



## King County Earth Day Ballot Measure - Proposition 1: Save Your Bus and Repair Streets

By Tim Gould, Chair, Transportation & Land Use Committee

King County Metro faces the possibility of a 17 percent cut in bus service starting this autumn due to the cumulative effect of reduced revenues over the last five years and the expiration of temporary funding sources. Metro Transit is instrumental in keeping King County streets moving by providing 400,000 daily rides that connect workers to their jobs, students to classes, and families and the elderly to medical appointments, while reducing environmental impacts as an alternative to driving.

Without additional funding for transit, 80 percent of King County bus riders will suffer from these service cuts, resulting in longer waits, longer walks, overcrowded buses—and sometimes no buses at all.

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Metro bus. Photo: Tm Gould

## Massive Surge in Oil Train Traffic Through Washington

By Don Steinke, Beyond Oil Task Force, SW Washington



The fossil fuel industry would like to send 150 million tons of coal and 250 million barrels of crude oil through the beautiful Columbia River Gorge and Vancouver, WA, to ports or refineries in Washington State. If all the oil train terminals are approved, 10 oil trains would pass through Vancouver every day. The largest proposed oil terminal is in Vancouver and would receive four oil trains each day.

This oil comes from the Bakken Formation in North Dakota and is extracted by hydraulic fracturing (aka fracking). The fracking

Scoping hearing at Clark College in Vancouver Washington on Oct 29, 2013. Photo: Matt Krogh of Forest Ethics.

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The Washington State Chapter is seeking volunteers to help with general office duties at our offices at 180 Nickerson Street, Suite 202 in Seattle. Tasks include basic membership communications such as answering the phone, returning phone messages and emails, researching answers to member's questions, and other typical office activities as directed by staff. Four to ten hours per week would be desirable, at times that are most convenient for you.

To volunteer, or to ask questions, please contact Morgan Ahouse at [morgan.ahouse@washington.sierraclub.org](mailto:morgan.ahouse@washington.sierraclub.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

## Chapter Spring Fund Drive

If you recently received a fundraising appeal in the mail, please send in your gift today or donate through our website ([cascade.sierraclub.org](http://cascade.sierraclub.org)). The spring fund drive is an important part of the state chapter's annual budget. Help protect Washington's wild places and keep our air and water clean for generations to come.



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# The Wilderness Act and Actors: 50th Anniversary

By Rebecca Wolfe, Co-Chair and Conservation Chair, Snohomish Group

Since 1964 when The Wilderness Act was passed by Lyndon B. Johnson's Congress, over 109,512,000 acres of American wilderness have been preserved. In 2014 we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of an Act that charted a new course in our nation's history.

We are also celebrating the actors who have given the Act meaning through their ceaseless work as volunteers, conservation staffers, or dedicated members of the U. S. Congress. The Act and the actors emerged from the magnificent Northern Cascade Mountains that the Sierra Club and other conservation groups have worked fervently to preserve. Today a new generation of dedicated environmentalists continues the efforts.

The 1872 establishment of Yellowstone National Park and the 1891 passage of the Forest Reserve Act, empowering the president to establish forest reserves, were both precursors of the Wilderness Act. In 1907 Congress created the National Forest System and in 1916 Congress added the National Park System. Aldo Leopold persuaded the U.S. Forest Service to protect the Gila Wilderness in New Mexico, and Bob Marshall led an effort to set aside wilderness and wild areas within many national forests.

## Purpose of the Act

The Act declared that the purpose of designating wilderness was to set aside these undeveloped areas for future use and enjoyment—to preserve their wilderness character. Only those lands could be designated as wilderness—no other federal lands would be so designated. In contrast with areas where humans dominate the landscape, wilderness is “hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man is a visitor who does not remain.” (Public Law 88-577 (16 U. S. C. 1131-1136).



Polly Dyer, ca 1995. Photo: Polly Dyer

The term “untrammelled” was suggested by Polly Dyer and accepted into the final version of the Act. To honor Polly's lifelong contributions to the environment, the Huxley College of the Environment at Western Washington University will present her with an honorary Ph.D. on March 22, 2014.

The Act contains too many provisions to present here, but books like Harvey Manning's *Wilderness Alps* describe the decades of efforts toward achieving a Wilderness Act.

Howard Zahniser, after years of organizing and working politically with numerous other early wilderness activists (e.g., Marshall, Leopold, David Brower, John and Polly Dyer, Phil and Laura Zalesky, Patrick Goldsworthy, and others), was able to convince Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-MN) and Rep. John Saylor (R-PA) to sponsor the bill in 1957. Moving such a bill through Congress usually takes years, as public processes involve many players and political cycles.

## Washington Heroes for Wilderness

As for our Washington heroes for wilderness, we cannot say enough about two whom we have lost recently: Patrick Goldsworthy (Oct. 6, 2013) and Phil Zalesky (Oct. 18, 2013).

Polly Dyer's husband, John Dyer, died on April 24, 2008. Polly and John's life stories could fill a book. You can read several lengthy, fascinating accounts of their lives in the *Everett Herald*, in the online *Seattle PI* ([www.historylink.org](http://www.historylink.org)), and in the winter edition of the North Cascades Conservation Council.

For this 2014 Earth Day edition of the *Cascade Crest*, here are a few memorable stories or remarks that represent the essence of what we're all working for in the Sierra Club.

Laura Zalesky, Phil Zalesky's wife, served as Membership Chair of North Cascades Conservation Council for over thirty years and hosted countless meetings in their home. She told me about their “adventure of a lifetime.” After

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# In Memoriam: Dale R. Jones (1939-2014)

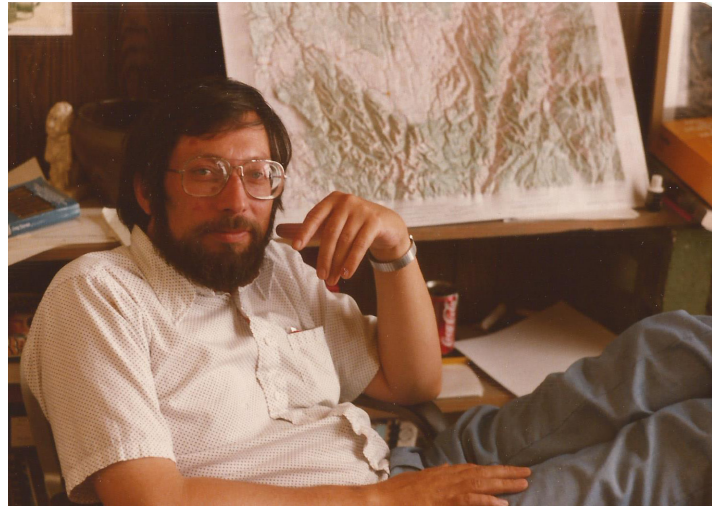
By Ron Eber

Dale Jones, an influential environmental leader with the Sierra Club and Friends of the Earth in the Northwest during the 1960s through the 1980s, passed away in Washington, D.C., in late January of heart failure. Raised in Holland, Michigan, he attended the University of Arizona on a tennis scholarship before being drafted into the U.S. Army. After duty in Vietnam, he supervised the movement of war materials during the Cuban missile crisis to Florida. Later, he was stationed at Fort Lewis.

Upon discharge, Dale settled in Seattle, worked for Westinghouse, and developed his love of the Northwest and his interest in conserving its resources. He joined the Mountaineers and built their film and photo collection. He also participated in the campaign to save the North Cascades from logging and served on the Board of the North Cascades Conservation Council from 1969 to 1990. Dale also became increasingly active with the old Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Sierra Club. From 1969-70, he was the editor of *The Conifer*, the Chapter's newsletter.

His involvement with the Sierra Club brought him in contact with Executive Director David Brower. When Brower left the Club and founded Friends of the Earth (FOE) he asked Dale to establish the Northwest office in Seattle. Dale became a leading spokesman on the Northwest conservation issues of the time, including endangered species, energy conservation, hunting rights for Native Alaskans, and opposition to DDT in Northwest forests.

In 1970, FOE led the opposition to congressional funding of a supersonic transport airplane by Boeing due to concerns with high-level ozone pollution and noise. In keeping with his unique tactical approach, Dale would meet out-of-town reporters at the airport and take them to and from their meetings with Boeing officials to ensure that national reporters heard the environmentalist's message last.



Dale Jones circa 1979. Photo: David E. Ortman

In 1973, Dale was honored by the Oregon Environmental Council with a special commendation for his work in environmental and conservation issues, especially the addition of the Minam River Canyon to the Eagle Cap Wilderness. Dale also received the Washington Ecological Commission's Environmental Excellence Award, a statewide recognition presented by Governor Booth Gardner for his outstanding work in environmental protection.

Dale is remembered by his friends and colleagues for his unfailing optimism, good cheer, sense of humor and endless encouragement to fight for the right causes regardless of their popularity. He established a base of support for the environmental cause in the Northwest. He is survived by his wife, Rachel Evans, of Washington, D.C.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Dale for the beauty that remains.

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## Nominations Sought for Mt. Baker Group Executive Committee

The Mount Baker Group is recruiting members to serve on its Executive Committee. This is your opportunity to help shape environmental policy in Whatcom, Skagit, and San Juan Counties. The Mount Baker Group has been active in the Cherry Point Coal Terminal issue and a myriad of other activities which support sound environmental protection policies. The Group Executive Committee is also responsible for making local political

endorsements and working with elected officials to promote the Sierra Club's mission.

If you are interested in joining the Mount Baker Group Executive Committee, submit your name and contact information by May 15, 2014 by email to [MtBakernominations@gmail.com](mailto:MtBakernominations@gmail.com). If you have questions please contact Stan Parker at 360-738-0770.

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# No Discharge Zone is Proposed for Puget Sound

By Heather Trim, Chapter Executive Committee and Water and Salmon Committee Member

Along with other environmental group partners, Sierra Club leaders and volunteers have supported the establishment of a No Discharge Zone for Puget Sound and it is now being proposed by state agencies to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Amazingly, Region 10 of EPA (the Pacific NW region) is the only one in the nation that doesn't have any No Discharge Zones in place.

## What is a No Discharge Zone?

A No Discharge Zone is a designated body of water where the discharge of sewage (blackwater/toilet waste) from boats, whether treated or not, is prohibited. Currently, treated sewage may be discharged anywhere in Puget Sound, and untreated sewage may be discharged as long as the boat is more than three miles from shore. If a No Discharge Zone is established, no boat, whether a freighter, a cruise ship, or a sailboat, will be allowed to discharge anywhere within the designated zone. See map for the proposed zone which covers all of Puget Sound and the San Juan island areas.

## How a No Discharge Zone Would Impact Boat Owners

In Puget Sound, most larger recreational boats that have heads (toilets) have holding tanks and they visit pump out facilities located on piers in public and private marinas all around Puget Sound. The establishment of the No Discharge Zone, therefore, will have little impact on these boaters as they are already taking care of their waste.

In addition, most commercial vessels either pump out their sewage waste periodically or they hold it and

discharge it out in the Pacific Ocean. There are three categories of commercial vessels who will be unable to comply easily in the short-term with a No Discharge Zone and will likely therefore be given a period of time to make upgrades. These are small commercial fishing vessels, tug boats, and a few National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) research vessels.

## We have enough pump out stations

In Puget Sound, we currently have two to six times more pump out stations than are required by No Discharge Zone guidelines, depending on how the calculations are done. We have 113 publically accessible land-based pump out stations and 12 mobile services, some with colorful names like "Phecal Phreak," "Sweet Pea," and "Humpty Dumpty."

Even so, the state will install more pump out stations to provide more even coverage around Puget Sound. These stations are funded by a federal sales tax on fishing equipment and recreational boat fuel under authority of the federal Clean Vessel Act. These funds come to the Washington State Parks which disperses grants to pay for construction and maintenance of pump out facilities across the state.

## Express your support

The Washington Department of Ecology is accepting comments on the proposed No Discharge Zone until April 21, 2014. Please visit this website to give your opinion: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/nonpoint/CleanBoating/nodischargezone.html>

*For more information, please contact Heather Trim at [heatrim@gmail.com](mailto:heatrim@gmail.com).*

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# A Clear-cut Problem for Our State

By Graham Taylor

Did you know that every Washington public school child and staff and students at our state universities are beneficiaries of clear-cut logging that contributes to the decline of the marbled murrelet and other threatened and endangered species? Clear cutting, or as they call it "variable retention harvest" leaves roughly 8 trees per acre and helps fund our Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR takes between 25%-30% from each sale,

creating a conflict of interests at the agency that is tasked to both conserve ecosystems and fund trust beneficiaries like schools, universities and counties.

This fox-in-the-henhouse dilemma has become more apparent recently, with the University asking DNR to defer clear-cut timber sales on UW Trust Lands located in the Olympic Experimental State Forest. DNR denied

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# South King County Group Report

By Peter Rimbos and Kristen Bryant, South King County Group

Often in the face of so many environmental threats, we find it challenging to take meaningful action. The South King County Group offers an opportunity to make a difference locally through group actions. We serve all areas of King County south of I-90.

The group especially focuses on

1. Understanding and promoting the mission of the Sierra Club;
2. Taking individual action to further environmental causes and grow the group's active membership; and
3. Contributing a sense of camaraderie and teamwork.

In January elections were held for our 5-member Executive Committee. Elected were: Mark Johnston (Chair),

Dan Streiffert (Vice-Chair), Peter Rimbos (Communications Committee Chair), Paul Gould and Elliot Heifetz.

We have two new certified outings leaders, and we would love to hear from you about outings that interest you! In addition to joining us for our Earth Day outing on April 26, you can stay up to date on the latest outings by joining our group on [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com). Look for "Hiking and Exploring Nature with the Sierra Club in South King County." You can also look for and "Like" the "South King County Group of the Washington State Sierra Club" on Facebook.

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## King County Proposition 1

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Inaction on transportation funding by the State Legislature for the last three sessions leaves few funding tools available to the County. Fortunately, the King County Council unanimously passed a funding proposal using its narrow authority via a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) to refer a proposition that funds transit and local road maintenance to voters in a special election on April 22. Sierra Club endorses this funding proposition, which will keep Metro Transit bus service intact and support basic repairs to local streets and roads consistent with the Club's "fix it first" policy.

A healthy urban area needs good transit service to provide travel options that can reduce our climate footprint and encourage walkable, human-scale communities. We must not allow the cuts that would become necessary if the projected \$75 million annual revenue shortfall cannot be filled. By approving the TBD funding proposition on April 22, we can save our bus service and fix local roads.

Sixty percent of the funding will be directed to Metro Transit, closing the gap so that bus service is preserved. The remaining 40 percent of funds will be split per-capita for cities' and King County's maintenance road needs, bridge repair, and safety improvements to ease getting around. Each dollar invested now to maintain local roads avoids \$6-\$14 in future expenditures.

While the vehicle license fee and sales tax increases are far from ideal, a new reduced bus fare for lower income riders and a license fee rebate will make the financial impact less to low income residents who need these transportation options the most.

King County residents can support this proposition by returning ballots by Earth Day (April 22) in order to save our bus service from intolerable cuts and maintain travel options that help us lower our environmental impact and promote healthier communities.

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# South King County Group's Soos Creek Park Restoration Project Takes Root

By Mark Johnston, South King County Group

In the fall of 2003, the South King County Group's Soos Creek Park Restoration Project began as a small effort with an event to remove a significant patch of English Ivy within the park. Each year since then, we've held events in spring and fall at other sites in the park to deal with a list of invasive species including scotch broom, ivy, blackberries, laurel, and holly.

Over the project's 11 years, a coalition of organizations including Sierra Club, Friends of Soos Creek Park, the Middle Green River Coalition, and Rainier Audubon Society incrementally came together to coordinate efforts on a broader scale. Beginning in 2009, we began meeting annually with the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNR&P) to discuss issues and plan activities. Increased cooperation among organizations has helped create a focus on the entire watershed. An isolated effort has grown immensely to include multiple organizations, issues, and actions all coordinated to achieve long-term improvements at Soos Creek to the benefit of the environment, wildlife, and park users.

King County DNR&P has been an incredibly enthusiastic supporter of and active partner in this work, and has brought ever increasing resources to bear. As a result, we are now succeeding on a larger scale than anyone imagined possible. A wonderful non-governmental organization/King County DNR&P relationship has developed, and the watershed is now visibly and significantly changing for the better each year.

The project now primarily addresses habitat restoration, annual land purchases, utility corridor management, and extension of the Soos Creek Trail to connect with the Green and Cedar River trails. 2013 was a particularly productive year on a wide range of issues, including:

- Finalization by King County DNR&P of a "Site Management Guidelines" document for Soos Creek Park.
- Completion of several habitat restoration events to remove blackberries, plant and mulch over 1,200 upland plants; install 7,000 willow and cottonwood stakes, water recently installed plants; and clear rebounding invasives and other weeds from previously planted areas. As always, participating volunteers came from a wide range of sources including NGO membership, King County's volunteer connections, numerous trail users, park neighbors, and



Spreading mulch around newly planted shrubs at Soos Creek.  
Photographer: Dan Streiffert

others just wanting to do some good work to benefit the environment.

- Acquisition of a 22-acre addition to the Park and selection of parcels the County will pursue in 2014.
- A successful effort by the non-governmental organizations and King County DNR&P to address Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) vegetation management issues on its right-of-way through portions of the Park. The result was a detailed multi-year plan under which BPA and King County DNR&P will restore degraded areas. While BPA was initially resistant to engaging on this, they have come around and we now have what seems to be a cordial and productive working relationship—one that we hope will grow to the benefit of all concerned.

More recently, the largest investment to date began in January 2014 with King County DNR&P installing another 44,000 willow and cottonwood stakes in areas primarily infested with reed canary grass. Also in January, Sierra Club, Rainier Audubon, and King County DNR&P installed and mulched another 955 upland plants.

Finally, in March and early April we hosted events to remove pockets of blackberries by hand from natural areas adjacent to and within one of our largest and most recent work sites and to eliminate rebounding invasives from another area we previously restored. So the work goes on.

*For more information please contact Mark Johnston at [markjtn@earthlink.net](mailto:markjtn@earthlink.net).*



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# Ethics and the Treaty Conference Will Use the Columbia River Pastoral Letter to Advance a Water Ethic for our Region

By John Osborn, Water and Salmon Committee

From headwaters at Columbia Lake in British Columbia to Astoria, Oregon, the Columbia River and its many tributaries flow across multiple jurisdictions. Ethics matter in water decisions—including international treaty negotiations that will impact the Columbia River and people who depend on the river.

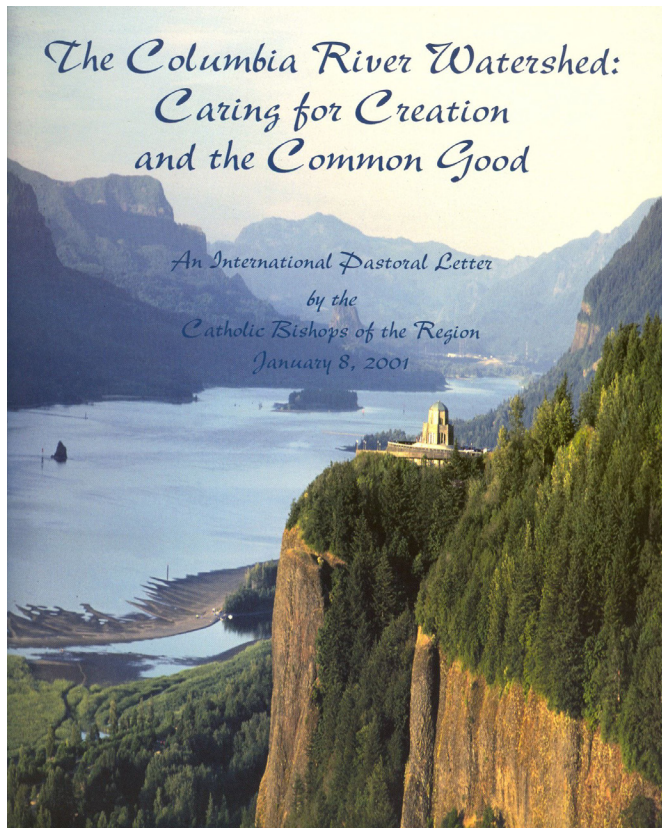
On May 13, the Sierra Club will help sponsor the first “Ethics and Modernizing the Columbia River Treaty” conference in Spokane—in the Upper Columbia River region where losses from dams are so profoundly severe.

We will open the conference with the Columbia River Pastoral Letter along with Tribal and First Nation elders and spiritual leaders. Published in 2001, the Columbia River Pastoral Letter is the outcome of an international process by the Catholic Bishops of the watershed region.

Next, people who lived through the dam-building era will describe epic losses suffered in the Columbia Basin.



The Columbia River and Grand Coulee Dam. This dam is the fifth largest in the world, and blocked salmon from returning to the Upper Columbia River. The United States and Canada are considering adding “ecosystem function” to the Columbia River Treaty – enabling the return of salmon to ancestral spawning waters and restoring native fisheries. Photo: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.



The 2001 Columbia River Pastoral Letter.

We will conclude with our responsibilities to the river and opportunities to right historic wrongs by modernizing the Columbia River Treaty that governs management of the river basin.

The United States and Canada are positioning to modernize the Columbia River Treaty, opening the door for treaty reforms. The current 1964 treaty governs management of the Columbia River for only two purposes: hydropower and flood-risk management. Support is growing to expand the treaty’s two original purposes to include a third purpose: “ecosystem function.” This third treaty purpose will help restore health to the Columbia Basin and return salmon to ancestral spawning waters and restore native fisheries.

International water conflicts are a growing global risk in the face of climate change. The Ethics and the Treaty conference intends to help establish a water ethic as a foundation for international decisions on water. One River. Ethics Matter.

*For more information on the conference, or if you are interested in ethics and water and the Sierra Club’s Columbia River Future Project, please contact John Osborn at [john@waterplanet.ws](mailto:john@waterplanet.ws) or 509-939-1290.*



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# Oil Trains

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process endangers water supplies and produces an oil that is lighter and more volatile than diesel. A spark can ignite the fumes and then the oil. The oil is being delivered in tankers that were deemed unsafe by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in 1991.

The cars are prone to rupture during a derailment. Ruptures lead to spills, fires and explosions. There were five oil train fires, four oil train explosions, and 47 fatalities in the six months prior to January 8, 2014.

These trains endanger millions of people from Billings to Spokane, Vancouver, Seattle, and Anacortes. Communities within two miles of the tracks need evacuation sirens. In addition, the oil trains endanger hundreds of salmon-bearing streams and thousands of jobs that depend on salmon.

We don't need the oil. All the major automakers are

producing cars that exceed 70 MPG equivalent, but fewer people will choose those cars if we are awash in oil. Civilization as we know it could survive oil train explosions and spills, but it won't survive if we don't reduce atmospheric levels of CO2. If we are ever going to bring CO2 levels down, we cannot continue to build more fossil fuel infrastructure.

The Beyond Oil Task Force is optimistic. The biggest developer and the largest newspaper in the area are firmly opposed to the oil terminal but they can't deny the permits.

Send a short email to urge Governor Inslee to deny the permits for the oil terminal in Vancouver ([www.governor.wa.gov/contact](http://www.governor.wa.gov/contact)).

*For more information, please contact Don Steinke at [crvancouverusa@gmail.com](mailto:crvancouverusa@gmail.com).*

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# Explore, Enjoy, Protect

*By Peter Guerrero, North Olympics Group*

The Sierra Club's motto has its priorities straight! You will best advocate to protect what you know and value, including the wilderness. On the Olympic Peninsula, we are blessed with some of the most spectacular natural beauty in the lower 48 states. Protecting it, however, has been a constant struggle and we can thank those who came before us for having the wisdom to protect what appeared to some, at the time, as an endless wilderness to be exploited.

Last year the North Olympic Group's outings focused on showcasing the areas that would be protected under the Wild Olympics legislation recently introduced by Congressman Kilmer and Senator Murray. This year we'll be doing the same with a few new additions: a hike reachable by mass transit, a wheelchair accessible hike, and a hike on the west side of the Peninsula with an optional overnight at the historic lodge where FDR stayed when he made the case for Olympic National Park.

*For a listing of upcoming events and hikes, see the outings listings starting on page 13. All North Olympics hikes require an RSVP to Peter Guerrero at [studio374photography@gmail.com](mailto:studio374photography@gmail.com).*

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# Clear Cut

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UW's request to defer the sales and approved the Goodmint and Rainbow Rock Timber sales at the March 4th 2014 Board of Natural Resources meeting. Both sales are scheduled for auction in April and cut right inside a marbled murrelet management area, creating new forest edges and fragmentation adjacent to occupied murrelet nesting habitat. New forest edges attract predators like crows, ravens and jays that prey on murrelet chicks. Since murrelets only lay one egg each year (at most), this predation is devastating the species.

*If you would like to help fight clear cutting and protect biodiversity, please join the marbled murrelet coalition by contacting Graham Taylor at: (206) 378.0114x328 or [graham.taylor@sierraclub.org](mailto:graham.taylor@sierraclub.org).*



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# Wilderness Act

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climbing Glacier Peak, Mount Baker, Mount Olympus (on the Olympic Peninsula), and other mountains, they decided to go to Alaska and explore the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. They were flown to Last Lake where they set up their base camp and spent two months completely alone in that region. They saw only two other people during the entire trip—just after landing at Last Lake. They hiked to the Pass and canoed 250 miles on the Yukon River down to Fort Yukon. The river was fierce and they had to paddle upstream at one point to get headed back downstream. It was unreal!

Laura would like people to appreciate how truly passionate Phil was about saving the environment. “I guess if we had a religion, that was it.”

Asked how she feels about the current state of the environment, Laura mentioned that Phil was always the more optimistic of the two. He believed that everything happens in cycles—that environmentalism, like other movements, will experience a resurgence.

Pat Goldsworthy (Dr. Patrick D. Goldsworthy) was, like Zalesky, an educator. He researched and taught protein



Patrick Goldsworthy. Photo: Christine White.

biochemistry. He understood that natural resources do not recognize political boundaries and spent most of his life working for the connectedness needed for healthy ecosystems, including wildlife.

He was bold in his vision and his actions. He was a “map guy.” He inspired many of the younger men who hiked with him and worked with him on preservation efforts to expand park or wilderness territory. His principal message to younger environmentalists was to maintain focus and become a specialist in whatever they consider most important.



Phil Zalesky (1924-2013), Sauk River near Monte Cristo, ca. 1960. Photo: Laura Zalesky.

## **The people who are carrying on the legacy**

These values are now embodied in the men and women who are one or two generations younger than Zalesky and Goldsworthy. Some whom we know well in the Sierra Club or closely allied organizations are these: Don Parks, Mark Lawler, Charlie Raines, Brock Evans, Harry Romberg, Tom Hammond, Karl Forsgaard, Rick McGuire, Mike Town, Tom Uniack, Ben Greuel, Marc Bardsley, and others who show up month after month for meetings, do the “ground-truthing,” help shape the forest plans or recreation plans, donate money, visit “electeds,” and more.

With the combined efforts of all who work to end the burning of fossil fuels, thwart the continual push to dam our streams, achieve better transportation planning, protect our wild salmon, restore watersheds, or work on related issues, our amazing volunteers and staffers are doing some of the most important work on earth. A sincere “Earth Day Thank You!” to all who do their part and to all who support them in any way.

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# Got Green and the Sierra Club

By Millie Magner, Volunteer

The Sierra Club has partnered with Got Green, a grassroots group in the Seattle area led by young adults and people of color that promotes the movement for an equitable, green economy as the best way to fight poverty and global warming at the same time.

Through this partnership we seek to promote the Sierra Club's environmental justice mission, "to discuss and explore the linkages between environmental quality and social justice, and to promote dialogue, increased understanding and appropriate action."

Did you know that out of all Seattle city-funded construction jobs, only 6% go to Seattle residents? We are currently working together in a coalition of businesses and organizations committed to the establishment of a Seattle ordinance which would require city-funded construction project contractors to hire locally from disadvantaged communities first when contracting building and development projects. Though this may seem to some outside the purview of Sierra Club, the benefits of Targeted Local Hire is very much in line with the organization's mission.

Targeted Local Hire (TLH) is good for the environment. Specifically, the initiative:

- Promotes local jobs
- Supports local businesses and economy



Got Green and Sierra Club at messaging training to learn how to speak to other organizations and business about our efforts on Targeted Local Hire. Photo: Robin Everett.

- Creates opportunity and equity
- Provides opportunities for small contractors
- Is good for the environment

Targeted Local Hiring is a way to make sure that public dollars result in good, local jobs and training slots for people of color and other disadvantaged workers. It also encourages living where you work and cuts down on greenhouse gas emissions from commuting. Local hiring cuts down on traffic and parking congestion because workers are not driving in from distant communities. This, in turn, supports public transit.

More dollars spent locally, less congestion and more jobs within the community will increase health and livability, revive communities and enable individuals and families to participate more fully in the economy and their communities. These communities will become more engaged in promoting health and the environment because they have the time and energy to focus on more than survival. Revitalized, pollution-free communities grow healthy cities and healthy environments for all of us.

Sierra Club participates in this effort to engage its members, volunteers and staff through a Seattle City ordinance, Targeted Local Hire. It is imperative to partner with communities that have too often felt the brunt of industries' devastating polluting practices.

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# A Wild Celebration for Wilderness

By Connie Gallant, Chair, Wild Olympics Campaign

On January 16, 2014, Senator Patty Murray and Representative Derek Kilmer introduced the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 2014. On January 21st, Wild Olympics supporters threw a wild bash in Port Townsend to thank them. Representative Kilmer attended and was welcomed by over 300 very happy and enthusiastic constituents. It was a great event demonstrating the incredible local support generated by the campaign.

I have been asked many times what the Wild Olympics Campaign means to me. It is simple: It is essential to protect the gifts Mother Nature has bestowed on our magnificent Olympic Peninsula.

All of us would be guilty of a major crime if we allowed such treasures to be lost. But wishful thinking is not enough; each one of us must do our part to continue advocating for the protection of wild rivers sustaining the salmon; the wilderness nurturing the remaining and vital ancient forests; and endangered wildlife habitats. If passed, this bill would ensure the first-ever protected Wild and Scenic Rivers on our Olympic Peninsula—a great feat in itself, and over 126,000 acres of permanently

protected Olympic National Forest wilderness.

We are grateful to both Senator Murray and Representative Kilmer for their continued leadership. Further, if it were not for the thousands of local supporters from across all corners of the Olympic Peninsula, we would not have achieved this historical milestone.

The majestic forests, mountains and rivers on the Olympic Peninsula must be protected for us now and for future generations, for they are a gift from the seas. Cause for a wild celebration, indeed.

The Sierra Club is a founding member of the Wild Olympics Campaign, a locally led effort to protect the Olympic Peninsula's wild rivers and ancient forests. The Wild Olympics is supported by over 10,000 local individual supporters and more than 470 local businesses and farms, conservation and recreation organizations, elected officials and religious leaders.

*More information on the Wild Olympics can be found at [www.wildolympics.org](http://www.wildolympics.org).*

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## Get Your Tickets to the Mariners Game on May 10 to Support Puget Sound Starts Here Month

Puget Sound Starts Here (PSSH) Month is coming up in May. A signature event of the month is a PSSH Mariners game which will be May 10th – a Saturday evening game against the Kansas City Royals. A portion of the proceeds will directly benefit local non-profits working to protect Puget Sound, including the Sierra Club. It will be fun for the whole family.

Not only will you enjoy the game, you will get a free themed t-shirt, you can visit the PSSH booth for games and prizes, and each ticket holder will get to hold up “K cards” at periodic moments in the game. When all of the individual K cards are held up together they will make an image of a giant Puget Sound creature



Puget Sound Starts Here Mariners Game 2013. Photo: Bill Malatinsky.

such as an orca and a giant pacific octopus (these type of cards were used extensively in the opening ceremonies at the Beijing Olympics).

So, please come to the game to support clean water, support the Sierra Club and have fun! To order tickets, please go to this link ([www.mariners.com/pugetsound](http://www.mariners.com/pugetsound)) and use promo code “salmon.” Tickets are available at \$20 for View Level (normally \$25) and \$34 for Main Level (normally \$40).

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Packard, [espackard@msn.com](mailto:espackard@msn.com), Chair of the Water and Salmon Committee. Proceeds from the ticket sales will support the work of the Water and Salmon Committee to protect and restore water quality.



# Meetings & Educational Outings

## Meetings

### National Forest Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, May 7th, 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.

### Water & Salmon Committee Meeting

**Monday, May 19th, 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.

### Water & Salmon Committee Meeting

**Monday, June 16th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

See May 19th meeting.

## Educational Outings

### Celebrate Earth Day with a Walk in the Woods

**Saturday, April 26, 10:00 am**

Join the South King County Group for an easy-moderate 3.5 mile hike near Issaquah. We will hike Beaver Lake Preserve and Hazel Wolf Preserve. Beaver Lake Preserve is 67 acres of undeveloped land that includes 1600 feet of Beaver Lake Shoreline. You will learn about the wide variety of mature habitat including several very large western red cedar and Douglas Firs. You may spot wood ducks, the olive-sided flycatcher, willow flycatcher or the northern red-legged frog. The side trip to Hazel Wolf is a 116-acre nature preserve owned by the Cascade Land Conservancy. Several trails lace through Hazel Wolf and take you past a large beaver dam across a wooden bridge and onto a wetland viewing platform where we will have lunch. Dress for the weather including rain gear and hiking boots. Bring lunch or a snack. Location: Issaquah Highlands. Near 1200 W. Beaver Lk. Dr. Go east on 24th then follow We. Beaver Lk. Dr. ~1 mi. Parking lot on the west side of road (carpools encouraged). RSVP required, contact Outings Chair Kristen Bryant, 425-247-9619.

### Diobsud Creek Rainforest Trail Maintenance, North Cascades

**Saturday, April 26th, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm**

Learn about the delightful Diobsud Creek Trail in Skagit County, above a wild river gorge in one of the state's largest unprotected roadless areas. This trail is a well-kept secret for its mossy beauty, wildflowers, and ready access. Easy work and hike, no experience required, hand tools supplied. Please wear work clothes, gloves, and boots suitable for wet conditions. 3-4 mile roundtrip. Meeting locations in Seattle and Sedro Woolley to carpool to trailhead. For directions and more information, contact Mark Lawler at 206-632-1550.

### New Rock Trail Dedication at Larrabee State Park and Geology Hike With Dave Tucker

**Saturday, April 26th, 9:15 am - 1:30 pm**

Learn about a new trail in Larrabee State Park. The trail connect the Cyrus Gates Overlook to the South Lost Lake trail below - taking hikers past cliff bands over 100 ft. in height and geologic features that are a snapshot of climatic events millions of years ago. The trail traverses moss and licorice fern, a maturing second-growth forest, and views of Mount Baker and the Twin Sisters on a clear day. The trail dedication is at 10 am on April 26th. Dave Tucker of NW Geology will lead the geology hike on the new trail after the dedication with Ken Wilcox. Bring water & lunch and dress for the weather. This outing is open to the public. For more information and to join our carpool from the Fairhaven Park & Ride to the trailhead contact Terese VanAssche, terrasolutions@hotmail.com or 253-334-2157.

### Gray Wolf River Hike

**Sunday, April 27**

Come learn about and view spring woodland flowers. A perfect early season leg-stretcher for all ages, this trip includes old-growth conifers, woodland flowers, cascading creeks, and plenty of good picnic spots along the way. Early portions of the trail include areas that would be protected as new wilderness under the Wild Olympics proposal. 8.5 miles, moderate. Please RSVP to Peter Guerrero at: studio374photography@gmail.com.

### Water Outings Leader Training

**Saturday May 16 - Sunday, May 17**

See article on page 16. RSVP to Lehman Holder tripsguy@q.com.

# Educational Outings

## Mt. Walker Hike

**Wednesday, May 28**

Take the Bus: The eastern most peak in the Olympics with sweeping views of the Puget Sound lowlands and Hood Canal; it's one of the best places in the state to see and learn about the coast rhododendron in bloom. This trip will be timed to coincide with Jefferson Transit's bus schedule. Five miles, moderate. Please RSVP to Peter Guerrero at: [studio374photography@gmail.com](mailto:studio374photography@gmail.com).

## Upper South Fork Skokomish River Hike

**Sunday, June 15**

Learn about the Spectacular Olympic Wilderness: A valley as wild as any in the adjacent national park with some of the biggest trees on the Peninsula and the wild Skokomish for a companion as it cascades through a narrow box canyon. This is an area that should have designated wilderness but currently lacks protection. It is one of our hikes showcasing the importance of the Wild Olympics proposal. Olympic Park Associates is a co-sponsor of this event. Eight miles, moderate. Please RSVP to Peter Guerrero at: [studio374photography@gmail.com](mailto:studio374photography@gmail.com).

## Sauk Mountain Summer Wildflower Hike

**Saturday, June 28th, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

See amazing views of the Skagit River surrounded by the Cascades mountains and learn about glorious early summer wildflowers. We will hike to the site of the old fire lookout atop Sauk Mountain looking over Sauk Lake. 6.3 miles roundtrip with 1200 ft. elevation gain. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen, and dress for the weather. Good hiking footwear and poles are useful for the rocky trail section at the top. There may be snow on the trail at the very top. All people are welcome on hike, no dogs please. Sign up with leader Terese VanAssche at [terrasolutions@hotmail.com](mailto:terrasolutions@hotmail.com) or 253-334-2157. Meet in Sedro-Wooley at 8:30 am.

## South King County Summer Solstice Potluck Picnic & Nature Walk

**Wednesday, July 9, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

Please join the South King County Group for its annual Summer Picnic at Gary Grant Park near the northern end of the Soos Creek Park and Trail on SE 208th Street just east of 135th Ave SE in Kent. We will celebrate our

group's accomplishments for the past year and enjoy an evening at the park. Please bring a dish to share. Mark Johnston will lead an easy nature walk along the beautiful Soos Creek Trail and will talk about the wildlife and restoration projects. New members encouraged to join us. Questions: Dorothy Johnston [dorothyjtn@earthlink.net](mailto:dorothyjtn@earthlink.net).

## Grand Valley/Obstruction Peak Hike

**Sunday, July 13**

Alpine Meadows in Bloom: Sparkling alpine lakes adorning bold mountain faces along this mile-high valley. Wildflowers, old growth, alpine tundra, marmots and bear are all here in this outdoor cathedral. Learn about this wondrous alpine habitat. Up to ten miles, strenuous. Please RSVP to Peter Guerrero at: [studio374photography@gmail.com](mailto:studio374photography@gmail.com)

## 8-Day Canoe Trip to Quetico Provincial Park, Ontario, Canada

Friday, August 1 to Saturday, August 9

Explore 20 pristine lakes. Cost is \$600 including food, park fees, canoe, use of camping gear and one night stay at lodge/base camp. RSVP and details at: [meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Outings-Washington-State/events/153321902](http://meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Outings-Washington-State/events/153321902)

## Sea Kayaking and Service at Hope Island State Marine Park

**Friday, Aug 21 to Saturday, August 24**

Includes three nights of camping. RSVP to Lehman Holder, [tripsguy@q.com](mailto:tripsguy@q.com).

## South Quinault Ridge/West Fork Humptulips River

**Saturday, August 23**

Learn about the Spectacular Olympic Wilderness. This remarkable area is home to one of the most extensive blocks of ancient rain forest not already protected by wilderness designation in the lower 48 states. Huge Douglas fir, Sitka spruce and western red cedar trees are numerous, sometimes topping out at 300 feet and supporting girths of nine feet or more. This is the second hike showcasing the importance of the Wild Olympics proposal. Located on the west side of the Peninsula, participants may wish to spend the weekend at the historic Quinault Lodge or to camp at nearby Park Service campgrounds. Ten miles, moderate, but requires numerous fords of the Humptulips. Please RSVP to Peter Guerrero at: [studio374photography@gmail.com](mailto:studio374photography@gmail.com)



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## Water Outings Training Plus Sea Kayaking and Service

*By Lehman Holder, Loo Wit Group and Chapter Outings Committee*



Kayak Trip. Photo: Sherry Bandes.

Hiking has long been a staple of Sierra Club's outings program, both nationally and locally. However, hikes aren't the only kinds of outings offered to club members who seek adventure and enjoy giving back to the environment.

Consider sea kayaking. Being on the water in a sea kayak is, quite simply, a ton of fun—and it's downright easy to learn.

Two opportunities are coming up for anyone who likes being on the water and would like to be a water outings leader. On May 17-18 (Sat-Sun), Loo Wit Group chair and outings leader Lehman Holder is again offering water outings leader training in Vancouver, WA. If you want to lead water outings, this is your opportunity to become qualified to do that. August will offer another opportunity: Sea Kayaking and Service at Hope Island State Marine Park in south Puget Sound. This outing is scheduled Aug 21-24, including 3 nights of camping.

The Northwest is blessed with many wonderful places to paddle. Lehman and Laura invite you to join them this spring and summer. Please see outings listings starting on page 13 for signup information.