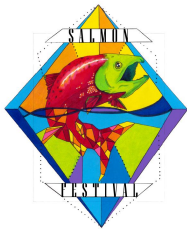




2026
Knee Deep in Salmon
Artist Packet



Artist Contract

The Upper Nehalem Watershed Council (UNWC) and the Vernonia Salmon Festival (VSF) Committee is proud to host the Knee Deep in Salmon (KDIS) Art Auction which inspires artists of all mediums to apply their style to a carved wooden canvas and raise funds for salmon habitat restoration.

Materials

The salmon blanks are carved from wood, this year from cedar, and are 30" long and 2.5" thick. Due to the grain and nature of cedar, breakages are common, especially on the fins, so care is necessary when handling. Each blank is \$65 each, paid by cash or check to the **UPPER NEHALEM WATERSHED COUNCIL**.

Expectations

- Salmon blanks are purchased by the artists, who then decorate and return to the VSF Committee to be auctioned at the 2026 KDIS Art Auction. Bidding is open to the public, including Salmon Artists, all KDIS volunteers, VSF Committee, and UNWC staff. All proceeds benefit VSF and UNWC projects.
- Salmon blanks are available to artists ages 18 and older.
- Salmon decoration must withstand prolonged display in various venues and handling for auction.
- Completed salmon are meant to be displayed and artists are expected to build display into the overall design. Common choices are wall hangers or standing bases.
- Salmon are expected to be decorated on the front, sealed on the back, and signed for identification and artist credit.
- Most completed salmon are accepted as submitted, however, the VSF Committee and UNWC reserves the right to select/reject entries if deemed necessary. If needed, the VSF Committee selects entries by jury and accepted entries proceed to the KDIS Art Auction. Artists will be notified if their salmon is rejected.
- Completed salmon are returned to the KDIS Artist Coordinator who chooses the final display location. After submission of completed entry, KDIS Artist Coordinator is responsible for transporting, moving, and all decisions related to the display of completed salmon.
- Returning artists from the previous year are accepted on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of the KDIS Artist Coordinator and VSF Committee.
- Artists are expected to adhere to the schedule outlined below. This provides critical display and marketing time ahead of the auction.
- Artists are expected to adhere to the scope of work as described above. Any changes to the overall project must be discussed with KDIS Artist Coordinator, UNWC Executive Director, and VSF Committee **PRIOR** to signing the artist contract.

Schedule

On/before: August 1 st 2026	SEND picture of salmon art progress to KDIS Artist Coordinator
On/before: September 1 st , 2026	RETURN completed salmon to KDIS Artist Coordinator
September 2026	Juried (if applicable) and displayed at local businesses in Vernonia
October 3 rd , 2026	Vernonia Salmon Festival KDIS Auction

Artist Information

Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Artist Description of Concept: _____

Assurances & Terms: By signing this Artist Contract I agree to all the terms included in this Artist Contract. I acknowledge Vernonia Salmon Festival Committee (VSF) and/or the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council (UNWC) is not liable for damage or loss of material submitted. Salmon blanks belong to the UNWC and cannot be reproduced without permission.

I agree to the following: 1) Decorated salmon is donated to the VSF Committee and the UNWC to be auctioned at their discretion. 2) Decorated salmon shall not contain content that harms or disparages any party. 3) The UNWC shall own, display, and dispose of decorated salmon as it sees fit. 4) If not completed by September 1st, the salmon must be returned to UNWC and entry fee is forfeit. 5) After submission of completed entry, KDIS Artist Coordinator is responsible for transporting, moving, and all decisions related to the display of completed salmon. 6) Artist agrees to adhere to the project scope as described in the Artist Contract.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contact Information

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