



**2025**  
**Knee Deep in Salmon**  
**Artist Packet**



## 2025 KNEE DEEP IN SALMON *Call For Entries*

The Upper Nehalem Watershed Council (UNWC) and the Vernonia Salmon Festival (VSF) Committee hope the Knee Deep in Salmon (KDIS) Contest will inspire artists of all mediums to participate in this exciting and creative fundraising event.

### **Materials**

“Carvin” Marvin Howard has 20 carved salmon for the Salmon Festival KDIS event. The salmon are at least 30” long and 2.5” thick; ready to provide the perfect foundation for your creative interpretation.

### **Specifications**

The cost of entry is \$65, which covers the cost of the wooden salmon blanks, and can be paid by cash or check to the **UPPER NEHALEM WATERSHED COUNCIL**. Salmon decoration must withstand prolonged display in various venues and handling for auction. Artists should complete their salmon in such a way that displaying the piece is part of the overall aesthetic. Salmon are to be decorated on the front and sealed on the back. These carved salmon are the perfect canvas for individual artistic creation, so please sign your piece!

### **Jury Selection Process**

The KDIS Jury Committee will jury all entries and jury picks entered into the VSF Auction. Artists will be notified if their salmon is not selected.

### **Schedule**

SEND picture of salmon art progress to Chair	August 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
RETURN completed salmon to KDIS chair	September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025
KDIS Jury Selection	September 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025
Display in Vernonia	September 2025
Salmon Festival KDIS Auction	October 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2025

Bidding at the October auction will be open to the public including Salmon Artists. All proceeds to benefit VSF and UNWC streamside tree planting projects.

### **Contact Information**

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## 2025 KNEE DEEP IN SALMON *Artist Contract*

*All salmon shall be returned to the Vernonia Salmon Festival Committee to be auctioned to the public at the 2025 Salmon Festival Auction.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Description of Concept: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Assurances & Terms:**

By signing this Artist Contract I agree to all the terms included in this Artist Contract. I acknowledge Vernonia Salmon Festival Committee (VSF) and/or the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council (UNWC) is not liable for damage or loss of material submitted. Salmon forms belong to the UNWC and cannot be reproduced without permission of the artist.

**I agree to the following:** 1) Decorated salmon is donated to the VSF Committee and the UNWC to be auctioned at their discretion. 2) The UNWC shall own, display, and dispose of decorated salmon as it sees fit. 3) If not completed by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, the salmon must be returned to UNWC and entry fee is forfeit. 4) Decorated salmon shall not contain content that harms or disparages any party.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Submit completed Artist Contract to Kathleen Spinden: [katspinden@gmail.com](mailto:katspinden@gmail.com) - (503) 806-1721*