

FACT SHEET



Washington Record Chinook Salmon
70 1/2 lbs Caught on 12# test line
Pillar Point Sept 6, 1964 Chet Gausta

Photo Credit: Poulsbo Historical Society/Nesby

Do you have a story to tell of fishing in the San Juans?

About its history and bygone era of abundant catch?

Or how closing the Summer 2021 salmon fishery in only 8-days affects you?

Fish Tales of the San Juans – Then and Now

We are asking fishers for 20 minutes of your time to record your fishing experiences observations in the San Juan Islands.

Why record fishing stories?

- Fish abundance and size have decreased in the San Juan Islands over the past many decades.
- Unless these stories are recorded, they will be lost.

What is a desired outcome?

A change to our behavior. We all are responsible in some way in how we live. Sharing these stories will help to instill a conservation ethic in both residents and visitors to the San Juan Islands. Regulations alone will not protect our marine habitat; rather, caring, informed people are the true guardians.

How to Tell Your Story?

We will be conducting casual interviews in mid- to late-August. If you would like to share your story of fishing in the old days, or of the extraordinary challenges you face on the water today, please contact us by **August 7th** at marineresources@sanjuanco.com.

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