



West Point Treatment Plant Capital Improvements Salmon Day

Date: Aug. 16, 2025

Location: Ballard Locks, 2930 W Commodore Way, Seattle, WA 98199

Attendance: West Point staff engaged with around 100 attendees.

Purpose of the event:

Ballard Locks Salmon Day highlights the importance of salmon and celebrates their journey, while providing an opportunity for organizations to connect with the community as they walk along the locks and fish ladder. King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) hosted an information booth to promote West Point Treatment Plant with the public and share information about the plant's work. Community members were able to ask questions about career opportunities, projects, and learn about our wastewater system.

Key topics included:

- General education about how our wastewater system works and what not to flush down our pipes.
- Summary updates about the ongoing improvement projects at the plant.
- Career opportunities offered by WTD workforce development and the Operator-In-Training (OIT) Program.
- Overview of capital improvement projects at West Point Treatment Plant.



West Point staff speaking with a person attending Salmon Day.

Event format:

Visitors to the County booth could receive a giveaway for learning about the wastewater treatment system by spinning a wheel. Giveaway prizes included stress balls (construction hats and toilets), drain snakes, and magnetic chip clips. Maps of the service area were available for reference during conversations. Attendees received flyers for the OIT and the 2025 WTD Community Report, as well as materials with information directing them to the King County jobs page. Additional resources for children's activities included origami and coloring sheets.

Summary of feedback:

People visiting the booth were excited to have in-depth discussions with King County staff and enjoyed longer conversations with many questions. Discussions included the following questions and topics:

- Ship Canal Water Quality Project –benefits and how does it fit with the wastewater system
- Overview of the differences between the treatment facilities (treatment plants, wet weather treatment stations, pump stations) and how they work together
- Overview of combined sewer overflows

- Educational opportunities
- Wastewater treatment plant service areas
- Regional Wastewater Services Plan updates
- History of West Point and Seattle's sewer system