

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator

FROM: Heidi Eisenhour, Commissioner District No. 2

DATE: October 7, 2024

SUBJECT: Naming the new bridge on West Valley Road over Naylor's Creek the Tom Jay Bridge

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

In honor of his decades of service to salmon in our region, we are recommending naming the new bridge on West Valley Road over Naylor's Creek the Tom Jay Bridge.

ANALYSIS:

The old culvert was first identified as a fish passage barrier in the early 1980's by local folks. Tom Jay and others installed log weirs to bring the water level up and make it passable by coho. The weirs provided fish passage for years until the culvert could finally be replaced and now a new 16-foot concrete box culvert got set in August at Naylor's Creek, West Valley Rd. MP 2.555 (photos attached). Naylor's Creek connects Gibbs Lake to Chimacum Creek and is used by cutthroat trout and coho salmon. This fish barrier removal project is replacing a rusted out 5-foot diameter metal culvert that has been on our priority list for 25 years. It is also on the first page of WDFW's prioritized fish barrier list for Jefferson County Roads.

Funding started as State Brian Abbot at 85% but our team successfully negotiated a transition to federal PROTECT funding at 100% (no County match). Construction cost was around \$1 million. Contractor was Nordland Construction. Gratitude to them and our Jefferson County project team including project manager Bruce Patterson, right of way lead Colette Kostelec, and Engineering Services Manager Eric Kuzma.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Cost of making and installing a sign near the Naylor Creek crossing.

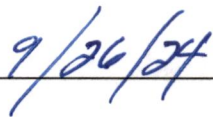
RECOMMENDATION:

Approve naming this crossing in memory of Tom Jay and install a sign.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator

Date



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
JEFFERSON COUNTY**

In the Matter of:)
Naming the New Bridge on West Valley Road) RESOLUTION NO. _____
Over Naylor's Creek the Tom Jay Bridge)

WHEREAS, Tom Jay was a leader of local salmon recovery projects for many years; and

WHEREAS, Tom Jay and friends installed log weirs downstream of the old Naylor's Creek culvert in the early 1980's that provided fish passage through the culvert for 40+ years; and

WHEREAS, Tom Jay led several other salmon recovery projects on Naylor's Creek; and

WHEREAS, Tom Jay was instrumental in the creation and implementation of many salmon restoration projects in East Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, Tom Jay led the effort to restore the Summer Chum Salmon run in Chimacum Creek; and

WHEREAS, Tom Jay was one of the founders of Wild Olympic Salmon and one of the original board members of the North Olympic Salmon Coalition; and

WHEREAS, it would be a fitting tribute in recognition of all the effort Tom put into salmon recovery projects in East Jefferson County to name the new structure over Naylor's Creek in his honor; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Washington do hereby name the newly built bridge over Naylor's Creek on West Valley Road **THE TOM JAY BRIDGE**.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Attest:

Kate Dean, District 1

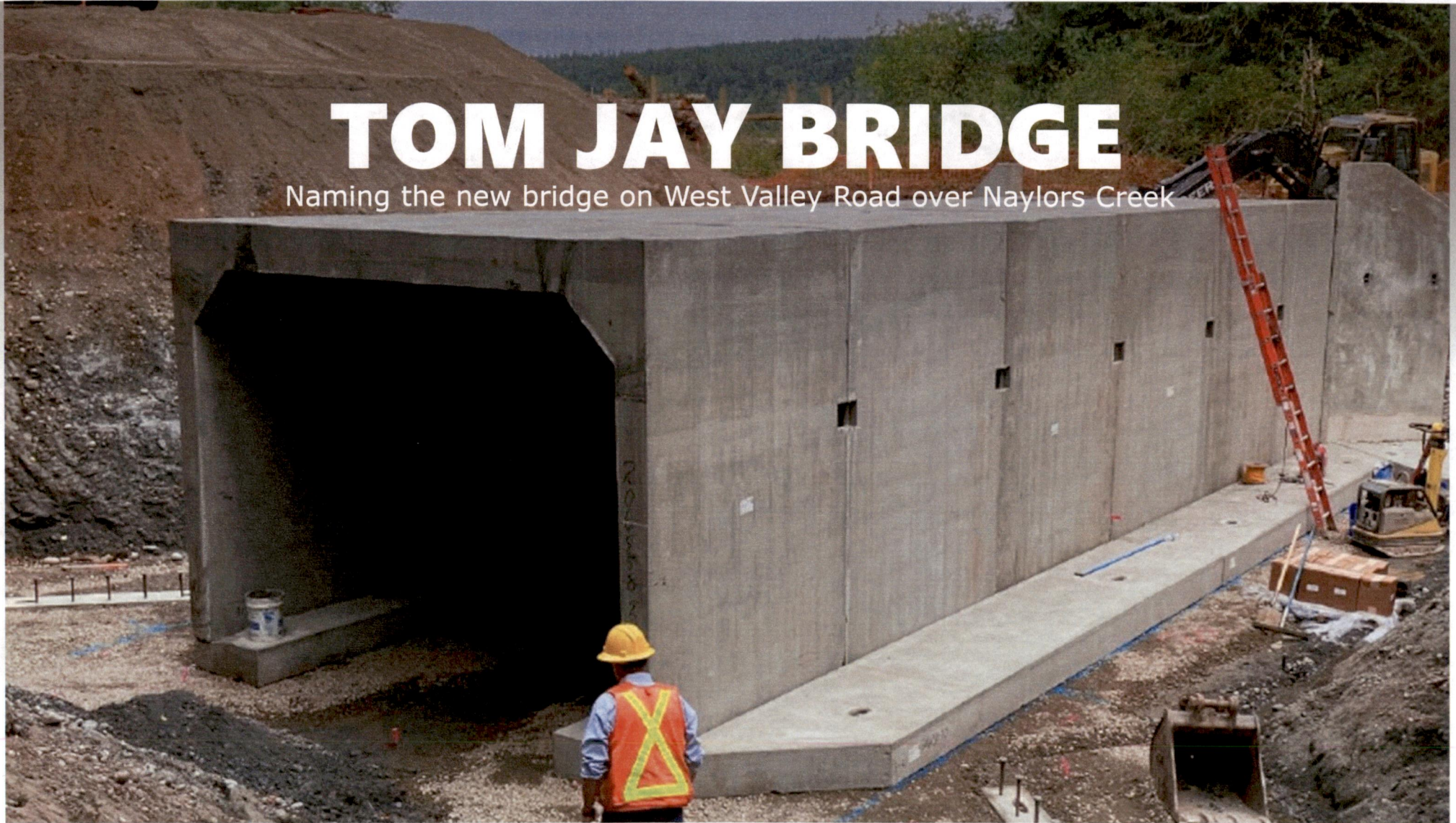
Heidi Eisenhour, District 2

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Greg Brotherton, District 3

TOM JAY BRIDGE

Naming the new bridge on West Valley Road over Naylors Creek

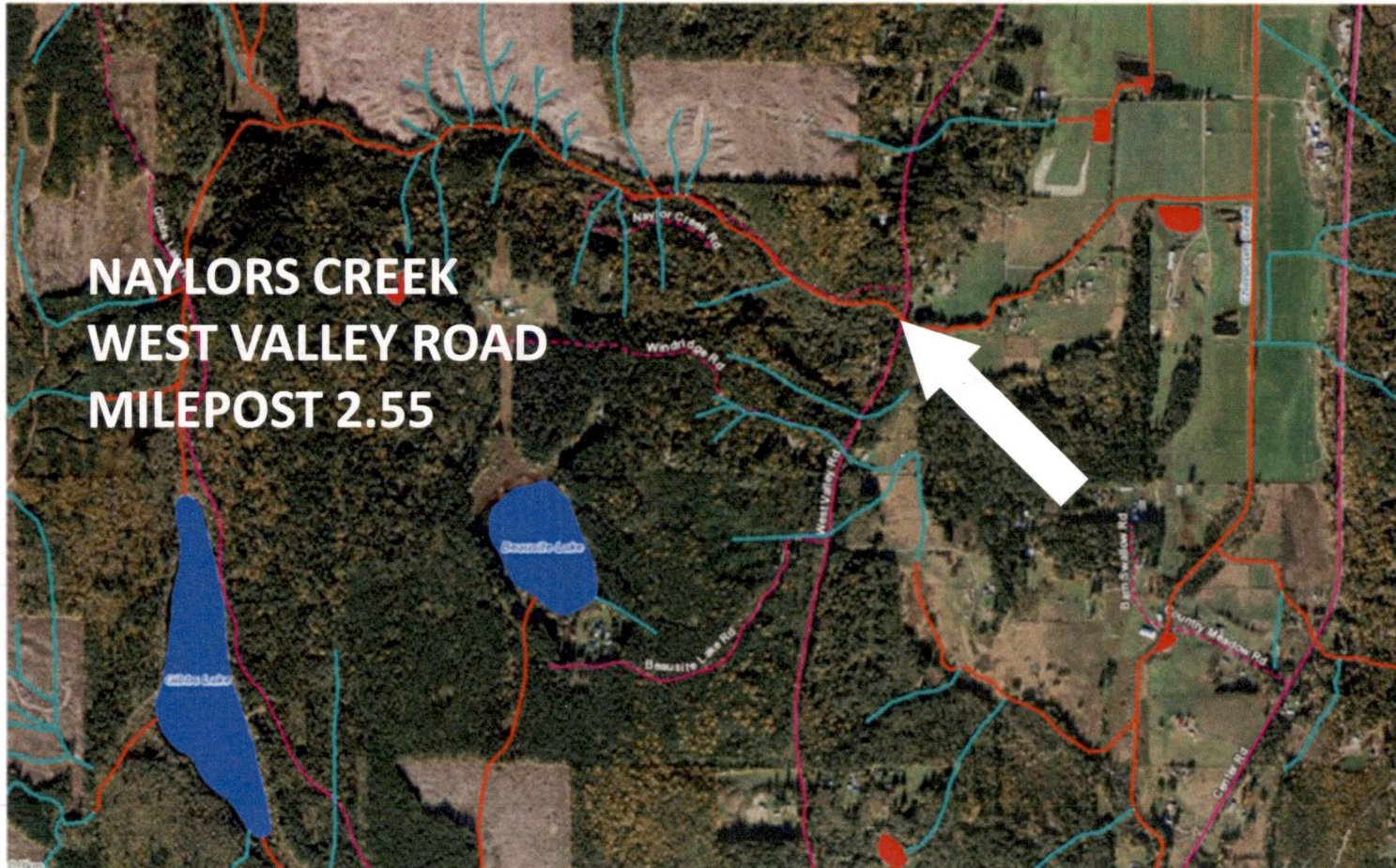


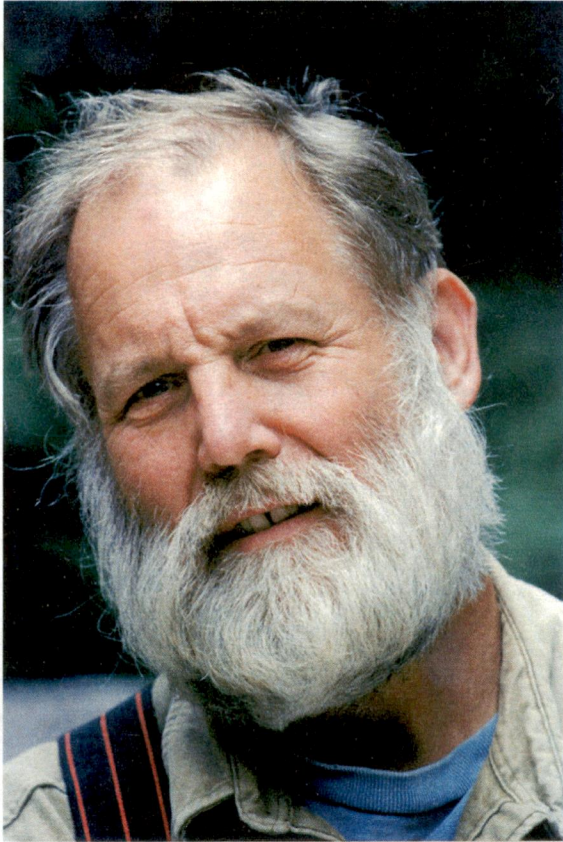
HISTORY OF NAYLORS CREEK ON WEST VALLEY ROAD

AND TOM JAY'S
CONTRIBUTION



LOCATION





A LEGACY OF SAVING SALMON

Tom Jay has been a leader of local salmon recovery projects for many years

In the 1908's, after finding out that salmon were having difficulty with passage, he and his friends installed log weirs downstream of the old Naylor's Creek culvert that provided fish passage for over 40 years

Tom also was instrumental in the creation and implementation of many other salmon restoration projects in East Jefferson County



A CULVERT IN NEED OF REPAIR



Clearing a salmon stream



Tom Jay and Joe Gasper work to clear the point of where the stream enters the creek, up to the mouth of the stream. A string of log jams on the creek could block access to spawning grounds by steelhead and salmon, or endanger beaver dams spanning streams through a watershed. Photo by Scott Wilson

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Naylor Cr. Culvert, the old and the new.



Log weirs that provided fish passage through old culvert for 40+ years

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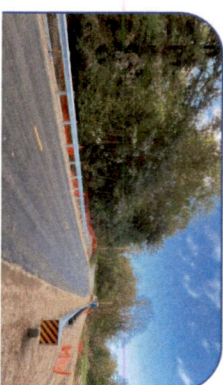
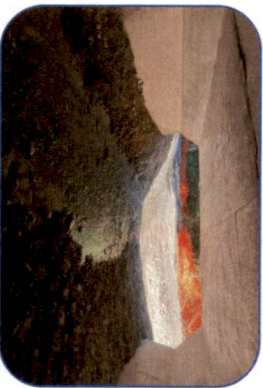
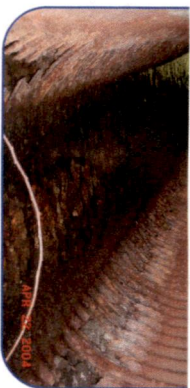


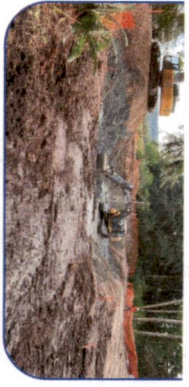
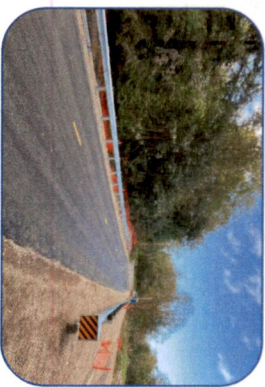
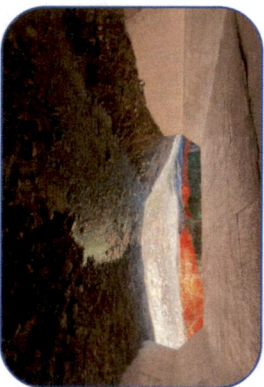
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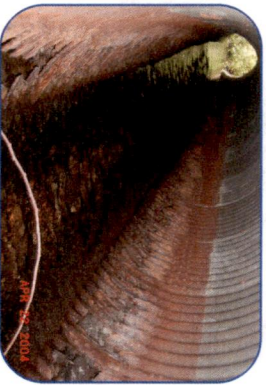
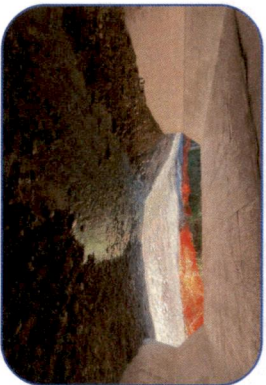
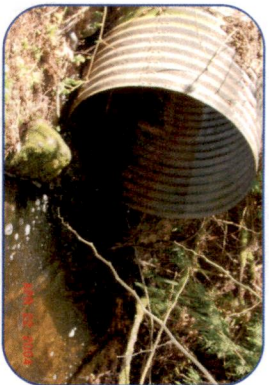
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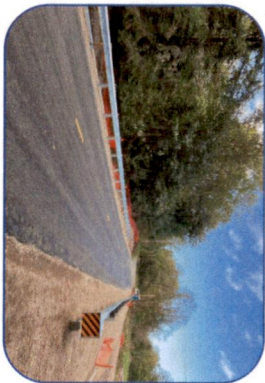
Crews began work in August 12, 2024, and by September 12, 2024, the road was reopened for traffic.

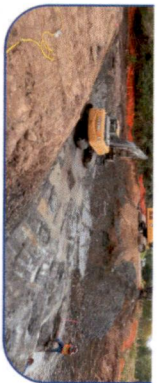
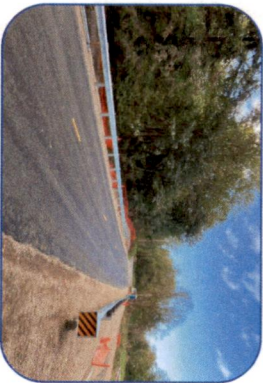
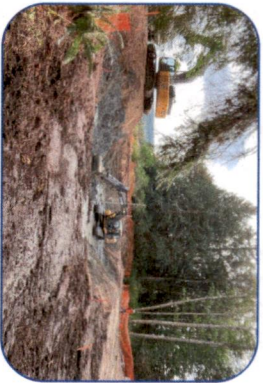
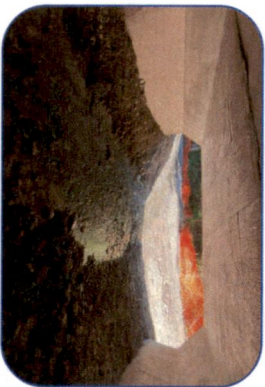
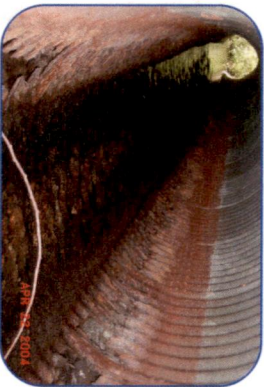












SOME OF TOM JAY'S ARTWORK



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

JEFFERSON COUNTY STAFF

- PROJECT MANAGER BRUCE PATTERSON
- ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ERIC KUZMA
- RIGHT-OF-WAY LEAD COLETTE KOSTELEC

CONTRACTOR

- NORDLAND CONSTRUCTION

