

'We're throwing them a lot of curves, but they are resilient'

Two new books chronicle salmon life, restoration on the Columbia River

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For the past 20 years, Pat Welle's life has followed the Columbia River current.

This slow flow began in eastern Washington's Hanford Reach, where Welle once ran a kayaking business and directed water quality projects.

Later, she moved on to a floating home in Portland, during which time she obtained a second master's degree in environmental resource management, and served on the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council.

Today, the nature photographer calls

southwest Washington's Willapa Bay home.

"Well, I could get about another mile west," jokes the author of two new books about the Columbia River.

But it's not Welle's own journey chronicled in her dual books.

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ABOVE: Morning fishing near the Sauvie Island bridge. BELOW: A heron on pilings in Multnomah Channel.



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