

Hello Again

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Hello again. My name is Neil Vargas and I am the new Restoration Technician at SFEG. During my internship with Skagit Fisheries in 2006-2007, I became interested in farming and growing food for myself. This led me to central Washington to run a small organic vegetable farm with my girlfriend. Prior to my move to the farm, I embarked on a personal journey down the west coast to Los Angeles on my bicycle. Through my work

on the farm, I became more interested in Permaculture and building with natural materials. Permaculture is a philosophy or approach to designing human settlements and perennial agricultural systems that mimic the relationships found in natural systems. These ideas led me to a workshop in Southern India this last winter. I was in India for 2.5 months, half of that time devoted to studying permaculture and natural building. I live my life in pursuit of low-impact on the environment and sustainability.

It is wonderful to be back in NW Washington hiking, biking and working on growing my own food. I invite others to join me in those pursuits. I am glad to once again be working with SFEG and i look forward to meeting more of the people involved with our organization.