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Writer-photographer Amy Gulick discusses new book:

Salmon in the Trees: Life in Alaska's Tongass Rain Forest



Everything is interconnected in Alaska's Tongass rain forest, one of the rarest ecosystems on Earth. Millions of wild salmon feed an abundance of bears and bald eagles, and Native cultures and local communities benefit from the gifts of both the forest and the sea.

Award-winning photographer, Amy Gulick, captures both the wild and human lives of the forest in the new book "Salmon in the Trees: Life in Alaska's Tongass Rain Forest."* Visit with her at the [Olympia Timberland Library](#) on Wednesday, October 13 from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. The book will be available for purchase and signing at the presentation.

At close to 17 million acres, the Tongass boasts nearly a third of all that remains of the world's rare old-growth temperate rain forests. Fringing the coastal panhandle of Alaska, the forest covers thousands of islands in the Alexander Archipelago.

The book includes 160 color photos by Gulick; essays and audio from scientists, journalists and conservationists; and illustrations by Alaska artist Ray Troll to offer multiple perspectives on conserving a rare ecosystem.

Gulick is a Fellow with the International League of Conservation Photographers. Among other awards, she is a recipient of the Philip Hyde Award presented by the North American Nature Photography Association for her work in the Tongass. Her images and articles have been featured in the Audubon, National Wildlife, Outdoor Photographer, Sierra and other magazines. She lives in North Bend, Washington.

For more details about the book and its contributors, go to www.salmoninthetrees.org. The Olympia Timberland Library is at 313 8th Ave. SE, Olympia. For more about the program, call the library at (360) 352-0595 or go to www.TRL.org.

* "...what if I told you that the trees are here, in part, because of salmon? That the trees that shelter and feed the fish, that help build the fish, are themselves built by the fish?" -- Carl Safina, essayist for Salmon in the Trees

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