



## Shellfish Facilities, Salmon Hatchery & NMFS Research Laboratory Field Trip

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*September is the ideal month to visit the Pacific Northwest—and one of the best times of the year to visit the many hatcheries and shellfish growing operations in Puget Sound. Join other conference registrants and guests on **Friday, September 22**, for a tour of selected enhancement projects in Puget Sound.*

*Traveling in comfort in a motor coach, you'll head for Shelton, Washington, to tour a commercial shellfish growing and processing facility. Following the tour, participants will be treated to a delicious lunch of locally grown shellfish, hosted by Taylor Shellfish. The next stop on the tour will be the Little Skookum Shellfish Hatchery and with the daylight tides, it's sure to be a treat. Following Little Skookum, guests will visit one of the many salmon hatcheries in the area, where you can observe both juvenile rearing and returning adults. (If scheduling permits, we'll have the opportunity to watch salmon being tagged by an automated wire-tagging device at the hatchery.) Finally, our tour concludes at the National Marine Fisheries Service's Manchester Research Laboratory, where NMFS scientists are conducting ongoing projects involving marine stock enhancement, endangered species captive broodstocks, salmon rearing, and fish behavioral studies. You will return to your hotel via Washington State Ferry.*

*Space is limited to the first 50, so sign up early on the first day. Price is \$40.00 USD.*