
GCSC Seminar Series

February 14, 2017

4:00-5:00 PM

210 ASB
(Aline Skaggs Building)

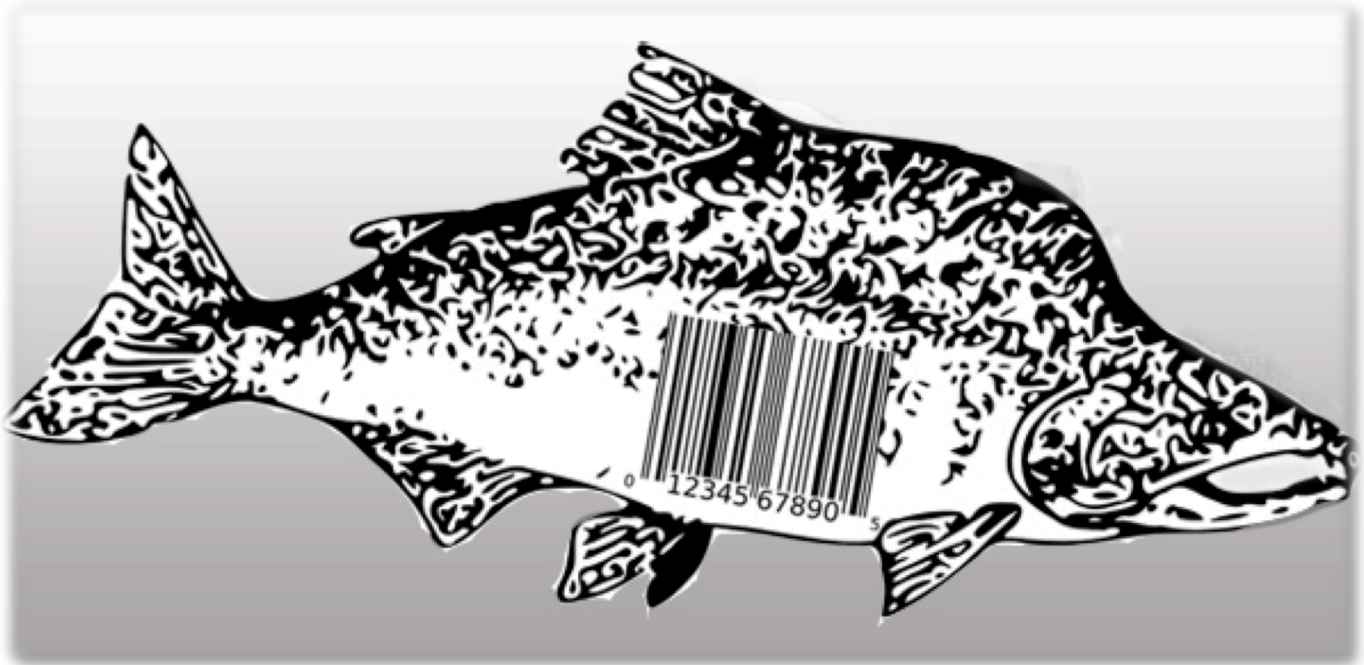
ALL ARE WELCOME

Refreshments & meet
the speaker at 3:45

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"Pacific Northwest Salmon, Commodification, and the Marine Nutrient-Land Exchange"



Abstract

Salmon historically have transferred marine nutrients and energy to terrestrial ecosystems. A turning point in this marine-land exchange was the commodification of salmon and the construction of dams, as the economic-productive system became more disembedded from social relations that helped regulate this process. I will assess these historical changes, highlighting the metabolic rift in this nutrient cycle and the various contradictions that have arisen.

Bio

Brett Clark is associate professor of sociology and sustainability studies at the University of Utah. His research focuses on the political economy of global environmental change and the philosophy, history, and sociology of science. He teaches courses in the Department of Sociology, Environmental Humanities Graduate Program, and the Environmental and Sustainability Studies program.