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For immediate release. Please announce the following not-for-profit event:

Finalists Announced for the 2008 Wild Salmon Hall of Fame

Fall is in the air, and as the Wild Salmon return to our rivers the Pacific Northwest Salmon Center is preparing for the 6th annual Wild Salmon Hall of Fame celebration. The gala award ceremony will be held September 13, 2008, at the Admiral Theater in Bremerton, WA.

Nominations were solicited from organizations and individuals across the Pacific Northwest with a number of dedicated people being submitted for the award. The nominees were then narrowed down to five finalists. Inductees to the Hall of Fame will be celebrated at the event on September 13th, and will receive a prestigious award honoring their dedication to the restoration and protection of Wild Salmon. The award is a bronze casting of a remarkable sculpture by Dr. Al Adams, depicting the spawning dance of Wild Salmon.

The 2008 Wild Salmon Hall of Fame final nominees are:

- Donald Bayes -Teacher of agriculture and conservation for the Stanwood School District, now retired.
- Richard Endicott - Lifelong resident of Hood Canal and an employee of Long Live the Kings.
- Christine Keff - A chef who has dedicated her culinary career to sustainability and sustainable seafood.
- Dick Knight - Environmental Engineer who left behind a legacy of his devotion to salmon, water quality and environmental conservation. (posthumous nomination)
- Earl Sande - Currently writes a column for The Sports Paper in which he strives to educate the public about wild salmon and other aquatic life.

The inductees will be selected by the Wild Salmon Hall of Fame Final Selections Committee:

- Charles Corrarino, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Program Manager
- Congressman Norm Dicks
- Billy Frank Jr., Chairman, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
- Jeff Koenings, Director of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Bill Ruckelshaus, Chairman, Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council

This year the speaker will be **David R. Montgomery**, Professor of Geomorphology at University of Washington and author of *King of Fish: The Thousand Year Run of Salmon*. The event will also include a live and silent auction, music by the Randy Baugh Band, drinks, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert and a program about the final nominees and winner. You are invited to join us at the event honoring these five people who work so hard for our Wild Salmon. Seating is limited, tickets are \$75 and can be obtained

through the Pacific Northwest Salmon Center at 360-275-2763. Read more about the event, nominees and previous winners at www.pnwsalmoncenter.org/wshf.xml

Please call for more information and reservations.

Thank you,

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