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*Letter from the President of the Association*



Greetings, friends, neighbors, volunteers, supporters, donors, partners, and friends of salmon,

This is the 53<sup>rd</sup> “World’s Largest Salmon BBQ.” The event is now the Salmon Restoration Association's single fundraiser, generating funds to complete our mission of salmon restoration in northern California. The picture on this page's right is from the most recent barbeque.



This is a total community effort with over 125 volunteers, five vendors, 37 local businesses, government agencies, and uncounted participants from all over Mendocino County, the State of California, United States, and in most years, even a few participants worldwide.

In 2024, we successfully served 2,487 salmon dinners, including grilled salmon, green salad, corn on the cob, Fort Bragg Bakery garlic bread, coffee, and ice cream.

Our major donors are North Coast Brewing Company, Bonterra Organic Estates, Thanksgiving Coffee, Cowlick’s Ice Cream, and Harvest Market. Local bands and individual musicians presented music and entertainment throughout the event.

The scope of our mission has had to be modified over the years since CDFW closed the salmon egg-taking station and hatchery when they closed all non-state-run hatcheries. Our core mission has remained the same: to protect and enhance salmon habitat to save this critical fishery. We are also focused on advocacy, research, and community engagement on this issue.

Thank you, everyone, for your participation, involvement, and support of the Salmon Restoration Association. See you next year for the 54<sup>th</sup> World’s Largest Salmon BBQ on Saturday, July 5, 2025.

Paul Tichinin,  
*President SRA*

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## Salmon Restoration Association

### Board of Directors

Larry Silveria  
Sharon DeMauro,  
Jamie Bowles  
Jerry Murphy  
Rick Sacks  
Paul Tichinin  
Andrea Hadik

### Executive Director

Michael Miller

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**Salmon Restoration Association  
Condensed Balance Sheets  
September 30, 2024 and 2023**

	2024	2023	Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Checking and savings	\$ 134,970	\$ 105,533	\$ 29,437
Fixed Assets			
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	12,792	14,763	(1,971)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 147,762</b>	<b>\$ 120,296</b>	<b>\$ 27,466</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>			
Current Liabilities	-	-	-
Unrestricted net assets	147,762	120,296	27,467
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 147,762</b>	<b>\$ 120,296</b>	<b>\$ 27,466</b>

**Salmon Restoration Association  
Condensed Income Statement  
The fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023**

	2024	2023	Change
Revenue	\$ 106,406	\$ 111,176	\$ (4,770)
Salmon Barbeque Expenses	46,575	42,260	4,314
Donations to other non-profits	-	60,000	(60,000)
Operating Expenses	30,344	20,935	9,410
Depreciation expense	1,971	1,983	(12)
State taxes	50	1,306	(1,256)
Total expenses	78,940	126,484	(47,544)
Net surplus/(deficit)	27,466	(15,308)	42,775
Unrestricted net assets-October 1	120,296	135,604	(15,308)
Unrestricted net assets-September 30	<b>\$ 147,762</b>	<b>\$ 120,296</b>	<b>\$ 27,466</b>

## Projects and Restoration Efforts

Since 2010, the Salmon Restoration Association (SRA) has donated over \$423,000 towards various projects directly or indirectly restoring our North Coast Salmon population. In all, the critical aspects of our efforts to restore salmon habitat are as follows:

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### *Summary of Our Advocacy*

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Below are some statements about how SRA approaches its advocacy for the salmon fishery:

- ❖ **Habitat Conservation:** SRA actively engages in projects to conserve and restore critical salmon habitats. Our advocacy includes efforts to protect pristine rivers, estuaries, and watersheds that are crucial for the survival of salmon throughout their life cycle.
- ❖ **Sustainable Fisheries:** SRA promotes sustainable fisheries management practices to ensure that salmon populations are harvested in a manner that allows for their long-term viability.
- ❖ **Advocacy and Policy:** The SRA engages in advocacy efforts to influence policies that impact salmon conservation that includes working with governments, communities, and industries to develop and implement policies supporting salmon ecosystems' health and sustainability.
- ❖ **Scientific Research:** SRA supports scientific research to understand better wild salmon's biology, behavior, and needs. This research informs conservation strategies and helps identify priority habitat protection and restoration areas.
- ❖ **Community Engagement:** SRA recognizes the importance of involving the local community in salmon conservation efforts. SRA builds partnerships with indigenous peoples, local communities, and other stakeholders to ensure conservation initiatives are culturally sensitive and economically sustainable.

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Here are some recent projects that SRA has been involved in with other conservation organizations.

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*James Creek Fish Passage Project - Mendocino Land Trust*

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This project addressed a critical fish passage barrier on the main stem of James Creek in the Big River watershed. The modification and improvement of the bedrock cascade allowed coho salmon to restore access to approximately 3.4 miles of prime salmonid habitat. SRA provided funding to help develop the preliminary design plans.

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*The Mendocino Woodlands State Park Sill Removal Project*

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The Woodlands dam removal on the Little North Fork of Big River provided passage of juvenile salmon (smolts) to access 9.5 miles of upstream habitat protected by California State Parks and The Conservation Fund, and because of limited access to the four-foot concrete barrier necessitated removal by hand with air jackhammers by the California Conservation Corp.



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*Duffy's Gulch Fish Passage Improvement Project*

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Trout Unlimited's "North Coast Coho Project" in the Noyo River watershed will remove a concrete rail crossing that currently blocks passage of adult and juvenile salmon. This project will address the highest priority fish passage barrier associated with the Mendocino Railway ("Skunk Train"). When completed the project will provide access to 2.6 miles of upstream salmon habitat for spawning and rearing.