

# ANNUAL PROGRAM FACTSHEET | 2025



**Public Health**  
Seattle & King County

## FUN TO CATCH TOXIC TO EAT

THE ONLY DUWAMISH SEAFOOD SAFE TO EAT IS SALMON  
Loại hải sản an toàn nhất để ăn từ sông Duwamish là cá hồi  
El único pescado del río Duwamish que es seguro para comer es el salmón  
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### Supporting Community Voices

During Community Steering Committees (CSCs) this year, Mom & Caregivers and Fishers Workgroups have been brought to the forefront. Community Health Advocates (CHAs) have provided input on improving these strategies. Conversations revolved around strategies, tools, logistics and evaluation. In addition, CHAs spent 1047 hours developing strategies and making program decisions with Public Health and other agencies.

### Youth Strategy

In 2025, the Duwamish Youth Advisors (DYA) completed their first year as a team of nine members. Through conducting outreach and shadowing the other teams, they grew their capacity and confidence to conduct outreach in the community including connecting with other youth groups, clubs at their school and then general community.

"The team loves doing outreach at fishing piers because we talked directly to the fishing community while enjoying fishing, crabbing, squidding activities. We love seeing fishers connected with us sharing jigs, offering us umbrellas, fish being caught and shared with us. This shows we are being trusted by fishers!"  
- Vietnamese CHA



CHAs receiving updates on the latest Duwamish River cleanup construction efforts from Lower Duwamish Waterway Group.



Youth conducting their first outreach event at Seward Park.



DYA team designed their new logo!

"We got to see a rare crab that we caught and even some starfish. I think the crabbing day also helped some of the youth connect. I was able to talk to one of the youth more, and it was fun to hang out with her. I really enjoyed the crabbing day and I hope to go again."  
- DYA member



CHAs making decisions on strategy implementation in their Mom & Caregivers and Fishers Workgroups during June CSC.

### Featured recipes



Celso and Kevin our 2026 Fishing Competition Winners!



Caramelized Salmon Clay Pot recipe by Vietnamese Team



Salmon Panang Curry recipe by Lao Team

Scan the QR code to see all the recipes!



## Building Community Capacity



GAL CHAs providing input at EPA Roundtable meeting.

"I like joining in clamming/ fishing activity the program has because I get to know people in the community and have fun enjoying clam harvesting and fishing at many locations."

- Vietnamese Fishing Club participant

"[When] I start the program, I don't know anything about Duwamish. As time goes on, I know you can't catch a crab over here. To me, the information that they provide me gives me the knowledge about the history, what's toxic and not, is mind opening. I never knew before that. To me water is water, I wouldn't consider it being toxic before."

-CHA team member

"We are raising awareness of the truth that the Duwamish contains chemicals. Show people that Duwamish has chemicals that you cannot eat crab, fish, and resident seafood. Only seafood that you can eat is salmon."

- Khmer team CHA

## Raising Community Awareness



Vietnamese Team talking to fishers at Dash Point State Park.



Lao Team talking to fisher at Sawasdee Thai Festival.



GAL Team conducting outreach at the Burien library.

From demographic information collected at outreach events, CHA engaged...

## Outreach Numbers

850

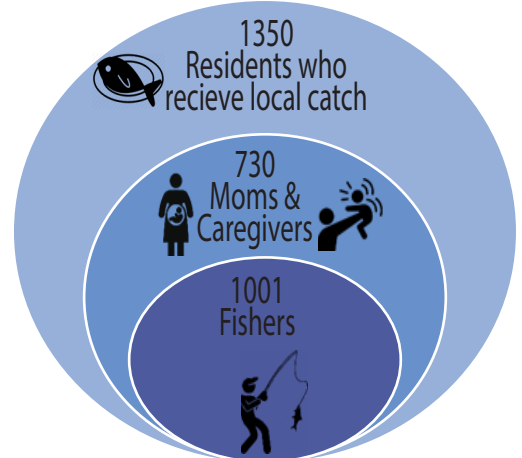
activities conducted (including one-on-one, small group, tabling events, etc).



Khmer team tabling at night market event in White center.

5219

hours spent on outreach and planning.



## 2025 Partners

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