

Pacific Northwest

From John Aho at Olympic NP comes word of the 1985 annual report on precipitation chemistry and ecosystem function in the park – baseline research for acid precipitation studies. The 41-page report, plus a 2-page summary, contains 11 tables and 4 figures. Research last year focused on two small watersheds of the Hoh River drainage in Olympic NP and consisted of plot sampling – vegetation and soils, precipitation and stream chemistry, and a small mammals survey.

Copies of the report may be requested from Aho, Division of Science and Technology, Olympic NP, 600 E. Park Ave., Port Angeles, WA 98362, or (206) 452-4501 x241.

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From Robert S. Chandler, superintendent of Olympic NP, comes word of the death of Don Cole on May 9, after a prolonged and valiant struggle with cancer. Wrote Chandler:

"Don came to Olympic in 1983 as this park's first fishery biologist. He added a new and very important dimension to our fish management program and was the primary person developing the very complex Elwha fish restoration project. His commitment to this work was evident in recent weeks as he continued to give the job all he could in spite of his failing health. The work that Don performed and the respect he gained from his co-workers and from other agencies helped the park establish a much stronger role in carrying out our fishery management responsibilities. We will miss Don's professionalism, his commitment, and his friendly manner."

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A skills development and information exchange workshop, addressing the practical "hands on" aspects of wilderness and backcountry site restoration projects was held April 19 at North Cascades NP. Attendants were people active and interested in restoration of human-impacted backcountry areas through applied revegetation techniques – agency personnel, students, and work crew supervisors. Content ranged from the dynamics of timberline and alpine meadow evolutionary change to plant tissue culture.

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