



Thousands Speak Out Against Proposed Longview Coal Export Terminal

by Andrew Rose, Chair, Clean Air, Healthy Communities Committee



Longview hearing Photo: Power Past Coal

Environmentalists, doctors, elected officials, ministers and business owners stood up to Big Coal in a big way this fall. Thousands of people attended a series of five scoping hearings held across the state on a proposed 44 million ton coal export terminal in Longview, Washington.

Ambre Energy and Arch Coal seek to strip mine coal in Montana and then ship it via rail through Spokane, along the Columbia River and out to a port in Cowlitz County. Communities along the rail lines would see up to 18 mile-and-a-half long coal trains every single day. This is

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Industrial Dairies in the Yakima Basin Risk Public Health and Environment

by John Osborn, MD and Dean Effler MD, FAAP

Got milk? Cheese? Does it come from a Washington State industrial dairy?

On October 15, Friends of Toppenish Creek hosted Sierra Club volunteer leaders on a “Poop Tour.” We met in Yakima, about equidistant from Seattle and Spokane. We then drove to view proliferating industrial dairies near the multi-ethnic communities of Toppenish, Zillah, Granger, Sunnyside, and Grandview.

300,000 cows greatly outnumber humans in the Yakima Basin. Cows are major consumers of water and feed, and major producers of manure and urine. With the exception of a few organic dairies where cows graze placidly

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Most factory farm cows are never on grass. Photo: John Osborn

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Dear Washington State Sierra Club Members and Volunteers,

As we wind down the year, it is a good time to look back at our many accomplishments of 2013.

A major success has been the huge public outpouring of comments related to the proposed coal terminals at Cherry Point, Longview and elsewhere. The Sierra Club has helped lead the charge with over 4,000 people across the state showing up to show their displeasure about coal trains and coal terminals, 124,000 comments on the proposed Cherry Point terminal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scoping and over 160,000 comments on the Longview terminal EIS scoping. All of you helped with this and also helped make an incredible show of support at the public hearings. It has been amazing.

The Club helped generate a large number of comments about the cleanup plan for the Duwamish River Superfund site in Seattle, supporting an approach to get pollution out of the river and to reduce ongoing pollution that continues to come in.

We also helped pass a medicine return ordinance in King County. This is an important step that will help reduce suicides as well as disposal of unused pharmaceuticals impacting wildlife in our waterways.

In the courts, we won victories for cleaning up toxic chemicals polluting the Spokane River, and to protect flows in the Similkameen River for recreation and aesthetics (see related article in this issue by Rachael Paschal Osborn.) Sierra Club is also underway with litigation challenging coal transport and export as well as tanker transport of oil from coal.

Finally, we endorsed a large number of candidates in local races and in one state legislative race. There were many successes for Sierra Club-endorsed candidates.

All in all, a good year. I hope you have a fun and outdoorsy winter holiday. Let's all look forward to much action, many outings and much more in 2014!

Regards,

Margie Van Cleve

Chapter Chair, Washington State Chapter

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Coal-FreePSE Campaign Urges Puget Sound Energy to Come Clean

by Seth Ballhorn, Associate Regional Representative

This year brought the secret of Puget Sound Energy's coal power to light. Over the past year, we have launched a genuine public discussion about how and when to replace that coal power with cleaner forms of energy. Everyone from Governor Inslee, King County Executive Dow Constantine, large ratepayers such as colleges, Seattle Public Utilities, clean energy businesses and thousands of homeowners and small businesses are part of that discussion.

This groundswell of support puts our state at a crossroads. PSE has a choice: They can continue investing in an old-fashioned dirty, dangerous and increasingly expensive out-of-state coal plant, or they can invest in state-based clean energy.

Volunteers from throughout the Puget Sound Energy territory and our valuable campaign partners have helped achieve so much this year! Highlights are below. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/CoalFreePSE](https://www.facebook.com/CoalFreePSE) or www.CoalFreePSE.org.

- Governor Inslee laid out his climate priorities this fall – eliminating coal from our electricity grid was the second item on his list. We couldn't agree more!
- Through tabling, movie nights, festivals, community events and many other events (large and small), the team collected more than 11,000 comments to PSE and Governor Inslee that ratepayers want PSE to go coal-free!
- In May, a stalwart group of volunteers from Issaquah, Bainbridge Island and Redmond (with Lehman Holder from Vancouver coming the farthest!) put on an amazing event on Lake Washington. We floated a

barge with a huge inflatable coal plant and banners that got media and great public attention.

- A lot of work led up to hearings this fall at the Utilities and Trade Commission (UTC), the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Climate Legislative and Executive Workgroup (CLEW). Thousands of people commented, many hundreds turned out, and very impressive speakers testified to the fact that a clean energy future is our right and responsibility. It has been an awesome display of our community -- from the very young, to parents, farmers, small business owners, entrepreneurs, health professionals, and the faith community.
- The Beyond Coal campaign produced two reports that provide a road map for how we can replace our state's coal-fired electricity with cleaner alternatives, and create a thriving economy with lots of good jobs in the process. The reports are available on the website.
- More than 100 small businesses signed on to the Coal-Free PSE campaign.

We also had lots of fun at community picnics, happy hours, and outings to wind farms! It really does take a village – many of them – to do this work and we invite you to join us as we ramp up our work in 2014. We have teams throughout Washington. Please contact us if you want to get involved!

Contact Seth Ballhorn at seth.ballhorn@sierraclub.org or 206-378-0114 x 319. The Coal-Free PSE Task Force leaders are: Erika Shriner, Wendy Jones, John Sherwin, Anne Newcomb, Ron Snell, Brian Grunkemeyer, and Kerri Griffis.

Help Shape the Future of Seattle!

The Sierra Club Seattle Group is looking for new members to join its Executive Committee. The Seattle Group Executive Committee helps to shape environmental policy in Seattle. The Seattle Group is engaged in numerous issues including transportation planning, efforts to protect the Cedar River Watershed, and work to reduce disproportionate environmental impacts in Seattle's low-income communities. The Seattle Group Executive

Committee is also responsible for making political endorsements in Seattle and working with elected officials to promote the Sierra Club's mission.

If you are interested in joining the Seattle Group Executive Committee, contact Seattle Group Chair Dan Schwartz at 206-302-9737 or dpschwartz@gmail.com.

North Olympic Group Showcases Olympic Wilderness

by Peter Guerrero, North Olympic Group Member

This year the North Olympic Group sponsored a series of hikes showcasing areas that would be designated as new wilderness or as Scenic and Wild Rivers under the Wild Olympics proposal. Beginning in March, these monthly hikes culminated in November with a final hike along the beautiful Duckabush River.

Battles to preserve the Olympic Peninsula's unique scenic and ecologically important habitats date back to the nineteenth century, when most of the Peninsula's forests were first set aside as a forest reserve. Decades of battles between environmentalists and timber interests followed, and the original preserve was considerably whittled down to the existing boundaries of the National Park. Additional wilderness protection was given to a portion of U.S. Forest Service lands in the 1990s.

Despite these protections, none of the Peninsula's spectacular rivers are protected by a Wild and Scenic River designation. In addition, unsustainable timber cutting driven by global demand (87 million board feet will be shipped from the Port of Port Angeles this year, with nearly the same projected for 2014) continues to threaten ecologically important areas that are not currently protected.

University of Maryland researchers recently published interactive maps showing global deforestation over the last decade. These maps, based on Landsat images, can be seen here: <http://earthenginepartners.appspot.com/science-2013-global-forest>. The website can be searched to highlight specific areas, such as the Olympic Peninsula, showing the extent of this deforestation locally.

If history provides any lesson, it's that the struggle to



Mid-October hike to Sliver Lake in the Olympic Mountains on a North Olympic Group hike to showcase areas proposed for wilderness designation via the Wild Olympics Campaign. Photo: Peter Guerrero

protect our environment is never over. However, when people are aware of what's at risk and why it needs to be protected, we can make a difference. Advocacy by David Brower, the Sierra Club's first executive director, led to the establishment of nine national parks and seashores, including Kings Canyon National Park, Redwoods National Park, and Point Reyes National Seashore. He also played an instrumental role in passing the Wilderness Act of 1964. His accomplishments were the result of getting people out into these areas to see what would be lost without protections. With this in mind, the North Olympic Group plans to continue taking people out into the Olympic wilderness to ensure its preservation for future generations.

The North Olympics Group is a Beehive of Activity

by *Monica Fletcher, Chair, North Olympic Group*

The North Olympic Group had a very effective year of action and influence on the Olympic Peninsula. One of our most significant accomplishments? We presented an idea and dialogue with ORCAA (Olympic Region Clean Air Agency) and supported our state legislators through the approval of appropriation funds that led to the purchase and placement of air monitoring equipment in Clallam and Jefferson counties that monitor ultrafine particulates. This is one of the first studies in the nation of this tiny particulate health hazard and is in response to the increased biomass burning for energy in the region. We continue to closely monitor the implementation plans and actions of this effort.

We also developed (and hiked) a full slate of outings keyed to spreading on-the-ground awareness of the important Wild Olympics campaign's proposed wilderness areas and Wild and Scenic river corridors. In addition to our outings, we had two film screenings of *Out of the Mist*, with filmmakers present that increased grassroots support of the Wild Olympics proposal. One screening was attended by all of the Jefferson County commissioners, as well as Congressman Derek Kilmer (who spoke at the event).

Politically our NOG endorsements in Jefferson County

made a big difference. All of our endorsees won, and in Clallam our Port Commissioner endorsement, while not successful, brought to the fore a discussion of a new path of environmental and economically sound approaches to the care of the Port region's waters.

There were three author readings including Lynda Mapes on the Elwha Dam removal, Maria Mudd Ruth on the Marbled Murrelet, and Tim McNulty on the eastern Olympic Range. Additional events ranged from Wolf Haven International's two presentations, meetings on the perils of municipal sludge, and two major fundraisers—a classical piano concert, and a corn-on-the-cob sale at Port Townsend's Wooden Boat festival.

We forged into a plan for more youth involvement by providing two summer scholarships for youth to attend environmental science programs in Port Townsend and Sequim. We worked closely with other Olympic Peninsula groups to support and shape approaches to local matters including the Olympic Forest Coalition, Olympic Environmental Council, the new Climate Action Group in Clallam county, and local Audubon groups.

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in addition to trains from the proposed coal export site in Whatcom County. This project threatens our families' health, the beauty of our iconic Columbia River Gorge and the progress we are making on addressing climate change.

Testimony included concerns on impacts from the terminals and from rail traffic, human health impacts and negative impacts of climate change and on regional economics. In addition to the nearly 4,000 people who attended the hearings, over 165,000 comments have also been submitted with opposition or strong concerns about this dirty and dangerous proposal.

Sierra Club volunteers from Spokane, Portland, Vancouver, Tacoma, Seattle, Snohomish County, Skagit County and Bellingham worked for months to make this happen.

They knocked on doors, made phone calls, tabled at fairs and festivals, held community forums, recruited elected officials and other important people to testify, wrote letters and even appeared in TV commercials! Without the grassroots mobilizing of hundreds of volunteers across the state, this record-breaking involvement in the regulatory process could never have happened.

Scoping for the proposed Longview terminal follows the announcement of a broad scope for the proposed Cherry Point terminal in northwest Washington by the State Department of Ecology and Whatcom County. Of the six proposed coal export terminals in the Northwest, three remain viable: Longview, Cherry Point and Port of Morrow, Oregon. A decision on the scope of the EIS for Longview is expected in Spring 2014.

Courtroom Victories: Cleaner, Flowing Waters for Washington

by Rachael Paschal Osborn, Chair, Chapter Litigation Committee

The Spokane River is the state's most PCB-polluted river and a poster child for how polluters have thwarted implementation of the federal Clean Water Act. That is now changing.

On another Columbia River tributary, Sierra Club worked with a coalition to block Department of Ecology ("Ecology") and the Okanogan PUD from dewatering Similkameen Falls. This legal victory is important for waterfalls statewide, a step toward removing the Enloe Dam and restoring a free-flowing Similkameen River.

Sierra Club & CELP v. Spokane County

Sierra Club challenged the pollution (NPDES) permit issued for Spokane County's new sewage treatment plant, with the goal of converting it to a "zero discharge" facility. In a nutshell, the Clean Water Act forbids new discharges into an already-polluted river unless a cleanup plan is in place. Experts for Sierra Club and the County agreed that the County plant is discharging PCBs into the Spokane River, in violation of federal law. Represented by ace Clean Water Act attorney Richard Smith of Smith & Lowney, Sierra Club went to trial on March 25 against the Department of Ecology and Spokane County.

On July 19, the Pollution Control Hearings Board held that Ecology's pollution permit had potential to violate Spokane River water quality standards, including the fish consumption based standards of the Spokane Tribe. The Board remanded the permit to Ecology to identify pollutant sources, set reduction standards, and meet deadlines for achieving those reductions.

The Board rejected Spokane County's claim that its participation in a Regional Toxics Task Force augmented the toothless permit. The Board found that the Task Force is not a substitute for legal restrictions on quantities, rates, and concentrations of PCBs being discharged from point sources into the Spokane River. The Board underscored



Caption: Similkameen Falls (foreground) and Enloe Dam. Sierra Club and other members of the Hydropower Reform Coalition won a victory when the state's environmental court ordered the Department of Ecology to conduct a new aesthetic flow study if and when the Okanogan PUD ultimately builds its economically troubled Enloe Dam project. (photo credit: Hydropower Reform Coalition)

that it is "uncertain that the Task Force will achieve any of its stated goals or achieve a measurable reduction in the discharge of PCBs."

Ecology and Spokane County have appealed the Board's decision to Thurston County Superior Court. Sierra Club and co-appellant Center for Environmental Law & Policy (CELP) are now defending the Board's decision, and are also involved in a companion lawsuit in federal court, asking EPA to step in and prepare a PCB clean-up plan for the Spokane River.

For more information: washington.sierraclub.org/uppercol/pcb/overview.html

Enloe Dam and the Similkameen River

Enloe Dam is a 100-year old concrete plug sitting in the Similkameen River, near Oroville, that has not generated power since the 1950s.

Okanogan PUD wants to restart generation by adding turbines on the riverbank next to the dam, diverting all water out of the river and de-watering Similkameen Falls,

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Finding Hope in the Fight Against Global Warming

by Brooks Berndt, Conservation Chair, Loo Wit Group

The crisis of global warming can seem overwhelming. One can feel powerless and alone in the face of it. That can change by making a simple pledge: the Planet Earth Pledge.

Pledge to join a growing number of people who have made a commitment to take action against global warming every week of 2014. Your weekly action could be as simple as writing an letter. Your action might only require 15 minutes of your time each week. This is a small price to pay in the fight against the most significant problem of our time. Even if you have taken small or large actions previously, this will be different. It will be different because you will be doing it with others who have also taken the Planet Earth Pledge.

When you write a letter, for example, you can say that

you are one of many who have made a pledge to fight global warming. In fact, you can give the exact number of people who are taking the pledge because we will be updating the number each week at www.planetearth-pledge.org.

On this website, you can also learn more about how this project works and why it is so urgently needed. Most importantly, on the website, you can make your pledge. Those who pledge will have the option of receiving a weekly email digest that provides an extensive list of the different actions one can take. An updated list of actions is also available on the website. During the next month, the initial drive for pledges is taking place. Your pledge will make a difference! Help us generate an early momentum that is full of hope!

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which sit just downstream of the dam. The Department of Ecology gave the PUD a permit to do just that, and Sierra Club and partners appealed.

A trial was held in April and May. In August, the Pollution Control Hearings Board handed Sierra Club another victory, ordering Ecology to conduct a new aesthetic flow study if and when Okanogan PUD ultimately builds its economically troubled Enloe Dam project.

The Board ruled that the original water quality permit failed to protect scenic and associated recreational values of the Similkameen Falls. In the wake of the Board's decision, we continue to explore next steps for removing Enloe Dam and restoring a free-flowing Similkameen River.

Sierra Club and partners were represented by attorneys Andrea Rodgers Harris and Kristen Larson. Our co-appellants were American Whitewater, CELP, Columbia River Bioregional Education Project, and North Cascades Conservation Council – all members of the Hydropower Reform Coalition.

For more information: www.columbia-institute.org/enloe/courtroom-updates.html



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Cascade Checkerboard Project

by *Charlie Raines, Director*

The Chapter's Cascade Checkerboard Project has made progress this year in maintaining and restoring wildlife habitat, water quality and quiet recreation in the Central Cascades.

Conserving Lands in the Kittitas Valley

Our ongoing efforts to get land acquired paid off with the Forest Service acquiring over 1,000 acres along the Pacific Crest Trail and in the Manastash Roadless Area in 2013. We are working to get the FS to manage these to restore key habitats and trail quality. We continue to push for acquisition of the checkerboard lands, once owned by the Northern Pacific Railroad. The reduced appropriations from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund have hampered our progress. We have been working with Forterra and WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife on additional habitat acquisitions in the Cabin Creek watershed.

In addition, about 50,000 acres of private timberlands in the Teanaway valley was acquired by WA Dept. of Natural Resources and will be managed in cooperation with WDFW. This removes the threat of development spreading up the valley, impacting the rivers and forests. DNR will form an advisory committee to prepare a management plan that will address recreation, watershed, and timber resources and uses. The protection of the Teanaway watershed is one of the elements of the multi-faceted Yakima Basin Integrated Plan- some parts (like the Teanaway acquisition) the Sierra Club supports and some (like raising Bumping Dam) it opposes.

Returning Wolverines

US Fish & Wildlife Service finally proposed the wolverine for listing under the ESA. As part of the Sierra Club's comments, we mapped areas in the Cascades that provide important habitat – especially for denning. These include the Esmerelda Basin in the upper Teanaway, plus lands in the upper Entiat, Sawtooth Ridge and Golden Horn roadless areas. Wolverines are slowly returning to the Cascades. They have been tracked in these areas over the past few years. We need to provide high quality habitat for them to remain and thrive. This largest member of the weasel family would benefit from wilderness protections. However, the agency draft

listing proposal would not protect habitat from roads, development or motorized sports. Check our website to provide comments to USFWS.

Building Wildlife Bridges

Wildlife bridges are becoming a reality in the Cascades as part of the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project. Recently completed bridges over Gold Creek at the upper end of Keechelus Lake have reopened the floodplain, providing improved spawning habitat for bull trout and Kokanee salmon as well as a safe path for terrestrial animals. Near Keechelus Dam, WSDOT is designing the first wildlife overpass in Washington. It is set to begin construction in 2015.

Protecting National Forest Lands

The Forest Service is updating their 22-year-old management plan for the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. This will determine the fate of a million acres of roadless land, and is the first time in two decades that the agency is considering wilderness as an option. While the Forest Service suggested only 120,000 acres for wilderness in their "proposed action", we have proposed 800,000 acres of stunning wild country. This includes areas like the upper Teanaway as additions to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, wild lands in the Entiat valley adjacent to Glacier Peak Wilderness and wild roadless areas adjacent to the Lake Chelan and Pasayten wilderness areas. We will need the help of all our members and partners to convince the FS to fashion their plan on that alternative. We are reaching out to citizens and businesses on the east side to explain the value of wild lands to their communities. After repeated delays, the FS intends to issue a Draft EIS on the plan in 2014. One of the alternatives will be based on our proposal for protecting wilderness, wild rivers, old-growth forests and trails free of motors.

Early in 2014, the Okanogan-Wenatchee NF will also issue a draft Travel Management Plan, which will determine which trails are open to dirt bikes and jeeps. These are important opportunities for Club members to generate support for wildlife, old-growth forests and non-motorized trails. Check out the Chapter website for how to get engaged in both NF planning processes.

Industrial Dairies

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in grassy pastures, most Yakima cows are confined into small spaces standing in mud, manure, and urine. These factory farms are called Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (“CAFOs” for short).

As we learned on our poop tour, CAFOs are moving from California to Washington State. The Lower Yakima Valley is a CAFO magnet because of cheap labor, low-cost (essentially free) federal irrigation water, and a permissive regulatory regime.

The result: Washington’s water and food-producing soils increasingly support the state’s CAFOs. The state trumpets agricultural exports of milk, cheese, and whey (about 35 percent of the milk is exported in one form or another), but is silent on the pollution left behind and impacts on local residents.

Poop and pee from 300,000 cows is a challenge: What to do with massive mounds of manure? Lagoons of manure pipe to irrigation sprinklers spraying liquefied manure across fields. Tanker trucks dump liquid manure directly onto the land. Ammonia and stench fill the air, burning your eyes, nose, and throat. Your sinuses may take days to clear.

Large volumes of water are used in support animal factories. Who pays for water projects in the Yakima Basin? Prompted by concerns over water shortages, irrigators and others are lobbying Congress and the Legislature to fund the \$5 billion Yakima Water Project - including two new irrigation dams at Bumping Lake (adjacent to the William O. Douglas Wilderness) and Lmuma Creek in the Yakima Canyon. Water pollution with bacteria (E. coli) and nitrates is also a big problem in the Yakima Basin.

Humans are at risk of nitrate toxicity. As noted on EPA’s website on nitrates and drinking water, the maximum contaminant level (MCL) is 10mg / liter and “Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill, and if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness

of breath and blue baby syndrome.”

Between 10 and 20 percent of private wells have nitrate concentrations that exceed national and state drinking water standards, according to EPA. As reported by the Yakima Herald, low-income residents are forced to choose between buying expensive filters, bottled water, or drinking polluted water from wells (“Hidden Wells, Dirty Water: Evidence of ground-water contamination in the Lower Valley has been ignored for years, leaving poor rural residents exposed to health risks and nowhere to turn,” June 29, 2009.)



Applying manure in the fields by tanker truck and irrigation sprinkler. Photo: John Osborn

When people stand up to Big Dairy to protect their homes and health, they do so at their own risk. During our Poop Tour we learned of people who spoke out, only to find a manure lagoon next to their home or their property surrounded by sheds filled with cows. Such is the price people pay in the Yakima Valley for using their first amendment rights to protect their health and homes.

We want to thank Friends of Toppenish Creek for hosting the Poop Tour – and helping us to better understand the impacts of Big Dairy on water and air, public health, and communities. Public attention is needed to help bring environmental justice in the Lower Yakima Valley.

For more information:

- Friends of Toppenish Creek: www.friendsoftoppenishcreek.org
- EPA Lower Yakima Valley Groundwater: epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/gwpu/lyakimagw
- Sierra Club Water Sentinels: www.sierraclub.org/watersentinels
- Sierra Club Environmental Justice: www.sierraclub.org/ej

Interested in helping bring environmental justice to the people of Lower Yakima Valley? Contact Elaine Packard at espackard@msn.com.

John Osborn is a Spokane physician who serves as the coordinator of Sierra Club’s Columbia River Future Project, and co-chair of the Upper Columbia River Group. Dean Effler is a retired Indian Health Service physician who occasionally practices on the Yakama Indian Reservation.

Meetings

National Forest Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 8th, 7:00 pm - 8:45 pm

Learn about and help save Washington's ancient forests, roadless areas, and trails. Many volunteer opportunities available around the state, including our Washington Wild Places Campaign, Cascade Checkerboard Project, and North Cascades trail work parties. All are welcome! We'll meet at the Washington State Chapter office. For more information, contact Mark Lawler, mark.lawler@sierraclub.org.

National Forest Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 5th, 7:00 pm - 8:45 pm

See January 8 meeting.

Water & Salmon Committee Meeting

Monday, February 17th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

See January 20 meeting.

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Monday, March 17th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

See January 20 meeting.

Water & Salmon Committee Meeting

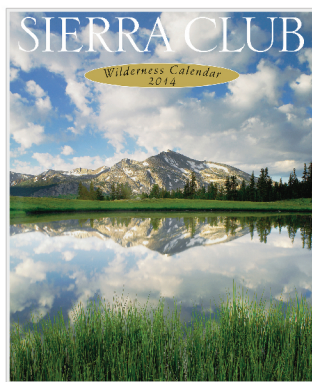
Monday, January 20th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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



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2014 Sierra Club Calendars



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2013 State Chapter Executive Committee Election

The Washington State Chapter of the Sierra Club annually holds elections for at-large members of the chapter's Executive Committee. For the 2013 election, the candidate statements are below and the ballot is on the back of this edition of the Crest. Please mail your ballot to the chapter office so that it is postmarked by January 15, 2014.

Background

The Chapter Executive Committee is comprised of nine elected at-large members and one representative from each of the ten groups in Washington State, making a total of 19 committee members. Four members are elected on even years and five members are elected on odd years. Morgan Ahouse, Ben Greuel, Harry Romberg, and Heather Trim are the existing Executive Committee members who were elected on the December 2012 ballot. Eight candidates are running for the five available positions in this December 2013 election cycle. Terms are for two years.

The Chapter Executive Committee meets monthly and is responsible for financial oversight, fundraising, strategic planning, oversight of committees, staff management, and other functions to ensure smooth operations of the chapter. The Conservation, Outings, Communications, and Political committees all report directly to the Executive Committee. In addition, there are three board committees: Fundraising, Operations and Management, and Leadership and Development.

Voting

Each Washington State Sierra Club member can vote in the Chapter-wide Executive Committee election and in the election for the Executive Committee of his or her local group. Joint households have two votes and there is a place on the ballot for each of these votes. Each vote must be accompanied by the membership number or other identifying number of the voting member(s) (you can affix your mailing label to the ballot, as this includes your membership number).

The Election Committee is responsible for ensuring that each vote cast corresponds to legitimate number(s) of eligible voters. Any questions or concerns about the 2013 chapter election should be directed to the Election Committee: Tom Crisp (tom@crisp4.com), Heather Trim (heatrim@gmail.com), Harry Romberg (HBRomb@aol.com), and Erika Shriner (erika.shriner@gmail.com).

Candidate Statements

Becky Castilleja

As a Seattle native who moved back to this region a few years ago after a 20 year career as a public school teacher in the Yakima Valley, I became inspired to become more involved in the Sierra Club because of the coal issue. My husband and I attended



a community event where we learned about the campaign to transition the TransAlta power plant off coal. We were motivated to attend a rally and hearing in Olympia. As a consequence, we became actively involved in the campaign, joined the chapter's Coal Task Force, and continue to support efforts to inform, challenge, and energize others to act to protect our natural environment.

I presently serve as our local Coal Task Force Chair, which has been focused on derailing plans to construct massive coal export terminals in our region. Here in Washington, we face growing risks from proposals to transport fossil fuels, coal and crude along our rails, our waterways, and through our communities. I have been very impressed and inspired by Sierra Club staff and volunteers who have reached out and established strong and effective working relationships to meet this challenge.

If elected, I would bring to the chapter Executive Committee a commitment to support the mission and work of the Sierra Club. In particular, I believe that destructive policies can be countered most effectively by recruiting and sustaining an informed, committed, and diverse group of people, including non-traditional allies and communities which would suffer the most should such projects be approved. I would work to help facilitate this in order to help the chapter become even more effective and successful.

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Ken Gersten

I have been a member of the Washington Chapter Executive Committee for the last two years. I have been vice chair for the past year. During my tenure, I have learned a lot about the internal operations of Sierra Club. I feel that I have made a valuable organizational contribution. As a member of the Political Committee and the chapter's new Wilderness and Wild & Scenic River sub-committee, I have contributed to the political clout and issue effectiveness of the chapter. Finally, I have broadened my work as a member of the national Wild-lands and Wilderness Committee.



Sierra Club is unique in our ability to work at the federal, state, and local level, on the variety of issues that comprise environmental action. We are unique, too, in our focus on grassroots action to bring about change. Our structure of local groups, statewide chapters, and national committees gives the broadest possible perspective.

I am committed to building on the work I have done in the last two years, building on the work of the Washington Chapter, and building on Sierra Club's across-the-board efforts. I am committed to our efforts to halt global climate change through our coal campaigns and to protect our last remaining wild places through our Wilderness and Wild & Scenic Rivers campaigns.

I ask you to allow me to continue this work. Please give me your vote for Sierra Club Washington Chapter Executive Committee.

Tim Gould

A member of Sierra Club since the day after the Supreme Court anointed George W. Bush, I have come to appreciate the grassroots power and energy of the Sierra Club, which sets it apart from other environmental groups. Focusing on the membership and enabling it to achieve great outcomes in our battles to curb climate change and protect the ecosystem functions that sustain our Earth are the reasons why I run for the Executive Committee. The chapter needs to cultivate this member energy and help members become activists so we can together better achieve the sustainable outcomes and environmental protections we seek.



I have served as Chair of the chapter Transportation & Land Use Committee since 2004, was chair of the Legislative Committee in 2011-12, and serve as an Outings leader. I gained experience in non-profit group governance as a board member of Washington Trails Association from 2005 to 2011.

The Sierra Club has excellent policies to guide our work in many different facets of our struggles to protect the planet. I encourage you to become familiar with these policies and will work diligently to advance them among the larger public.

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I humbly ask for your vote for membership on the Executive Committee.

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Katelyn Kinn

I have long admired Sierra Club's active, direct approach to environmental protection. This organization truly gets it done and I want to keep it that way.



As a fisherman's daughter, I have a deeply rooted loyalty to protecting healthy ecosystems. As an avid paddler, hiker and snowboarder, I love being swallowed up in nature – quieted by crashing waves, silent in the woods or speechless on a summit. As an advocate, I value the power of speaking up loudly to protect the planet that we love to explore and enjoy.

I have worked for organizations and law firms in several countries focused on protecting human rights and the environment. Today I manage legal affairs at Puget Soundkeeper Alliance, and thus have experience in using legal tools and citizen advocacy to protect water quality. I have been involved in legal action around industrial stormwater, wastewater, hazardous waste and a new case (in partnership with Sierra Club) challenging the unpermitted discharge of coal from trains. My formal education includes a B.S. in International Relations from Boston University and a juris doctorate from California Western School of Law. I am member of the state bars of California and Washington.

I am running for a position on the chapter Executive Committee because I have an ardent respect for Washington's waterways and wild places. I am passionate, driven and inquisitive. If elected, I will work hard to support the Sierra Club's long tradition of strong environmental advocacy and conservation successes around the state.

Martin LeBlanc

The Sierra Club's mission of exploring, enjoying and protecting has always resonated with my values of making sure all people have a special place in nature so we can create a new generation of grassroots conservation activ-

ists. Raised in Seattle and having my first outdoor experiences at Olympic National Park and the North Cascades, I understand how critical it is we connect a new diverse generation to our wild places.



As National Youth Director of the Sierra Club I worked with Chapters and diverse partners to help connect 200,000 youth to the outdoors. Now as Sr. Vice President of External Affairs at IslandWood, an outdoor environmental center on Bainbridge Island, I continue to work make sure children in Western Washington and across the state have opportunities to get outside and explore.

We are at a critical time as we strive for a coal-free Washington and work with partners to make sure we have our wild places protected, especially the Wild Olympics. My hope is to support the Washington Chapter during this critical time by bringing in new members and working to build diverse partners to create a team that represents the cultural mosaic of our community.

Natalie McClendon

When I discovered the Sierra Club over 35 years ago, while in college, little did I know that I was beginning a life-long relationship with the Club, and life-long friendships. I have served in just about all roles at the regional group level in Lincoln, Nebraska and Austin, Texas, on the Nebraska Chapter Executive



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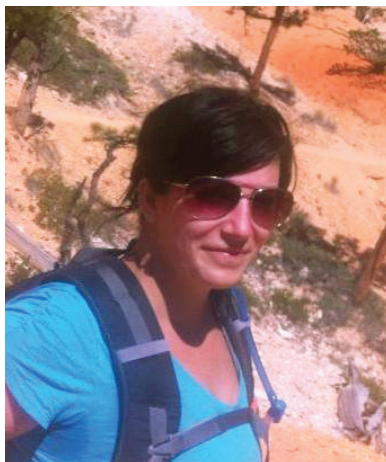
Committee and as the first paid staff person for the Lone Star Chapter.

In recent years I have focused on electoral politics, serving as chair of the Whatcom County Democrats for 5 years, running for state legislature last year (Sierra Club-endorsed, did not win). I just completed service on the steering committee of the coordinated campaign to elect a progressive majority to the Whatcom County Council, which holds a couple of permitting votes on the Gateway Pacific Terminal coal export facility in the coming years (all Sierra Club-endorsed, all won!).

As a member of the Washington Chapter Executive Committee, my focus will be on member activation, leadership development, and public education of our issues and positions. The Club has been effective because it is a grassroots organization with national reach. The chapter's role in building on this grassroots is essential for the future.

Kellie Stickney

I ask for your vote for election to the Executive Committee. I believe that my dedication to preserving the natural environment, my expertise in building the energy efficiency industry in Washington state and my experiences having spent half of my life in Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon and half of my life in Western Washington give me a deep understanding of the importance of connecting the environmental movement with job creation and outdoor recreation.



For the past four years, I have had the great honor of working with talented and dedicated individuals at the Sierra Club in my role as Director of Marketing and Outreach for SustainableWorks. The partnership between Sierra Club and SustainableWorks, a non-profit energy efficiency program, has resulted in moving hundreds of individuals to engage in carbon-saving, home energy

efficiency improvements, and has brought me a deep understanding of the Sierra Club's model of volunteer leadership.

My extensive background in community organizing, leadership development, marketing, and working with the labor community would be an asset to the Executive Committee. It would be my privilege to use my skills and experience to help build on the strengths of the Sierra Club.

Margie Van Cleve

I am running for a position on the Executive Committee to provide a view of the chapter from outside Puget Sound and a voice for members from outside the Puget Sound.



I've been active in the Sierra Club on many levels. I started volunteering in King County, where I served as chair of the Rivers and Salmon Committee, and worked with other Club members from Washington, Oregon and Idaho on the Northwest Regional Conservation Committee. I've worked on political campaigns in King, Yakima, and Spokane counties as a Sierra Club volunteer. From Yakima I've served four terms on the Washington Chapter Executive Committee, most recently as Chapter Chair in 2013.

Two of my missions on the Executive Committee are to create a more straightforward way for volunteers to participate in Chapter programs, and look for ways the Chapter can be more effective. Among the issues I have particular interest in are the ongoing projects regarding water storage/dam construction in the Yakima and Columbia basins, and the many issues relating to energy production and global warming. My family's concern about environmental issues led us to build our straw bale house near Yakima fourteen years ago.

I look forward to working on the Executive Committee to represent the Washington Chapter on these and many other issues.

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2013/2014 Washington State Chapter Executive Committee Ballot

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