

Dear Summer Fishtrap Participants,

We have some IMPORTANT NEWS for you. But first I want to share how happy we are to have you be an important part of the 34th Summer Fishtrap Gathering of Writers. This year's theme of "Resilience" is even more resonant as we've all experienced difficult times over the past year. We hope your Summer Fishtrap week is a relief from all that and inspires you to get some good writing done.

And now for the IMPORTANT NEWS: Summer Fishtrap is going virtual for 2021

This was a difficult decision. After consulting with local and regional public health professionals, we came to the conclusion that July is likely still too early in the vaccine rollout to safely hold Summer Fishtrap in person. We do not want to put you, our instructors, or the Fishtrap staff and volunteers at an unnecessary risk.

You can count on being part of a great writing experience at Summer Fishtrap. We learned a lot last summer about how to host a conference online and are already hard at work adapting this year's conference. This year's Summer Fishtrap will be even better, easier to access, include new content, and promises to be a more enriching experience for everyone. Nothing can replace the experience of being in the Wallawas together and the Fishtrap staff, and I will miss visiting with all of you in-person, but we are excited to provide special activities for everyone such as virtual hikes, readings, writing prompts, and abilities to connect.

Options

We hope you all join us for the virtual Summer Fishtrap week, July 12-18. Last summer we had workshop participants from ages 13 to 87 and they all reported a high quality experience. Please take a look at some of the comments people shared.

[Virtual Summer Fishtrap - A Success!](#)

In June we'll send you a Summer Fishtrap Participant Packet with the full schedule of events and directions on how to access everything. Until then, please feel free to get in touch.

We also recognize that not everyone has the computer equipment or reliable internet access to join online. With that, we offer you these options. **Please review and let us know how you would like to go forward by April 1, 2021**

- Yes, I'd like to attend 2021 Summer Fishtrap week virtually
- Please transfer my registration to 2022
- I would like to receive a refund minus the \$100 non-refundable deposit
- I would like to donate my 2021 Summer Fishtrap registration to Fishtrap

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Just because Summer Fishtrap is going virtual it doesn't mean you have to stay home for the week. If you're craving the scenic beauty of the Wallowas, please consider contacting our partners at Wallowa Lake Lodge to reserve a room and stream your workshop virtually with their new and improved Wifi and expanded deck. Wallowa Lake Lodge welcomes participants with existing reservations to transfer bookings to Summer Fishtrap 2022. From Lodge manager Madeline Lau, "The Lodge is honored to be partners with Fishtrap and we look forward to hosting guests this year and beyond." If you have another favorite get-away cabin you'd like to reserve, just make sure the place has reliable internet connectivity.

-Fishtrap Staff