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**WHATCOM WATER WEEK SEPTEMBER 16 – 23, 2017**

**Water – It’s Everybody’s Business.** Join the Whatcom Watersheds Information Network and celebrate Whatcom Water Week 2017 through a series of free events held throughout Whatcom County from September 16 to 23. Businesses, non-profit organizations, agencies, and community groups are hosting a variety of fun family-friendly events that celebrate the importance of water to our community, our environment, and our cultural well-being. Water Week offers something for everybody.

Popular Water Week events from last year are back. The Water Week photo contest is already up and running with photos showcasing the importance of water in our community. The Streams of Thought Film Festival will include four films focusing on the importance of water, special guest speakers, and locally produced short films. The second annual Bellingham SeaFeast celebration is happening on the Bellingham waterfront. New this year is the Bay to Baker Symposium, a two-day event sharing information about ecosystem recovery actions in Whatcom County. Other Water Week events include the Run with the Chums 5k, salmon and beaver tours, guided creek and river walks, International Beach Cleanup day, Seafood Week, water and wastewater treatment plant tours, and a Taylor Shellfish Farm tour. All events are free, but some require pre-registration. Visit [www.whatcomwaterweeks.org](http://www.whatcomwaterweeks.org) for more information and event details.

Whatcom Water Weeks is organized by the Whatcom Watersheds Information Network (WWIN). WWIN is a network of government agencies, businesses, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, tribes, and citizens who are involved in marine and freshwater ecosystems education and outreach. Whatcom County Public Works is a proud member of WWIN and supporter of Water Week. WWIN’s mission is to support and improve watershed education, stewardship, information exchange, and public involvement efforts in Whatcom County. Learn more about WWIN at [www.whatcomwin.org](http://www.whatcomwin.org).



Run with the Chums start line, Water Week 2016

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