



Salmon Haven

Chico Creek and Dickerson Creek, a major tributary, are some of the most productive salmon streams in Kitsap County. You can expect to see mostly chum salmon, but may spot a coho once in a while.

On the site with the picnic shelter was a residential home built in 1923 that sat back from the road. The cedar fence you follow to view salmon would go through the home if it was there today. There was another home across Taylor Road on the corner of Northlake Way. Both of these properties experienced flooding, with the Northlake Way home's garage tilting toward the creek. Both properties were purchased by Kitsap County and the houses were removed to make way for a stream restoration project completed in 2016. This project and another upstream on David Road:

- o replaced old culverts with larger fish-passable culverts;
- o removed streambank armoring;
- o removed an old, failing fish ladder;
- o restored the floodplain;
- o enhanced in-stream and riparian conditions;
- o reduced flooding;
- o improved habitat;

- o added over 270 pieces of woody material to the stream to trap sediment and create pools for fish;
- o planted over 9,000 native trees and shrubs in the streamside areas, minimizing erosion and providing shade and needed habitat; and
- o provided over a mile of access to upstream habitat—identified as some of the best spawning and rearing habitat for chum salmon in the Chico Creek watershed.