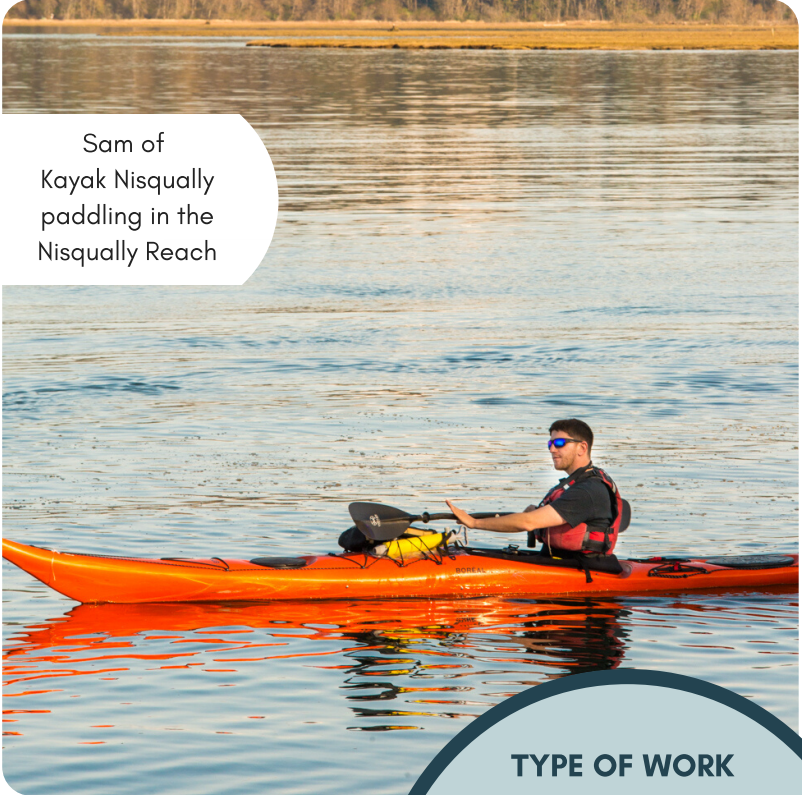




Sam of
Kayak Nisqually
paddling in the
Nisqually Reach



TYPE OF WORK

My duties include designing and leading kayak tours, as well as performing all business functions including marketing and accounting.

Sam Kaviar
Owner and Founder
Kayak Nisqually



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TYPICAL DAY: My day usually starts by checking bookings and social media to see how many people have signed up for a tour. I check the weather and currents before collecting boats and equipment and driving to the beach. Once I arrive, I prep gear, greet guests, and conduct a safety orientation and paddling lesson. I lead the tour with ample naturalist interpretation and upon returning to shore, clean gear and return to storage. I send out photos from the tour to participants and then begin preparing for the next tour.

CAREER PATHWAY:

Before college, I did internships in the environmental field. I studied animal behavior, zoology, wildlife, biology, and Buddhist philosophy. In college, I received a scholarship to do wildlife research on pygmy sloths. After completing my undergraduate degree, I was hired as a biological science technician for the United State Geological Survey studying estuary restoration and became a caretaker for the Nisqually Reach Nature Center.



IMPORTANT SKILLS

Sea kayaking certification, expedition behavior, leadership, oceanography and marine navigation, computer skills, laws of the sea, and applicable business skills and mathematics.

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree

SALARY RANGE

\$25,000-\$50,000

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

My favorite tool is binoculars because they allow me to facilitate great observations of wildlife while respecting laws and ethics about not disturbing wildlife.

"I get to be outside a lot, facilitating fun and education for people in nature, as a business owner I have a lot of freedom and control over what I get to share."

– Sam Kaviar