

2013 Chapter Endorsements Issue

Vote YES on Initiative 522: Label Genetically Modified Foods

Who could argue with your right to know what you're eating or drinking? That's why the Sierra Club supports Initiative 522: a new statewide initiative that would mandate the labeling of genetically engineered foods.



Thousands of citizens, farmers, health professionals, business owners and consumer advocates have come out in favor of I-522. Business including Whole Foods, PCC, Loki's Fish Company, Full Circle Farms and Theo Chocolate are

joining together to insist that GM foods be labeled. And according to a recent article from EcoWatch, 64 percent of likely voters support labeling of GM foods.

Yet despite widespread public support of I-522, chemical and agribusiness powerhouse Monsanto has spent \$4.5 million so far fighting its passage into law.

Grocery store food labels identify nutrients such as sodium, sugar, and trans-fatty acids, so why not label GM foods as well? Please join us to help us get this historic bill passed. Our families and generations to come will benefit from the action we take now.

Get Involved!

- To learn more about I-522, visit the campaign's website at www.YesOn522.com. The campaign needs both donations and volunteers. You can read the bill here: <http://yeson522.com/about/read>.
- To learn more about the Sierra Club's policy on

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Nathan Schlicher, Senator, 26th District



Sen. Nathan Schlicher, who was temporarily appointed to fill the seat vacated by former Sen. Derek Kilmer in this 2013 State Legislative Session, is a very bright young rising star in local and state politics. He is a practicing ER physician in his day job, but is also an attorney and an expert on health care policy.

He is well-informed on environmental issues and has already made numerous pro-environment votes consistent with the agendas of the environmental community and Sierra Club in the 2013 regular and special sessions. He voted to fend off an onslaught of conservative-sponsored anti-environment proposed legislation in the Senate this year.

Examples of his environmental commitment include his votes to defend I-937, protect water resources, reduce climate changing pollution, protect our limited water resources (surface and aquifers), protect the gray wolf, adequately fund public transportation (including bus, rail & bike/pedestrian), create jobs for a clean

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Dear Washington State Sierra Club Members and Volunteers,

I hope you had a chance to experience the outdoors in our state this summer. Our National Parks and Wilderness areas offer many opportunities to explore the outdoors.

Now, Fall is approaching and there is work to be done. Elections are being held in cities throughout the state. Endorsements in a variety of races can be found in this edition of the Crest. Most importantly, don't forget to vote by November 5.

Workshops are being held in preparation for public hearings on Longview's proposed coal export terminal. The hearings are being held in Longview, Spokane, Pasco, Vancouver and Tacoma. Get involved, attend a pre-hearing workshop, write comments and prepare your testimony.

Our chapter is only as strong as our members and volunteers. We have openings for office volunteers in our Seattle office. If you are interested, or if you have any thoughts or suggestions, please contact me at mvanclvesc@gmail.com.

Enjoy your fall,

Margie Van Cleve

Chapter Chair

Washington State Chapter of the Sierra Club

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County Endorsements

“The Obscure County Election That Could Change the Planet”

That’s what the National Journal dubbed this year’s race for Whatcom County Council. That’s because Whatcom County has some big decisions to make in the coming years regarding the Cherry Point coal export terminal. And this year we have an opportunity to elect thoughtful candidates that will take all factors into consideration in making this decision, including the environment at Cherry Point, climate implications, impacts to those living and working along the rail line, and possible impacts to waterfront redevelopment in Bellingham.

But we can’t do it without your help!

This year, Sierra Club needs you to contact voters in Whatcom County no matter where you live! We are organizing calling parties across the state and we are organizing carpools from Seattle to Bellingham on October 26 and November 2 to knock on doors. To find out more information on how to get involved in this very important election, please contact Robin Everett at robin.everett@sierraclub.org or call 206-378-0114 x308.

Whatcom County Council

Barry Buchanan, District 1, Position A

A small business owner and former Bellingham City Councilmember, Barry Buchanan is a fourth generation Whatcom County native. Barry has a long history of public service. Among the community boards he’s served on are the Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce, the Northwest Economic Development Council, the Whatcom County 911 Emergency Dispatch System and the Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association. He was elected as the Chair of the Whatcom County Democratic Party and as a member of the Bellingham City Council.



the Ski to Sea race, Opportunity Council, and recently finished his first Board term at Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services (DVSAS).

Carl Weimer, District 3, Position A

Carl Weimer is currently serving his second term on the County Council. Besides his work on the Whatcom County Council, Carl is also the Executive Director of the National Pipeline Safety Trust, which began after the 1999 Olympic Pipeline tragedy in Bellingham, Washington. He is a member of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, the steering committee for DOT’s Pipeline and Informed Planning Alliance and is also a member of the Governor-appointed Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety.



Ken Mann, District 2, Position A

Ken Mann is currently serving his first term on the County Council. Ken has always believed in public service and community involvement. He served on the Whatcom County Planning Commission for almost six years and was Chairman for two years. Ken is a member of the Whatcom Business Alliance, and serves on the board of directors of



Carl has testified to both the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate on pipeline safety issues multiple times, has been called as a witness during pipeline investigations by the National Transportation Safety Board, organized seven national pipeline safety conferences, pushed for stronger pipeline safety legislation on the national and state level, runs the national Safe Pipelines and LNG Safety listservs that include over 800 people from around the country, and regularly serves as an independent source of pipeline safety information for news media, local government, and citizens around the country.

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Whatcom County Council

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Carl is married and has two grown daughters. He and his wife Carol live with their two dogs, cat, and chickens alongside a salmon stream east of Ferndale.

Rud Browne, At Large Position

Rud Browne brings a strong background as an entrepreneur to his candidacy. The company he founded, Ryzex, grew into a multinational company with \$75 million in annual revenues that provided employment for 360 people, 140 of whom were in Whatcom.



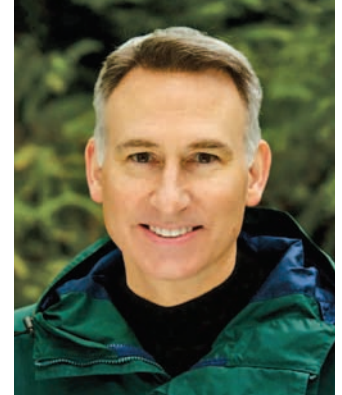
He supported the Lake Whatcom Reconveyance demonstrating his commitment to protecting public lands for recreational purposes.

Though he has not yet announced his position on the Gateway Pacific Terminal project, we believe his record as an entrepreneur and an advocate for the environment proves he will weigh the pros and cons of the project responsibly and thoughtfully.

King County Executive

Dow Constantine

Executive Constantine has been an extraordinarily effective leader and a strong advocate for environmental policies. His work to halt a proposed gravel mine on Maury Island began while he served as a member of the King County Council



and concluded when, in his first term as Executive, he completed the County's purchase of 250 acres of upland forest and a mile of undeveloped Puget Sound shoreline. This year, Executive Constantine proposed and successfully advocated for a renewal of the King County Parks Levy supporting King County's 200 parks, 175 miles of regional trails, and 26,000 acres of open space. While transit funding is a major environmental concern in King County, Executive Constantine continues to work with the state legislature and the King County Council to replace vital funding for Metro. The Sierra Club endorses Executive Constantine and we look forward to continuing to work with him to protect King County's strong legacy of environmental stewardship.

Port Commissioner Endorsements

John Creighton, Port of Seattle Commissioner, Position 1

Commissioner Creighton has been a strong environmental advocate at the Port of Seattle, bringing together the business and environmental communities to ensure an economically viable and environmentally sustainable port.

During his tenure as Commission President, the Port of Seattle set the goal to be "the greenest, cleanest, most energy efficient port in North America."



Commissioner Creighton has worked to reduce Port-related air emissions and championed a "Greener Skies" initiative to reduce emissions from SeaTac airport.

We look forward to continuing to work with Commissioner Creighton in his efforts to reduce climate-disrupting emissions through his work on the Port Commission.

Port Commissioner Endorsements

Port of Port Angeles Commissioner, District 1

Del DelaBarre

Del DelaBarre is our candidate of choice to fill the Port of Port Angeles District 1 Commissioner position. He will be a voice for the environment.

Del supports the Wild Olympics Campaign, a broad community effort to designate new Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers on the Olympic Peninsula. He is also a strong advocate for cleaning up the pollution in Port Angeles Harbor. Del believes the Port should follow Ecology's clean up orders and monitor its tenants to ensure they do not re-pollute the Harbor. This is essential environmentally and to attract meaningful port business development.



In addition to Sierra Club support, DelaBarre has to date the support of both the Jamestown S'Klallam and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribes, the Olympic Labor Council and the Clallam County Democratic Party.

A long-standing, respected member of the community, Del has served in many capacities including on the Peninsula College Foundation Board of Governors. He will bring to the Commission decades of broad board experience.

Support Del and the environment with your vote for Port of Port Angeles Commissioner, and urge others to do the same.

Mayoral Endorsements

Mayor of Seattle

Mike McGinn

The Sierra Club is proud to endorse Mike McGinn for Seattle Mayor in 2013. A long-time advocate for a smarter, greener Seattle, Mayor McGinn has successfully made numerous advances for environmental protection and sustainability in our city.

He has made improved public transit a cornerstone of his administration, including major investments in high-capacity transit. He has further helped lead the city away from dependence on fossil fuels by representing Seattle's opposition to coal trains, initiating divestment of city funds



from petroleum companies, and making significant improvements to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. Mayor McGinn has also advanced green building in Seattle, improving energy efficiency, creating jobs, and saving money for families and businesses.

For his leadership on these and other issues critical to Seattle and the environment, Sierra Club endorses Mike McGinn for re-election.

Mayoral Endorsements

Mayor of Tacoma

Marilyn Strickland

Mayor Strickland is a dynamic and charismatic personality who is quite popular with the residents of Tacoma and is unopposed in her run for a second term as Mayor of Tacoma. She takes great pride in her mixed-ethnic heritage and has worked hard on social justice issues. She has an exciting vision for Tacoma's future and a commitment to promoting public transit and street restoration, including bike/pedestrian infrastructure, and mixed-use inner city development to increase urban density. She is

willing to listen and learn. Her knowledge and support of the environment continues to increase with the help of Councilmember Ryan Mello, who is the current green leader on the Council. Mayor Strickland has provided strong leadership to get things done, while balancing economic development with environmental protection and sustainability. We continue to support Marilyn Strickland for Mayor of Tacoma for another term.

City Council Endorsements

Bainbridge City Council

Val Tollefson, North Ward Seat

Val Tollefson has been a community activist and environmental advocate on Bainbridge Island for decades. He served recently as a board member and as board chair for the Bainbridge Island Land Trust, helping guide the organization through some major acquisitions of newly-protected land. As a city council member, he will work to protect the health of Bainbridge's drinking water and the health of Puget Sound by reducing pollution.

Roger Townsend, South Ward Seat

Roger Townsend is a founding member of Reliable and Safe Electricity (RAiSE), a community group established to encourage reliable alternative energy solutions for Bainbridge Island. He is knowledgeable and cares deeply

about climate change, energy production, waste reduction and bike and pedestrian transportation planning. His level-headed, solution-focused advocacy would be a terrific addition to the Bainbridge Island City Council.

Wayne Roth, Central Ward Seat

While President of local NPR affiliate KUOW, Wayne Roth co-founded EarthFix, a regional public media environmental reporting collaboration that is seen/heard/read by more than 750,000 people each week. He is an advocate for safe and convenient bike, transit and pedestrian improvements to transportation on Bainbridge Island, as well as alternative and renewable power sources. If elected, environmental protections for Bainbridge Island would be one of his highest priorities.

Bellevue City Council

Steve Kasner, Position 4

Steve Kasner currently chairs the Bellevue Eastside Community Council. Prior to that he served on the Bellevue Parks Board. He is committed to transit-oriented development, mass transit and environmental sustainability. In addition to the Sierra Club, Steve holds endorsements from the Cascade Bicycle Club and Washington Conservation Voters. His deep commitment to the environment would be a welcome addition to the Bellevue City Council.

Lynne Robinson, Position 6

Lynne Robinson chairs the Bellevue Parks Board and will be a strong addition to the Bellevue City Council. She is an experienced leader who will be a strong voice on the council regarding municipal-level climate change issues like transit, bike paths, affordable housing, green building and waste reduction. She has publicly campaigned for a dedicated bike path along the proposed light rail line and is pursuing options for a bike barn and pedestrian promenade to make downtown Bellevue more bike and pedestrian friendly.

City Council Endorsements

Mercer Island City Council

Rich Erwin, Position 6

Rich Erwin brings a strong background in land use and transportation issues to his candidacy. He opposes tolling on the I-90 Bridge, believing transportation infrastructure financing should be handled by the Puget Sound Regional Council, which includes representatives from the cities and the four counties directly impacted by I-90 access. He believes that a regionally funded solution is more equitable and spreads the burden of taxation more fairly. Erwin has significant experience on land use issues both on and off Mercer Island. He currently chairs the Mercer Island Design Commission, which reviews

all development projects proposed on the Island. His leadership experience extends to East Bellevue Community Council where he served as a member, balancing the needs of developers and those cherishing local parks and open spaces. He was Financial Director of the Thrivent East King County charitable board and has 26 years of experience at Boeing in Engineering and Information Technology. He also supports a ban on plastic bags and Styrofoam containers, and improving the water quality of Lake Washington.

Seattle City Council

Richard Conlin, Position 2

During his four terms on the Seattle City Council, Richard Conlin has been an advocate for environmental sustainability and walkable healthy communities. He has supported Seattle Parks, supported Seattle's efforts to reduce waste and pollution and supported efforts to clean up the Duwamish River. In his work with the Sound Transit Board, Richard



has endeavored to ensure that light rail works for Seattle neighborhoods. The Sierra Club looks forward to continuing to work with Councilmember Conlin to keep Seattle's environmental agenda moving forward.

Mike O'Brien, Position 8

In his four years on Seattle's City Council, Mike O'Brien has been an impressive advocate for a sustainable, equitable future that all Seattleites can share. Inspired to seek public office by his experiences as a Sierra Club leader, O'Brien has led the council's efforts to reduce Seattle's greenhouse gas emissions and



put us on the path toward carbon neutrality. Working with Sierra Club and other allies, Mike developed a first-in-the-nation opt-out system for phone books and helped lead the campaign to ban plastic bags, both important measures to reduce unnecessary waste. He has also been a strong voice for public transit, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements, leading by example on his iconic yellow mountain bike.

City Council Endorsements

Tacoma City Council

Robert Thoms, Position 2

Robert Thoms was temporarily appointed to fill the council seat vacated by Jake Fey in January 2013. We believe Council Member Thoms clearly has more knowledge, experience and understanding of environmental issues in Tacoma than his opponent. He currently has a management consulting firm. A few years ago he worked as a staffer for Sen. Cantwell in the Pierce County area promoting the passage of federal legislation to help prevent companies like Asarco from walking away from clean-up responsibilities by declaring bankruptcy. Mr. Thoms wants assurance that the bike-pedestrian pathway between the Foss waterway to Pt. Defiance is fully completed. He supports transportation funding proposals, such as a local taxing authority, being proposed in the Legislature to support Pierce Transit. For safety reasons he wants more crosswalks developed in the city with more consideration of public input. He has been working closely with Council green leader Ryan Mello to keep informed on environmental sustainability issues, such as the City's Shoreline and Transportation Master Plans. Robert Thoms would best represent our green interests in this race.

Marty Campbell, Position 4

Marty Campbell, who is seeking his second term on the Council, is unopposed in this election. He has a wealth of experience as an active leader in the business, arts and neighborhood communities. As a small business owner, he has a strong vision for making Tacoma a world-class city by not only growing jobs and business opportunities in Tacoma, but doing it in such a way that protects the environment. He has supported increased density coupled with progres-

sive environmental transportation policies that would reduce parking in the downtown core, expanding bus, light rail and streetcar systems. He has extensively researched public transportation and parking systems and policies, that have worked well in other cities around the country. He has broad support from the business and environmental communities. Mr. Campbell has the experience and the people skills to bridge opposing factions on the City Council.

Olgy Diaz, Position 5

Olgy Diaz is currently working as a legislative aide for Rep. David Sawyer (29th LD). As a second-term Vice President of the Pierce County Young Democrats, she is a political activist with a strong focus on issues of women and the needs of constituents of her predominantly blue-collar district. She also has a good understanding of environmental sustainability and lives according to her green values. She is challenging her first-term conservative incumbent opponent, Joe Lonergan. Mr. Lonergan has focused his efforts on the Council on economic development and has sought mostly private sector solutions to city government challenges. Of all the Council members, he has cast the most votes unfriendly to the environment. He, unlike Ms. Diaz, is skeptical about accepting the influence of humans on climate change as a problem and opposes aggressively dealing with it. She has strong campaigning experience from working as a staffer for Barack Obama's and Congressman Adam Smith's campaigns. With Ms. Diaz's excellent campaign plan and strong volunteer support from labor, women's groups, and the environmental community, she has a good chance to win this race.

YES on 522

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genetically engineered (GE) or modified foods , visit: <http://www.sierraclub.org/policy/conservation/biotech.aspx>.

- Support businesses that support I-522. For a full listing read <http://yeson522.com/press-releases/hundreds-of-businesses-come-together-to-support-yes-on-522/#more-1531>.
- Attend a Town Hall event in Seattle on GM foods.

Wenonah Hauter (author of Foodopoly: The Battle Over the Future of Food and Farming in America) returns to Town Hall after a well-received January appearance to talk about I-522.

- Help us get out the vote! Contact Conservation Committee members Rebecca Wolfe at rr.wolfe@comcast.net or Pat Sumption at patsumption@juno.com.

City Council Endorsements

Woodinville City Council

Paula Waters, Position 1

During the last four years, Paula Waters has served on the Woodinville Planning Commission and has participated in the drafting of the Downtown Plan, which would attract development into downtown and not into the Sammamish Valley. She is deeply committed to protecting Sammamish Valley farmland. Included in the goals of the plan is mixed-use, dense development which would provide for more opportunities for people to live and work in downtown Woodinville. The result is intended to be a community that is lively, walkable and allows more effective use of mass transit. As a member of the City Council Paula would be able to assist in the implementation of the Downtown Plan and would support the goals of ARCH to provide more housing for low and moderate income people in downtown Woodinville. Paula is unopposed for election to the Woodinville City Council.

James Evans, Position 3

James Evans is a long-term resident of Woodinville. He grew up in the city and has remained there as an adult. He is running for City Council to support the new Downtown Plan, which calls for increased density and development in the Woodinville downtown core. One of the goals of the plan is to eliminate the need to expand Woodinville City boundaries and to protect farmland in the Sammamish Valley. James had been a small business owner in Woodinville for four years. James sees the lack of good public transportation in Woodinville as a major problem. He believes that the major issue is a lack of good connections to other Eastside cities including Redmond, Bellevue and Kirkland. James is unopposed for election to the Woodinville City Council.

Susan Boundy-Sanders, Position 5

Council member Boundy-Sanders has been an environmental champion on the Woodinville City Council, supporting the city's position in the successful land use case Phoenix v. Woodinville, decided by the state Supreme Court in 2011. It gave Washington cities the right to enforce their land use/zoning regulations over the economic interests of developers. She was also the vice chair of the Woodinville Planning Commission when they updated the Comprehensive Plan, which identified wildlife corridors and supports the development of high-density housing and a walkable downtown commercial zone. Council member Boundy-Sanders is running unopposed.

Bernie Talmas, Position 7

Council member Talmas was chosen to serve as Mayor by the other Woodinville City Council Members four years ago. Talmas is chair of the Eastside Transportation Partnership, one of three transportation boards under King County government. He is a member of the Puget Sound Regional Council, serving on the council's Growth Management Policy Board. He is also one of three voting members of the Sound Cities Association, which represents 35 cities and over a million people. He has consistently worked to preserve farmland in the Sammamish Valley, supporting the Downtown Plan to develop high-density housing and a more walkable commercial area in the aging downtown. He supports the Sierra Club's Coal-Free PSE campaign. He is running for his second city council term.

Senator Schlicher

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economy, and promote environmental justice. He has also been receptive to learning about the perils of unbridled expansion of industrial aquaculture in the South Sound.

It is imperative that Sen. Schlicher hold onto this Senate seat to not only help push forward a pro-environmental

agenda in the Senate, but also to prevent anti-environment legislators from holding a majority control of the Senate. This is a high-profile, high-stakes race and is drawing big money into each candidate's campaigns. His opponent, Rep. Jan Angel, has a strong anti-environment voting record in the House with a lifetime Washington Conservation Voters rating of 11 points out of 100.

Happy 5th Anniversary, Wild Sky Wilderness!

by Harry Romberg, Chapter Executive Committee

On August 20, advocates for the Wild Sky Wilderness joined Senator Patty Murray and Congressman Rick Larsen in Index, Wash. to celebrate Washington's newest wilderness, wishing it a happy 5 year anniversary. With the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and Highway 2 to its south, and the North Fork Skykomish River slicing through its center, the Wild Sky represents 106,577 acres of remarkable territory. The Wilderness contains lush forests and towering granite rock faces like Merchant Peak and Baring Mountain, providing unmatched opportunities to hike, camp, paddle, hunt, fish, birdwatch and otherwise enjoy the area.

Pure water lakes pool between peaks, sprouting streams that eventually supply the Rapid, Beckler and North Fork of the Skykomish Rivers with fresh, cold snowmelt. The Skykomish and other runoff coming from the west side of the North Cascades eventually feeds into the Puget Sound lowlands, draining into the Sound for the benefit of many, including cold water fish like salmon, the fishermen who love to catch them and boaters and rafters who depend on the current to float down the river.

Hosted at Index's new Outdoor Adventure Center, it was clear that the Wild Sky Wilderness is already working to boost the local economy, drawing visitors and entrepreneurs from near and far to enjoy and prosper from America's great outdoors. Bill Corson, a retired police officer from Redmond, owns the Outdoor Adventure Center and operates it as an all-out recreation and interpretive center, facilitating trips into the woods for all ages. Equipped with kayaks, lodging, a grill, cafe and a friendly staff, the Outdoor Adventure Center exemplifies how Wilderness helps draw investment in small towns that are often the closest neighbors to our public lands. The Corson family also purchased the historic Bush House Inn in Index in 2011, immediately refurbishing it for recreationists and outdoor explorers alike. Both Senator Murray and Congressman Larsen acknowledged the strong relationship between conservation and economic investment, observing that amazing wild places like the Wild Sky bring businesses and investors, and reward skilled workers who flock to live nearby.



Former Index Mayor Kem Hunter speaking to the crowd with Patty Murray & Rick Larsen looking on. Photo credit: Harry Romberg

Not only does the Wild Sky provide outstanding prospects for locals, the Wilderness is less than an hour from Seattle, giving city dwellers a big, beautiful backyard to play in. This in turn serves to attract workers who value these recreational opportunities, contributing even more to the economy. As communities like Sultan, Monroe, Index and Skykomish explore ways they can foster economic development, they are increasingly examining the Highway 2 corridor, and wondering how they can bring more and more people into the region to recreate and spend money. Big and small businesses as well as local government and conservation groups are meeting regularly in order to turn the Highway 2 corridor into an innovation zone spotlighting recreation and the clean air and water the forest helps clean and provide. The Alpine Lakes Wilderness to the south of Highway 2 is already one of the most visited Wilderness areas in the country. The Wild Sky is a gem that only adds to those opportunities.

For more information or to get involved, contact Graham Taylor at graham.taylor@sierraclub.org.

Modernizing the Columbia River Treaty

by John Osborn, Water and Salmon Committee

In these days of escalating global temperatures and plummeting wild salmon populations, it's easy to feel frustrated. Faced with daunting statistics of world-wide ecosystem destruction, we wish we could revisit decisions made years ago that are harming the planet today. Now we have a chance to repair some of the damage to our local Columbia River ecosystem. On its 50th anniversary, the historic Columbia River Treaty is being reevaluated.



Salmon. Photo: National Park Service

The current treaty, ratified in 1964 between Canada and the United States, was beneficial in its day: speeding the building of dams for hydropower and flood control. But dams also interrupted the salmon migration cycle, blocking fish from migrating upstream and drowning spawning grounds.

“The treaty’s benefits in hydropower and flood control for the United States and Canada came with wrenching costs for tribes and First Nations, salmon and the river’s health,” says Rhett Lawrence, Conservation Director for the Sierra Club’s Oregon chapter. “A modernized treaty must help both nations jointly prepare the Columbia and Snake watersheds with resilience and health for the climate change that is upon us.”

On September 13, the Sierra Club and other conservation organizations met with U.S. State Department officials. Together we urged that the United States make restoring the Columbia River’s beleaguered ecosystem – including fish passage and reintroduction – a core purpose of the Treaty, co-equal with hydro-power production and flood control. Our partners who attended the meeting included Save our Wild Salmon, Center for Environmental Law and Policy, Pacific Rivers Council, Northwest Energy Coalition, American Rivers, the Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association, and Columbia Riverkeeper.

Our message was heard. The Draft Regional Recommendation released on September 20 supports key conservation goals including:

- Making ecosystem management of the Columbia River basin a core purpose of the Treaty, co-equal with hydropower and flood control. As part of this priority, it proposes partnering with Canada on a new program to improve fish passage so that salmon and other migrating fish can reach their traditional spawning grounds in Canada.
- Improving flood management to mitigate damage to salmon habitat and promote healthy fish populations.
- Making adaptation and flexibility in the face of climate change a priority.

For the full text of the recommendations, visit: <http://www.crt2014-2024review.gov/DraftRegionalRecommendation.aspx>

Now it’s your turn! This fall, you’re invited to weigh in on the Draft Regional Recommendation and provide your feedback at public meetings to help finalize the United States’ negotiating position. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to turn the Columbia River Treaty into a powerful tool for promoting salmon recovery and river health in the face of climate change. Help us bring the salmon home.

Get involved!

Submit your comments on the Draft Recommendations by October 25:

- Online at www.bpa.gov/comments.
- By email: treatyreview@bpa.gov.
- By mail: Bonneville Power Administration, PO Box 3621, Portland, OR 97208-3621.
- Via Fax: 503-230-4563, Attn: Columbia River Treaty Review Team.

Participate in a public meeting

For the latest schedule, check the Columbia River Treaty online Calendar of Events, available at: <http://www.crt2014-2024review.gov/CurrentMeetingMaterials.aspx>

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Sierra Club Chapter and Group Elections Are Coming!

In December we will elect members to the Washington State Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom), our decision-making body. There is much work to be done and we need help!

Nominations are first

We are seeking candidates to run for two-year terms that start in 2014. If you are interested, or you know another member who would make a good ExCom member, please contact Chapter Nomination Committee Chair, Don Parks at dlparks398@gmail.com or 425-883-0646. The deadline for submitting nominations is October 31, 2013.

Elections will start on December 1, 2013

Full voting instructions, candidate statements and downloadable ballots will be on www.cascade.sierraclub.org. Ballots must be printed, signed, mailed and received by

the date that will be included in the instructions. Your ballot will require member information found on the mailing label of this Crest issue. Look for your ballot in your December Crest.

Group ExCom Elections

Within the State Chapter there are Sierra Club Groups that are run by local volunteers who represent specific geographic areas, such as one or several counties, or cities. Group information is found at: www.cascade.sierraclub.org/directory/groups. Most groups will hold their ExCom elections in December. Contact your group to inquire about their nominations opportunities. Group ballots (downloadable and printable) will also be posted on the Chapter website in December and will require your member information from the mailing label of the December Crest.

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What's Next?

The Bonneville Power Administration and the Army Corps of Engineers will present their recommendation on whether to continue the treaty, and if so, what changes

to negotiate for to the State Department by December 31, 2013. The State Department will then open negotiations with Canada over the future of the Columbia River Treaty.



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Hearings, Lectures & Meetings

Hearings

Climate Legislative and Executive Workgroup (CLEW) Hearings

Wednesday, October 23, 6-8 pm, Bell Harbor International Conference Center, 2211 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98121

Friday, December 6, 2-4 pm, Washington State Capitol, Olympia: House Hearing Room A

Governor Inslee's Climate Action bill created the Climate Legislative and Executive Workgroup (CLEW). CLEW is tasked with finding the most effective ways for Washington State to meet its carbon limits and grow the clean energy economy. Please come to the hearing, submit a comment, and testify. Learn more about CLEW and opportunities to participate at this link: <http://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/economy/climateWorkgroup/documents/schedule.pdf>

Lectures

21st Century Cities: Building Sustainable Futures

Wednesday, October 23, 7:30 pm, Town Hall, 1119 Eighth Avenue, Seattle 98101

San Antonio, TX Mayor Julián Castro will discuss the idea of sustainable cities and the leadership it takes to achieve them.

What Everyone Needs to Know About Hydrofracking

Monday, October 28, 7:30-9:00 pm, Town Hall, 1119 Eighth Avenue, Seattle 98101

Alex Prud'homme explores both sides of the fracking debate and provides a clear guide to the science underlying the technique—and the political and economic issues that surround it.

The Secret Lives of Urban Wildlife

Friday, November 1, 7:30-9:00 pm, Town Hall, 1119 Eighth Avenue, Seattle 98101

Acclaimed Seattle nature writer Lyanda Lynn Haupt journeys into the heart of the everyday wild, where coyotes, raccoons, chickens, hawks, and humans live in closer proximity than ever.

Breaking New Ground on Food Security

Monday, November 11, 7:30-9:00 pm, Town Hall, 1119 Eighth Avenue, Seattle 98101

Global environmental activist Lester Brown, founder of the Earth Policy and Worldwatch institutes, traces his experiences even as he continues to propose pragmatic, employable solutions to stave off pending ecological crises that endanger our planet.

Group & Committee Meetings

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Monday, November 18th, 7-9 pm

Business meeting open to Sierra Club members. Chapter office. If this is your first meeting, please contact Elaine Packard at espackard@msn.com.

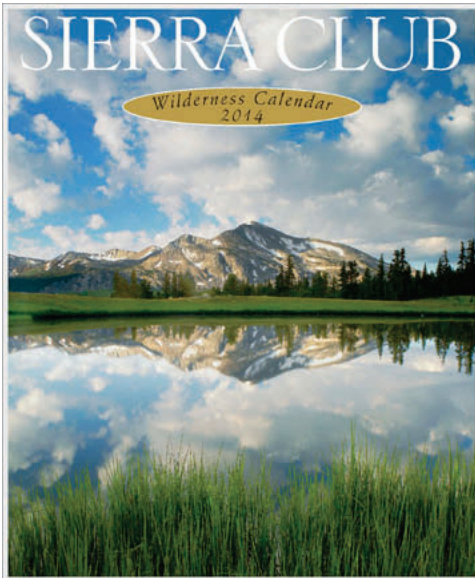
Snohomish Group Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 7-8:45 pm

We meet on the third Thursday most months at REI in Lynnwood (Alderwood Mall) in the 2nd floor staff conference room. Please join us. Newcomers and volunteers are welcome. We're working on local conservation issues. For details, please contact Tom Crisp at 425-737-0350.

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