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Contact: Adele Kelly, Customer Service Specialist
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Re: Artist in Residence at Clallam Bay Branch Library
Attached: *Paul Blake.jpg*

July 7 through August 25, Paul Blake will be at the Clallam Bay Branch of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) from 3pm – 4:45pm every Friday creating wonderful art for all ages. Come in, ask questions, and watch an artist work.

When Paul Blake catches a fish, it is just as likely to be used to create artwork for walls or t-shirts, than as a meal. Blake, who has lived in Sekiu since retiring from teaching in the Port Angeles School District, makes prints from fish using the Japanese technique called “gyotaku”. The word gyotaku comes from the Japanese word for fish, “gyo”, and for impression, “taku”. His art pieces use a process called indirect printing. He adheres silk to the fish and then, in layers, applies etching ink across the top of the silk, hopefully detailing every scale and part of the fish. Each ink color is mixed and applied as a traditional artist would in building a painting except that he uses a tool called a tampo, made of silk wrapped around cotton, instead of a brush. By layering silk fish prints on top of one another, he can show depth of field and complex interest patterns. Adding color washes and seaweed prints builds a complexity of interest into the composition. Come and see what the process looks like first hand!

The Clallam Bay Branch is located at 16990 Highway 112 in Clallam Bay. To learn more about this and other events at your library, call 360.963.2414, send an email to ClallamBay@nols.org, or visit www.nols.org and click on “Events”.



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