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## Snohomish Group November 2016

*Explore, enjoy and protect the planet*

The Snohomish Group serves our members in two counties:  
Snohomish and Island (Whidbey and Camano Islands).

Our Group's monthly newsletter includes our calendar of events. To receive a single sample copy, send your name and email address to: [Snohomish@Washington.SierraClub.org](mailto:Snohomish@Washington.SierraClub.org) with "**eNews Request**" in the subject line.

The Snohomish Group: We're local volunteers working on Snohomish and Island county issues. Guests are welcome, please join us. Our Conservation Committee would love your help. We're working on issues such as protecting the Skykomish River, protecting our communities and waterways from oil train spills and stopping dirty coal exports. This month we include news reports of some recent victories.

For upcoming outdoor and environmental activities here's the calendar of Sierra Club events for Snohomish & Island County members, including local events and some of the many regional events.

### **Snohomish Group Volunteer's Meeting**

Tues. Nov. 15

6:45 pm - Welcome, snacks and refreshments.

7:00 pm - Meeting begins.

8:45 pm - Adjourn.

Please bring a friend and join us! Location this month is in Everett. For directions contact [deansmith4@me.com](mailto:deansmith4@me.com)

## **Help These Preferred Candidates**

The Snohomish Group of the Sierra Club endorsed candidates in Snohomish and Island County, all of whom would undoubtedly appreciate your support. You might be surprised to know that, while candidates always appreciate financial support, most appreciate actual hands-on support even more. Google your candidate and contact them to offer whatever support you can.

See all Sierra Club endorsements at:

[www.sierraclub.org/washington/endorsements-2016](http://www.sierraclub.org/washington/endorsements-2016)

### **Statewide**

Governor - Jay Inslee

Attorney General - Bob Ferguson

Commissioner of Public Lands - Hilary Franz

Supreme Court Justice, Position #1 - Mary Yu

Supreme Court Justice, Position #5 - Barbara Madsen

Supreme Court Justice, Position #6 - Charles Wiggins

Initiative 735 - YES!

### **State Senate**

Dist. 10, Angie Homola

### **State House**

Dist. 1, Pos. 1, Derek Stanford

Dist. 1, Pos. 2, Shelley Kloba

Dist. 10, Pos. 2, Doris Brevoort

Dist. 21, Pos. 1, Strom Peterson

Dist. 21, Pos. 2, Lillian Ortiz-Self

Dist. 32, Pos. 1, Cindy Ryu

Dist. 32, Pos. 2, Ruth Kagi

Dist. 38, Pos. 1, June Robinson

Dist. 38, Pos. 2, Mike Sells

Dist. 39, Pos. 2, Ronda Metcalf

Dist. 44, Pos. 1, John Lovick

Dist. 44, Pos. 2, Katrina Ondracek

Snohomish County Council - Hans Dunshee

Contact Political Chair, Jackie Minchew, ([JWMchew@aol.com](mailto:JWMchew@aol.com)) for more information.

## **Outings**

### **Training: Intro to Navigation**

Sun. Nov. 13 from 10 am to noon

Magnuson Park, Seattle

Join us to learn/review basic map & compass skills, and practice on Magnuson Park's orienteering course. Compasses will be provided; participants should bring water, any desired snacks, shoes for walking, and clothing appropriate for weather.

Details and Sign-up will be posted soon at [www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Outings-Western-Washington](http://www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Outings-Western-Washington)

### **Walk: Black Friday #OptOutside - Will you go out with us?**

Fri. Nov. 25

Time and locations - we'd like your suggestions.

You may remember when REI did something different on Black Friday last year — they closed the co-op's doors and invited the nation to opt outside with them. And more than a million people did just that. It really caught the attention of our community. This year on Black Friday, we're going to join REI outside, and we'd like you to opt outside with us. Let's skip the malls and celebrate life outdoors. Enjoy a pleasant stroll with friendly people of all ages. Inspired by REI, fueled by fun. Suggest a park, beach or trail to explore. How about a service project? This is your chance to help us select where to go - [www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Outings-Western-Washington](http://www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Outings-Western-Washington)

## **CALENDAR of EVENTS**

### **Meaningful Movies**

Consumerism & the Limits to Imagination

Wed. Nov. 12 at 7 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church, 8109 224th St. SW Edmonds

Doors open for refreshments at 6:30

### **Meeting: National Forest Committee**

Wed. Nov. 12 from 7 pm to 9 pm

Sierra Club office, 180 Nickerson St.#202, Seattle

Learn about and help save Washington's ancient forests, roadless areas, rare wildlife, and trails. Many volunteer opportunities available around the state, including protecting iconic places in local Wilderness campaigns, reconnecting wildlife habitat through the Cascade Checkerboard Project, and restoring trails in the North Cascades.

Contact: Harry Romberg [hbromb@aol.com](mailto:hbromb@aol.com)

### **Meeting: Beyond Coal**

Thur. Nov. 17 at 7:00 pm

Sierra Club office, 180 Nickerson St #202, Seattle

Contact [robin.everett@sierraclub.org](mailto:robin.everett@sierraclub.org)

### **Meeting: Water and Salmon Committee**

Mon. Nov. 21 at 7:00 pm

Sierra Club office, 180 Nickerson St #202, Seattle

Help us protect and enhance water & salmon. If this is your first meeting, please contact Elaine Packard, [espackard@msn.com](mailto:espackard@msn.com).

### **Holiday Trees for Salmon**

Sat. Dec. 10

NW Stream Center, 600 – 128th St. SE, Everett

Buy a live holiday tree at the NW Stream Center, enjoy it over the holidays and plant it afterwards or bring it back to the NW Stream Center and know it will be planted next to a salmon stream. Contact [aasf@streamkeeper.org](mailto:aasf@streamkeeper.org) or 425-316-8592

### **Meaningful Movies: What Would Jesus Buy?**

Sat. Dec. 10, at 6:30 pm, refreshments at 6 pm

Sanctuary Covenant Church, 4502 Rucker Ave. Everett

### **Volunteers Appreciation Holiday Party**

Sun. Dec. 11, 5:30 pm

327 2nd Ave N. Edmonds

Contact: Marjorie Fields [mvfields@me.com](mailto:mvfields@me.com)

## **NEWS**

**Dean Smith** received Everett radio station KSER's Voice of the Community award for his annual Snohomish County Train Watch. Started 3 years ago, each spring he organized a "flash mob" of activists who watched the Everett train tracks around the clock for a week to count fossil fuel trains. This data alerted the public that the number of trains were far larger than known. His results helped the public to understand the scope and dangers of heavy, explosive fossil fuel trains and helped pass state reporting regulations for hazardous fuel trains.



### **Edmonds Marsh Boundaries Center of Controversy**

Last month we reported that the Edmonds City Council voted for a 110 foot buffer to protect the Marsh. However developers have their eye on the Edmonds Marsh and wildlife habitat. The Dept. of Ecology apparently makes the decision, and Ecology may be as pro-development as the Edmonds mayor - who publicly opposes the City Council recommendation. The president of the City Council says the mayor should be reprimanded for that action.

### **Can the Sunset Falls Dam Project be stopped?**

Despite the astronomical expenses, the high price per kilowatt generated, Washington State laws, federal guidelines, the future of numerous species of salmon on the Endangered Species List – even an active landslide at the project site -- Snohomish County PUD appears undeterred from their plan for Sunset Falls. Incumbent commissioner Tanya Olson's campaign for reelection has stated she is willing to review the project. Olson, however, has made no perceivable efforts to obtain new information at this time.

### **Shell No More: Another One Bites the Dust!**

Shell Oil recently announced that it had ended its efforts to construct an oil train facility in Anacortes, WA. If approved, the project would have resulted in six more oil trains coming through communities across the state, including Edmonds and Marysville.

Prior to this announcement, more than 35,000 people had submitted written comments demanding that the proposal be rejected. This win is a testament to the power and the dedication of community members.

### **Federal Court Allows Lawsuit Against BNSF to go forward**

A federal judge in Seattle has allowed a lawsuit against BNSF to go forward; BNSF had asked for dismissal. The trial should be in early November. The Sierra Club is a party to the suit. Several environmental groups seek damages caused by the release of coal dust from BNSF coal trains. This is a big win for the environment.

For more information about the Snohomish Group contact:

Tom Crisp at [tom.crisp@washington.SierraClub.org](mailto:tom.crisp@washington.SierraClub.org) or 425-737-0350.

See the Snohomish Group Web site:

[www.SierraClub.org/Washington/snohomish-group](http://www.SierraClub.org/Washington/snohomish-group)

And visit the Washington State Chapter Web site:

[www.SierraClub.org/Washington](http://www.SierraClub.org/Washington)

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### **ELECTION of Snohomish Group Executive Committee (ExCom)**

ExCom members are the leaders of the Snohomish Group. This year we will elect four of the seven positions. All positions are two year terms.

Voting Instructions:

- There are two types of members: Single and Joint. Joint members may each vote. The ballot has a second vote column to be used by the second member.
- Member Type (Single or Joint) is on your Fall Crest mailing label. If you don't know your member type, email [Snohomish@Washington.SierraClub.org](mailto:Snohomish@Washington.SierraClub.org) with "Member Type Request" in the subject line and include your name, address, phone number, and if known, your member number.

- You must write in your name(s) and your mailing address that matches club records.
- Your member number is on your Fall Crest and Sierra Magazine address label just above your name, and your membership card. If you cannot find your member number you may submit a provisional ballot which should include your phone number and email address.

Print and mail your Ballot:

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VOTER VERIFICATION

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Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(s) \_\_\_\_\_

After we verify you are qualified to vote, your sealed ballot without your ID section will go in the counting box.

Ballots must be received by 5 pm on Monday December 12th 2016. Mail or deliver your ballot to:

Snohomish Group Elections Committee  
 3007 Federal Ave. Apt. 1  
 Everett WA 98201

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Cut your ballot from the above section, fold in half and seal using tape or staples.

**2016 Snohomish Group Executive Committee Ballot**

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| Vote for up to four candidates:                   | Single                   | Joint                    |
| <b>Eric Teegarden</b> , Energy Committee chair    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Marjie Fields</b> , Newsletter                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Jackie Minchew</b> , Political Committee chair | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Tom Crisp</b> , Outings chair, Treasurer       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Fold your ballot in half to cover your vote and tape or staple it closed.