



**Spring 2025**

## **PACIFIC NW SALMON: UNDERSTANDING THE CRISIS**

Ridgefield facility (7000 Pioneer Street), Room #208

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### **Course Description (Item #42613, Fee \$49):**

Dive into the critical challenges facing Pacific Northwest salmon populations. Explore the devastating impact of human activities, climate change, and habitat disruption of these vital species. Discover the ongoing efforts to protect and restore salmon habitats and learn what you can do to help safeguard the future of these iconic fish.

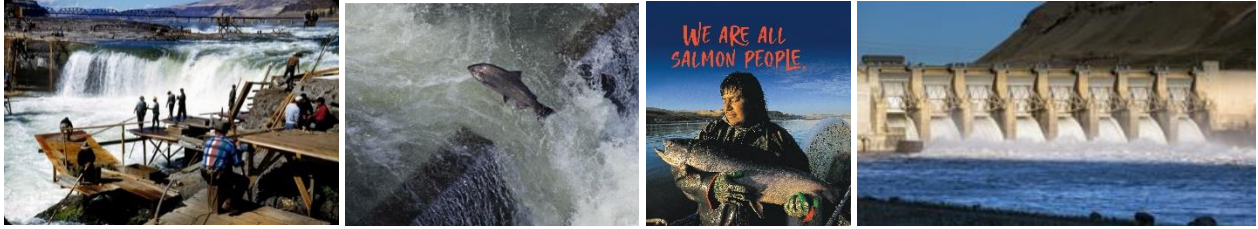
### **Learning Outcomes:**

- Learn about the factors that affect Salmon over the course of its life-cycle
- Learn the causes of the decline of Pacific Northwest (PNW) Salmon
- Learn what actions can be taken to restore the region's Salmon populations

### **Course Schedule (Mondays; April 21st, 28th; 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm):**

Week 1: What is the context of Salmon, i.e., "Why is Salmon important to the peoples of the Pacific Northwest"? What are the natural/environmental factors that affect the Salmon and its life-cycle?

Week 2: What are the four major causes for the decline of PNW Salmon in the last 150 years? What technical and policy actions can be done to rebuild the Salmon populations in the PNW?



### **Selected Bibliography/Resources:**

- <https://plan.critfc.org/>

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