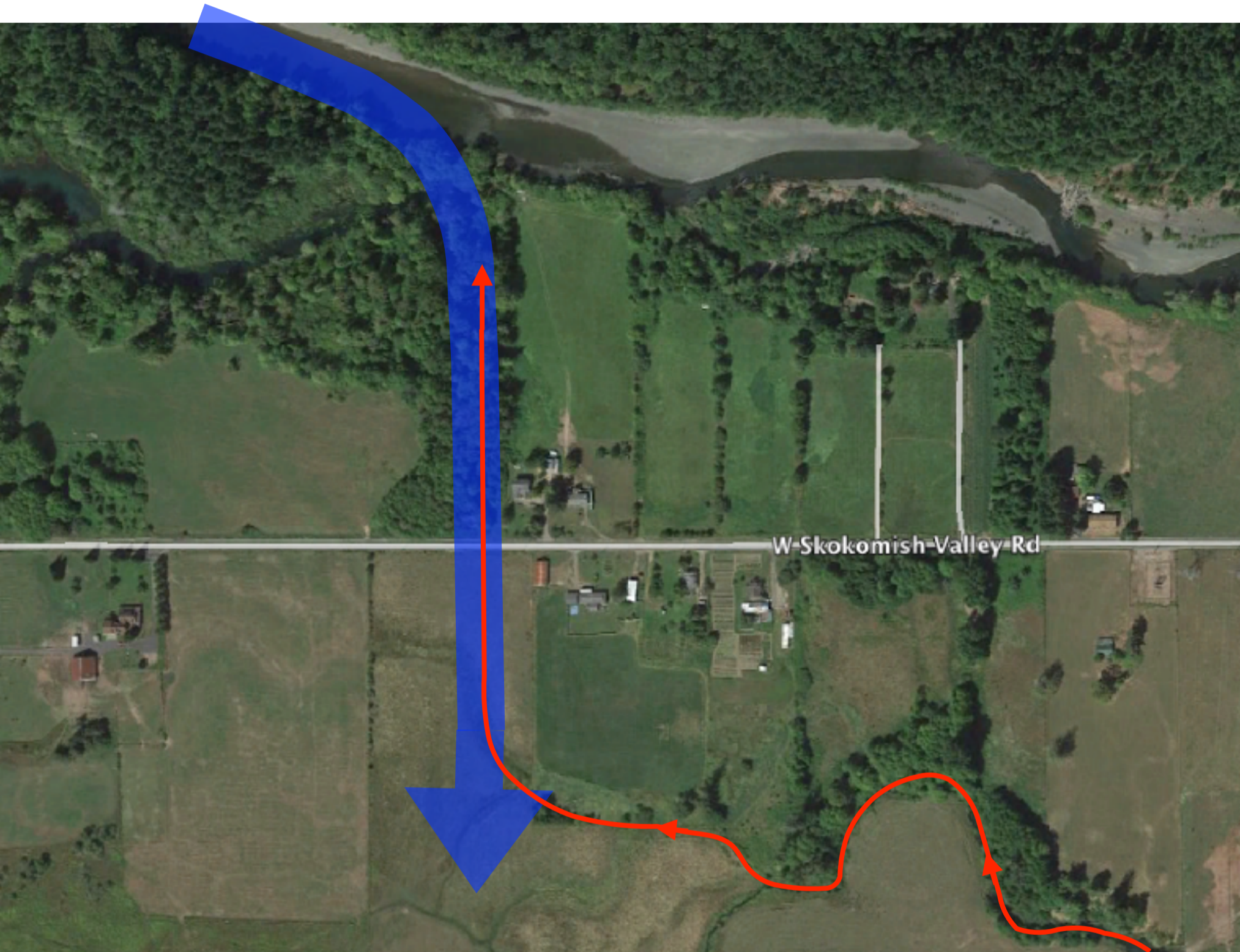
Skokomish River Valley

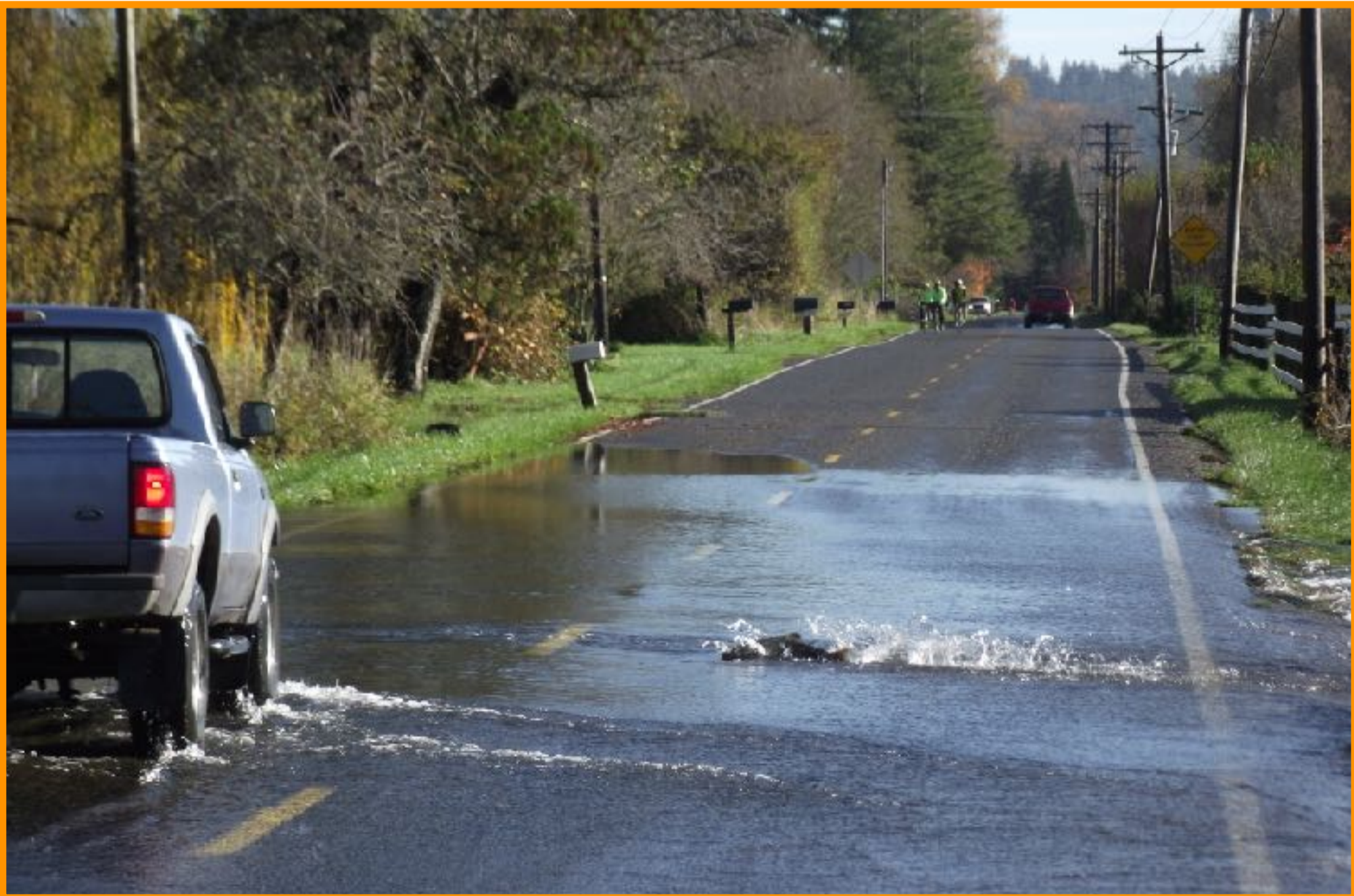


The Skokomish River poured over several sections of roadway and through open fields.



Salmon were swimming across farm fields toward the source of the flood.









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Our final destination, and lunch break, was the High Steel Bridge over the South Fork of the Skokomish River.



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