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## Salmon-Safe farms


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# SALMON-SAFE FARMS

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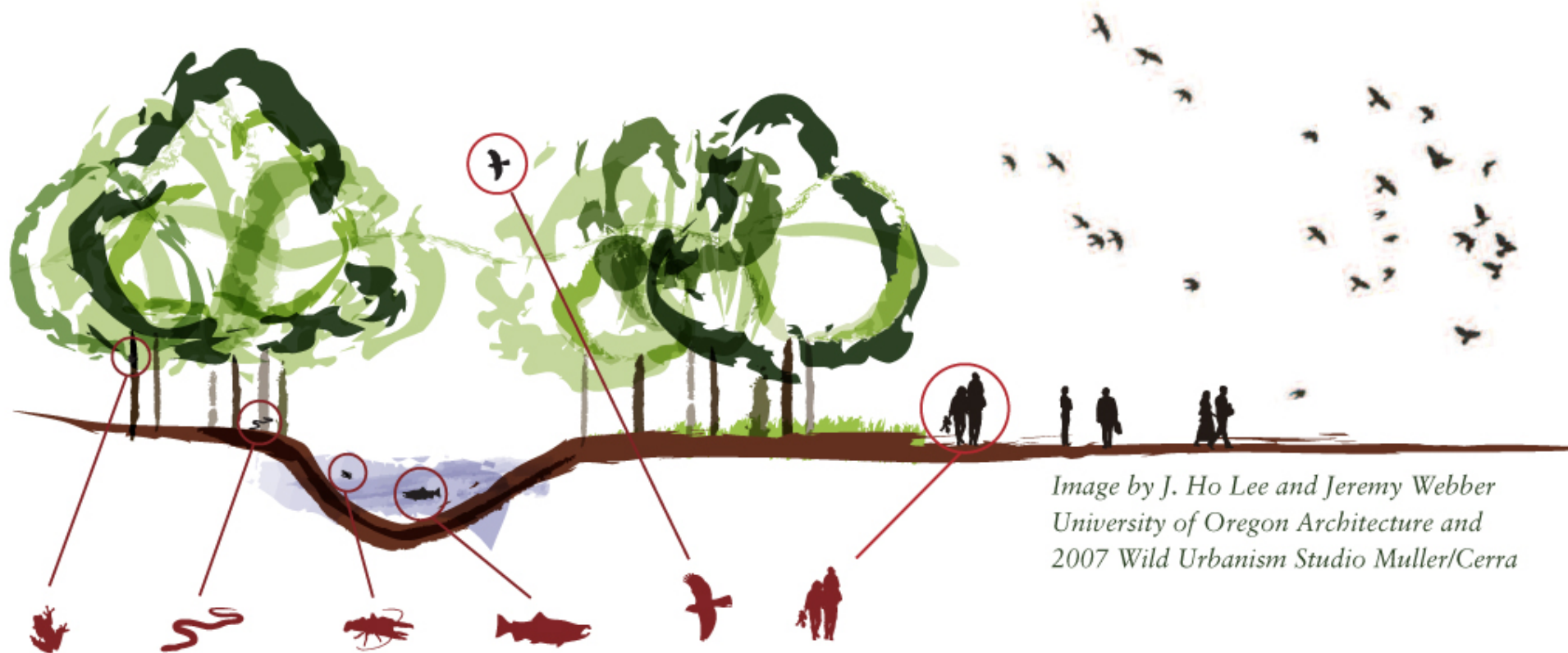


# SALMON-SAFE

- Founded by Pacific Rivers Council
- Leading regional eco-label
- Now an independent nonprofit
- Stewardship Partners leads farms program in WA State



**Salmon-Safe builds the marketplace  
for a new watershed-focused  
approach to farm and urban site  
management.**



*Image by J. Ho Lee and Jeremy Webber  
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# Protecting Salmon in the Pacific Northwest

- Collapse of wild Pacific salmon populations
- Chinook & coho salmon and steelhead trout listed under ESA
- Declines attributable to habitat destruction caused by logging, farming, and urbanization

**Salmon-Safe is about more than just fish**

Protection of salmon with a whole-farm approach leads to protection of habitat for other species, human health benefits, higher water quality, and more





# An Introduction to Salmon-Safe Inspections

- **What we look for: Reading the Land**
  - Stream and wetland condition
  - Erosion and sediment management
  - Biodiversity enhancement
- **Integrated Pest Management**
- **What inputs are used:**
  - Content and rates of Application
  - Chemicals: pesticide reduction
  - Fertilizers: amounts applied, compost piles
  - Irrigation: Where water comes from
- **Animal management**

# What is Required for Certification?

## Whole-farm Best Management Practices

- Instream Habitat Protection/Restoration (F1)
- Riparian & wetland area management (F2)
- Irrigation water use (F3)
- Erosion & sediment control (F4)
- Integrated Pest Management, IPM (F5)
- Livestock management (F6)
- Biological diversity (F7)







# SOCIAL MEDIA


 **Stewardship Partners** shared Draper Valley Farms's video. Published by David Burger [?] · October 16 at 10:48am ·

Draper Valley Farms is readily available at your local grocery store and has been practicing Salmon-Safe land management for years.



20,276 Views



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stewardshippartners We had a great time pouring #SalmonSafe @terrablancawinery wines at @seattlefarmersmkt #IncredibleFeast last night! Thanks to Christine Ginnett NW Sales Manager of #TerraBlanca Estate Vineyards & Winery! #SaveSalmonDrinkWine

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 **Stewardship Partners** Published by Claire Munro [?] · June 5 ·

We are excited to be certifying Growing Veterans Auburn Farm as Salmon-Safe! Their mission is to empower military veterans to grow food, communities, and each other. We are so proud to be working with this organization of people who have not only served our country but who are also working to protect our water quality. <http://growingveterans.org/>



# How to spot a Ladybug tomato.

It's local. It's fresh because it's picked at its peak. There will never be any pesticides or artificial herbicides on a Ladybug tomato because it's organic. And it's certified Salmon-Safe because our farms are committed to protecting our creeks and waterways. Even our agricultural workers are treated fairly with respect and dignity. That's how you identify a Ladybug tomato. Or you could just simply look for the Ladybug Organic label. Organic is not the finish line, it's where we start.



**Ladybug. An Organically Grown Company**



## An apple a day keeps the salmon at play.

Salmon-Safe certified apple growers help keep our rivers clean for native salmon to thrive. By restoring riparian habitat, returning clean water to streams and finding natural alternatives to pesticides, they are helping salmon return to the Columbia River watershed.

[www.salmonsafe.org](http://www.salmonsafe.org)



# BUY. SAVE.

Look for the Salmon Safe label at PCC Natural Markets. | [salmonsafe.org](http://salmonsafe.org)

## DRINK WINE. SAVE SALMON.

These are just a few of the many Washington wines that are certified Salmon-Safe, which means the vineyard's growing practices protect water quality, streams, and native habitat. By selecting these wines you are helping to keep our rivers clean enough for salmon to spawn and thrive. Thank you!

[BaselCellars.com](http://BaselCellars.com)    [Lecole.com](http://Lecole.com)    [WoodwardCanyon.com](http://WoodwardCanyon.com)  
[ClaarCellars.com](http://ClaarCellars.com)    [PepperBridge.com](http://PepperBridge.com)    [Stewardshippartners.org](http://Stewardshippartners.org)



# SALMON-SAFE ACCELERATES PUGET SOUND RECOVERY

*“Salmon-Safe certification represents precisely the kind of rigorous and science-based, yet voluntary, approach that is essential to the recovery of imperiled Puget Sound salmon.”*

**Christine Gregoire**

Former Governor of WA



# Questions?

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