

PMAC Club Tour April 19, 2026



On April 19th, the Pacific Model A Club was invited to tour the Nicomekl Enhancement Society's volunteer run salmon hatchery.

The society is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of salmon in the Nicomekl River watershed along with the restoration of salmon habitat.

Club members met at Ricky's for breakfast and then 6 Model As and a few modern vehicles joined in on the run to the salmon hatchery.

Our visit to the hatchery started with an introductory video of the salmon species raised at the hatchery (Chinook, Coho, and Chum) and the activities of the volunteers, from collecting broodstock in the fall to rearing juveniles through winter and releasing them in the spring.

Our tour guide then led us around the hatchery explaining all facets of the work at the hatchery.

In the middle of the tour, we stopped to collect some chum salmon for release. After encouraging a few Chinook into pails, we walked down to the headwaters along a winding path through the tranquil setting. Dipping our pails into the water, the Chinook salmon were now on their own to survive and hopefully one day make it back to the Nicomekl headwaters to spawn and start the cycle all over again.

Sure makes one appreciate the efforts of all the volunteers making a difference in salmon conservation.

[Nicomekl Hatchery – Volunteer run Salmon Hatchery](#)

