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Paine Field recertified as Salmon-Safe

Salmon-safe certification initially earned by the airport in 2019 for ongoing commitment to support the environmental needs of salmon and the health of Puget Sound.

EVERETT, Wash., October 20, 2021 – Paine Field has recently earned recertification as Salmon-Safe by the Oregon-based environmental non-profit Salmon-Safe. The airport originally earned this certification in 2019 for its long-running efforts to maintain water quality and natural habitat that supports the environmental needs of salmon.

To maintain its certification, the airport participates in a third-party verification process, including a site inspection to evaluate airport environmental programs including landscape practices, stormwater treatment, and review of documentation on water quality and flow.

“Polluted runoff is the single biggest threat to Puget Sound, and through its recertification commitment, Paine Field is committing to ongoing actions to protect downstream water quality, said Molly Ray, Puget Sound Director, Salmon Safe. “We look forward to working closely with the airport as it continues to raise the bar for environmental management within the aviation industry.”

The airport’s environmental programs reflect decades of improvements and innovation. “One of our highest priorities is ensuring county operations are improving water quality and protecting our economic vitality and quality of life,” said Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers. “Recertification of Paine Field’s Salmon-Safe program is a testament to the efforts of the staff, users, and tenants at the airport to improving our environmental health.”

“It is our belief that we can have a clean environment while continuing to be a leading economic engine that supports over 158,000 jobs with an annual economic impact of almost \$60 billion,” said Paine Field Airport Director Arif Ghouse.

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About Paine Field

Paine Field is a unique airport, driving the economy of the region, having the newest commercial airport terminal in Washington state, and serving as home to over 500 aircraft, including small, single engine recreational aircraft, corporate jets, vintage warbirds, and brand-new Boeing aircraft. Paine Field’s privately-

owned commercial air terminal services a dozen western destinations. Located about 30 miles north of downtown Seattle, the airport offers high quality aviation facilities, including a FAA tower, Cat 1 ILS, Part 139 certification, FBO services and good access to Seattle, Bellevue, and Redmond.

About Salmon-Safe

Since 1998, Salmon-Safe has successfully defined and promoted ecologically sustainable development and land management practices that protect water quality and aquatic biodiversity throughout the Northwest. The Salmon-Safe Infrastructure initiative is the nation's first certification program linking infrastructure development and operation with the protection of water quality and an imperiled species. To achieve Salmon-Safe certification, businesses and other landowners must go through a rigorous assessment and independent verification of their operations by experts in stormwater, water quality science, landscape management, and fish biology.

Other infrastructure and projects that have earned Salmon-Safe certification include Seattle-Tacoma International and Vancouver (British Columbia) International airports, the Allen Institute, the University of Washington, and UW Husky Stadium. Learn more at salmonsafe.org.