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Re: NOLS hosts Olympic National Park's Perspectives Winter Speaker Series
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Olympic National Park's Perspectives Winter Speaker Series will be hosted by the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) via Zoom for the 2022 season. The free talks will be offered at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month from January through April. Registration, available at www.nols.org, is required to attend the Zoom meeting. Participation at each program is limited to the first 100 registered attendees. Programs will be simultaneously streamed via the NOLS Facebook page for additional participants.

This series is sponsored by Olympic National Park, the Friends of Olympic National Park, and the North Olympic Library System. This season's topics are:

January 11

Elwha Fish Tales in the Upper Elwha: Updates Since Dam Removal

Heidi Connor and Josh Geffre, Olympic National Park

Hear the latest updates on fish recovery in the Elwha River. Using a variety of techniques

fisheries biologists have been monitoring fish response since the removal of two dams was completed in 2014.

February 8

Revisiting Stratigraphy of the Eocene to Miocene Sedimentary Rocks on the Olympic Peninsula

Erin Donaghy, PhD Student, Purdue University

This research aims to better understand sedimentary basin formation following accretion of a large oceanic plateau (Siletzia) to the Pacific Northwest approximately 50 million years ago. We document the sedimentary basin response to this collision by characterizing changing depositional environments and sediment routing pathways in basin deposits to understand how tectonic plate configurations changed during establishment of the modern Cascadia magmatic arc.

March 8

Forest Restoration on Exposed Sediments Along the Elwha River

James Kardouni and Jenise M. Bauman, Western Washington University

Riverbank lupine is a pioneering species that assimilates nitrogen through nitrogen-fixing bacteria in a form that is readily available to plants. The purpose of this study was to investigate lupine's influence on conifer establishment in newly exposed soils that resulted from the removal of the dams on the Elwha River.

April 12

Klamath River Restoration

Josh Chenoweth, Klamath River Restoration

Josh Chenoweth managed the revegetation effort after dam removal on the Elwha River. He's since moved to take on a similar role during Klamath River Restoration in Southern Oregon/Northern California. Learn about how lessons learned from Elwha revegetation and

restoration are informing Klamath restoration.

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Fisheries biologists setting a sampling net in the Elwha River. Olympic National Park's Perspectives Winter Speaker Series, hosted by the North Olympic Library System, is set to begin on January 11 with a presentation on fish recovery in the upper Elwha River.

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