



Annual Sierra Club Endorsements Issue

Suzan DelBene: U.S. Representative, District C1

“I believe strongly that climate change is not just a challenge we must tackle to avert disaster, but that it is an opportunity to build a new clean energy economy and preserve our quality of life.” With statements like this, Suzan DelBene has demonstrated that she understands the environmental issues facing us today.



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Seth Fleetwood: State Senator, District 42

The Sierra Club enthusiastically endorses Seth Fleetwood for 42nd District Senator. Seth has served on both the Whatcom County Council and the Bellingham City Council. In both positions, Seth championed environmental legislation for clean water. Seth is running against Doug Ericksen, who blocks critical environmental



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Matt Isenhower: State Senator, District 45



Matt Isenhower will be a strong advocate for the environment. He is fully supportive of Gov. Inslee's climate initiative, believes that addressing climate change is a moral issue and the critical environmental issue of our time. The need to expand public transportation is one of the key issues that motivated Matt to run for the Senate. The

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Rich Cowan: State Senator, District 6



Rich Cowan began his career in television and became KHQ-TV (Spokane) Community Affairs Director before forming North by Northwest Productions, a film company that employs 45 full-time workers in Spokane and Boise. He is a strong supporter of green jobs who realizes there is no contradiction between creating good jobs

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Tami Green: State Senator, District 28

The Sierra Club has endorsed Rep. Green over the past several legislative sessions because she has is such a vital supporter of the environment. Over her many years in the State House, she co-sponsored the legislative referendum for energy efficiency



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The Crest Needs an Editor!

Do you have a passion for writing and editing? Would you like to use those skills to further the mission of the Sierra Club? We are seeking a new editor for the Crest. The right candidate will have excellent writing and editing skills, love working with a team, and possess a sense of humor. A background in journalism or related profession is a plus. We publish four editions per year and each requires about 12-15 hours of work by the editor. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Kellie Stickney, Communications Chair, kstickn1@hotmail.com no later than midnight on December 1.

Federal Endorsements

Derek Kilmer: U.S. Representative, District C6



The Sierra Club endorses Derek Kilmer for re-election to Congress representing District 6. During his first term, Congressman Kilmer has earned a distinguished 93% score on the League of Conservation Voters Scorecard. Additionally, Congressman Kilmer co-introduced, with Senator Murray, legislation to add additional protections to the Olympic wil-

derness, including the first Scenic and Wild designation of the Peninsula's pristine salmon rivers. Congressman Kilmer knows how important jobs are to his district and how critical strong environmental protections are to economic prosperity.

Jim McDermott: U.S. Representative, District C7

Jim McDermott has been serving the 7th District in the US House of Representatives since 1989, where he has established himself as a lifelong, reliable supporter of environmental protection. Congressman McDermott introduced carbon tax legislation to gradually increase taxes on greenhouse gas-emitting substances. He also introduced the bipartisan "Salmon Solutions and Planning Act" which if passed would commission studies to focus salmon recovery based on science in a cost-effective manner. Another of his issues has been support of the local fishing industry.



Adam Smith: U.S. Representative, District C9



The Sierra Club has endorsed and supported Rep. Smith since his first Congressional campaign. He has always been a steady and strong supporter of environmental issues. Rep. Smith is a Co-Sponsor of the Giffords Energy Security Act and the American Clean Energy and Security Act. Rep. Smith will play a major role in many of the Sierra Club's issues, including coal, our Olympics Initiative, land use, Puget Sound, local transportation (including Link Light Rail Expansion) and marine habitat.

Denny Heck: U.S. Representative, District C10



One of Washington's post-redistricting congressional freshmen, Representative Denny Heck has been a consistent supporter of a wide array of environmental issues. He is a co-founder, along with Rep Derick Kilmer, of the Congressional Puget Sound Caucus, whose priorities include preventing pollution from urban storm-water runoff and protecting and restoring habitat. Sierra Club is proud to

support Rep. Heck and look forward to a continuing working relationship.

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Thirst for Wildness

By Graham Taylor



Brune Family: Sebastian, Mary, Gwen, Michael and Oliva.
Photo: Graham Taylor.

It is hard to complain about summertime in Washington. Our long days, warm temperatures and wealth of outdoor opportunities help make our summer experience something to look forward to all year. This summer was particularly special. Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune helped kick off the summer celebration of wildness, bringing his young family to visit the Wild Sky and Alpine Lakes Wildernesses.

Our chapter's invigorated outings program followed suite, guiding families, young people and seniors into some of the wild places we seek to protect. Together, the Sierra Club family replenished our vitamin-D and our memories of sunlight as we headed into the damp darkness of fall. We were all reminded once again of the overwhelming value wild places offer our state, and how Washington's wildness continues to quench our thirst for adventure.

As Michael Brune encouraged his daughter to dive into the icy alpine lake I could only wonder how to encourage even more children and young families to plunge into our nation's most pristine pools and wild forests. Even more eager to dive in was Brune's youngest son and daughter, both dipping into the waters to find refreshment after the climb to Talapus Lake. Brune's discovery of these wild places with his family offered first-hand experience of the pleasure these places contribute to our lives.

It was clear that the trip would provide much more than a talking point. It would contribute to their family history, and serve as a key experience to relate to leaders who will decide whether or not to expand permanent protections around the Alpine Lakes and Pratt River Valley – two incredible low elevation destinations being explored for

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Proposed Spokane River flows threatens river, businesses, state's legal standing

By Tom Soeldner and John Osborn, Upper Columbia River Group

The Washington State Water Resources Act of 1971: *Perennial rivers and streams of the state shall be retained with base flows necessary to provide for preservation of wildlife, fish, scenic, aesthetic and other environmental values, and navigational values.* (RCW 90.54.020)

Protecting Spokane River flows is important for fish and wildlife, boaters and floaters, businesses and jobs, and Washington's legal standing with Idaho. The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has proposed setting minimum summertime river flows at the low flow of 850 cubic feet per second (cfs), despite the fact that Ecology has not even completed necessary studies to protect the public values in selecting this flow. Sierra Club and the Center for Environmental Law and Policy (CELP) are calling on the agency to set flows higher, at 2500 cfs, to maintain a fully functioning Spokane River.

Fish and Wildlife need a functioning Spokane River

Thousands of people enjoy the "Downriver Reach" extending from downtown Spokane to the pool behind Nine Mile Dam. Here is an amazing urban riverine corridor shared daily by the region's thriving outdoor industry and abundant fish and wildlife. The City of Spokane Shoreline Master Program designates the shorelines of the Downriver Reach as either "Natural" or "Urban Conservancy Environment." The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife designates this reach as "Urban Natural Open Space."

A post-licensing study prepared by Avista underscores the importance of the Downriver Reach as a spawning and rearing area for redband trout, which in turn argues for the instream flow rule to anticipate and prepare for return of salmon to Spokane Falls, now under discussion within the Columbia River Treaty update process.

850 cubic feet per second leaves boaters and floaters high and dry

Despite heavy community use of the river, Ecology conducted no flow studies on recreational and navigational users. The only such study (2004) concluded that a range of



Float trip. 850cfs is too low a flow for many users, including boaters and rafting companies. Ecology failed to do necessary studies to protect public values. Sierra Club is advocating 2500cfs.

Photo: John Osborn.

flows between 1350 cfs and 2558 cfs is necessary to support recreational use and navigation on the Downriver Reach.

Idaho v. Washington

Washington and Idaho will eventually negotiate or go to court over the limited water they share in the Spokane-Coeur d'Alene Basin. Climate change will intensify this inter-state water controversy. Setting a high flow for the Spokane River will strengthen Washington's position in protecting state interests in the Spokane River. Ecology's proposed minimum flow of 850 cfs is a tactical mistake for Washington State.

What you can do

In September, Ecology will issue its draft rule setting minimum Spokane River flow at 850cfs. Washington citizens should insist that state officials uphold their public trust responsibilities in setting a flow required by state law: "flows necessary to provide for preservation of wildlife, fish, scenic, aesthetic and other environmental values, and navigational values."

Tom Soeldner is co-chair of the Upper Columbia River Group. John Osborn directs the chapter's Columbia River Future Project.

State Endorsements

Derek Stanford: State Representative #1, District 1



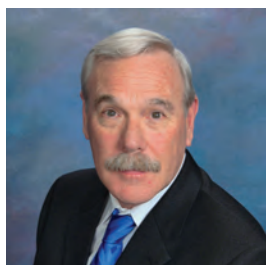
Rep. Stanford is an environmental leader who serves as Vice Chair of the House Capital Budget Committee where he has been an outspoken advocate for investments in clean water and cleaning up toxic pollution. He is also a member of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, where he works to improve fish habitat and production, as well as address over-allocation of streams, rivers, and groundwater supplies. The Sierra Club enthusiastically endorses Derek for another term.

Luis Moscoso: State Representative #2, District 1

An advocate for transportation in Washington State, Rep. Moscoso seeks out holistic approaches to land use that ensure environmental protection, while also creating new and improved transportation systems. Luis believes that by investing more in rail and transit we can reduce our State's carbon emissions, and establish a more environmentally-friendly and sustainable future for the next generation. Luis' constant commitment to a healthy and sustainable environment for all is why the Club is again endorsing him.



Greg Hartman: State Representative #1, District 2



Greg served 7 years in the Coast Guard, 34 years in the Fire and Emergency Services Departments, and recently retired as a Deputy Fire Chief. His top legislative priorities are full funding of education, passing and maintaining a sustainable budget, and creating jobs. His top environmental priority

is to work for safer, cleaner ways to promote America's energy independence. He wants Washington State to continue to be a leader in alternative energy policy by putting our time and resources into creating new, long-term jobs that protect the environment.

Marcus Riccelli: State Representative #1, District 3

Driven by the conviction that our children should inherit a better world, Marcus is committed to protecting and preserving the immense natural beauty in Washington State. Spokane is



lucky to have two gorgeous state parks and Marcus believes family income should not be a barrier to experiencing the outdoors. From local challenges like toxins in the Spokane River to global challenges like climate change, Marcus is working hard to keep our planet clean, beautiful, and livable for our children's generation and generations to come.

Timm Ormsby: State Representative #2, District 3



As Vice-chair of the House Appropriation Committee, Timm Ormsby has demonstrated that he is concerned with getting the necessary revenue to fund the basic functions of state government. He says that in past years, without sustainable revenue essential work cannot be done, including critical services performed by our natural resource agencies. He has indicated

that following the Governor's lead on climate change is a "no-brainer." He believes that the issues such as quantity and quality of our water resources should be front and center on the legislative agenda.

Zack Hudgins: State Representative #1, District 11

Zack Hudgins has been an environmental champion in Washington since his election to the legislature in 2001, and the Sierra Club is proud to support him for another term. With a near-perfect lifetime voting record on priority environmental bills, Rep. Hudgins has been recognized for his key efforts to protect communities from toxic substances and prevent the weakening of our state's environmental laws.



Steve Bergquist: State Representative #2, District 11



Sierra Club is proud to endorse Steve Bergquist for reelection in the 11th District. As a freshman representative, Steve established a perfect record of support for environmental legislation. Sierra Club looks forward to developing a great relationship with Rep. Bergquist.

State Endorsements

Monica Stonier: State Representative #1, District 17

Rep. Stonier serves on the Education committee as vice chair, the capital budget committee and the technology and energy development committee. A previously endorsed incumbent, Monica has a strong environmental voting record.



Mike Briggs: State Representative #1, District 18



Mike Briggs is articulate, energetic and passionate. He is also realistic and practical. He opposes building oil terminals in Vancouver, supports mass transit, and recognizes that reducing greenhouse gas emissions is the most important environmental challenge we face. Mr. Briggs will bring passion, energy and a commitment to getting things done: a refreshing change.

Maureen Winningham: State Representative #2, District 18

Maureen Winningham is opposed to building any oil terminals in Clark County as an oil spill would be a catastrophic disaster and not worth any risk. She is supportive of environmental issues and has expressed an eagerness to learn more about policy and politics as they pertain to successful environmental legislation. Maureen will be an effective legislator for the 18th legislative district.



Strom Peterson: State Representative #1, District 21



Currently a member of the Edmonds City Council, Sierra Club is proud to endorse Strom Peterson for state House of Representatives from the 21st Legislative District. Strom has been an outspoken leader in opposition to our use of coal energy and a strong supporter of Sierra Club's work to reduce carbon emissions.

He has a commitment to environmental sustainability and protecting our quality of life.

Lillian Ortiz-Self: State Representative #2, District 21

Rep. Ortiz-Self is well informed on issues affecting the environment and the welfare of her constituents. She believes setting high standards for air and water quality will help ensure the health of our children and future generations. As a member of the House Environment Committee, she is working hard to create legislation that mandates stricter enforcement of pesticide regulations and protects agricultural laborers. The Sierra Club is looking forward to working with Lillian next year.



Marko Liias: State Senator, District 21

Senator Liias is an environmental champion and proven leader for community transportation issues. After serving in the legislature for 6 years, he has a 100% voting record on protecting the environment. He has been strong supporter of funding for transit as well as bicycle and pedestrian projects. In addition, he played a major role in the transportation package negotiations and has co-sponsored bills on a range of environmental topics including the protection of Puget Sound and clean energy.



Kevin Van De Wege: State Representative #1, District 24



Rep. Van De Wege has a strong environmental voting record which includes being a lead on funding Neah Bay Rescue Tugs, banning flame retardants in commercial products and securing funds for air monitors in Port Angeles, Sequim and Port Townsend to measure ultrafine particles from biomass plants. He supports renewable energy, funding for mass transit, bike, and pedestrian projects, making funds available for conservation priorities such as Puget Sound Cleanup and stormwater management, and wants to see more revenue for the Department of Ecology and Parks.

State Endorsements

Steve Tharinger: State Representative #2, District 24



Rep. Tharinger is a long-time leader of salmon habitat restoration and protection. Steve was also instrumental in securing appropriations to fund air monitors for Port Angeles, Sequim and Port Townsend to measure ultrafine particles from biomass plants. He sits on the Governor's task force to increase funding for mass transit, bike, and trails. He favors renewable energy, funding for pedestrian projects, and making funds available for conservation priorities such as Puget Sound cleanup, stormwater management, and water conservation.

Dawn Morrell: State Representative #1, District 25

Rep. Morrell has steadfastly voted with the Sierra Club and environmental community, with a perfect environmental voting record. Rep. Morrell is a nurse with a strong interest in environmental health, particularly around the potential adverse effects on human health of toxins in our food, water, air, child toys, and baby bottles. She has also pushed for legislation to keep unused medications out of our landfills and water bodies. She is an invaluable environmental incumbent who deserves our support.



Nathan Schlicher: State Representative #1, District 26



The Sierra Club enthusiastically endorses Nathan Schlicher for the State House. Nathan, who was appointed in the 2013 State Legislative Session to fill a vacated seat, is a very bright rising star in local and state politics. He is a practicing ER physician, attorney, and an expert on health care policy. Examples of his environmental commitment were his votes to defend I-937, to reduce climate changing pollution, to protect our limited water resources, to fund public transportation adequately, to create jobs for a clean economy, and to promote environmental justice.

Larry Seaquist: State Representative #2, District 26

Rep. Seaquist is Chair of the Higher Education Committee. In the House his focus has been on addressing issues of preparing students for the science, math, and high-tech jobs needed in Washington State. He understands the necessity of sustainable use of finite resources and continues to work on serious water quantity and quality challenges that are already manifest on the Kitsap Peninsula. He supports efforts to reduce toxic and greenhouse gas emissions. He has a solid lifetime voting record and is always willing to discuss legislative and policy issues with Sierra Club.



Judy Arbogast: State Senator, District 26



Judy Arbogast is a retired school teacher and long-time political activist for teachers and educational causes. She understands that fully funding education needs to be a top priority for the State. Judy has a love and appreciation for the natural environment and understands the importance of recreation and eco-tourism for Puget Sound. She understands and supports the need to deal with climate change. Her opponent, Jan Angel, is no friend of the environment.

Jake Fey: State Representative #1, District 27

Sierra Club is pleased to support Jake Fey for reelection. As Vice-Chair of the Transportation Committee, he has focused much of his efforts negotiating a transportation revenue package that will fund the future of our state's transportation while upholding our core values of environmental and worker protections. He also mediated an energy conservation amendment to I-537 between the environmental community and the utilities which easily passed both the House and Senate. His strong voting record further demonstrates his commitment to the environment.



State Endorsements

Laurie Jinkins: State Representative #1, District 27

The Sierra Club is enthusiastic in its endorsement of Rep. Jinkins. She is by far the strongest candidate running for this House position. She is a non-practicing attorney who has been the Deputy Director of the Tacoma-Pierce Co. Health Dept. for several years. She has become a leader in the House on health and human rights issues, and has also shown her concern for the environment, especially air pollution. In 2013 she introduced HB1233, which would add health to the list of state transportation policy goals. Her environmental voting record is stellar.



Steve Conway: State Senator, District 29

Steve served as State Representative for 18 years before election to the Senate in 2010. He is the ranking member of the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee and also serves on the Senate Ways and Means and Government Operations Committees. Though he recently retired as a business agent for the United Food and Commercial Worker's Union, Local 81, he is still an active advocate for Labor as he has been over the last couple of decades. He consistently has high environmental voting records. Sen. Conway has the strong support of the Sierra Club.



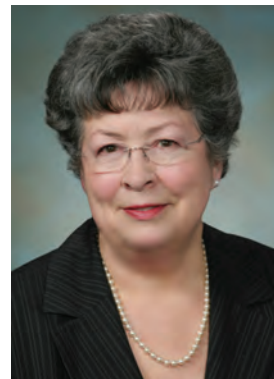
David Sawyer: State Representative #1, District 29



Rep. Sawyer was first elected to the State House in 2012 with the endorsement of Sierra Club. He is currently a law student and works at Ladenburg Law in Tacoma. A strong supporter of mass transit, in 2013 he sponsored a transportation bill which would help fund public transportation. It was reintroduced in 2014 as a part of broader strategy to fund public transportation. In 2014 he co-

sponsored HB 2347, enhancing safety of oil transportation. David has a strong environmental voting record and should continue to serve.

Maralyn Chase: State Senator, District 32



Maralyn Chase has been an environmental trailblazer first in the House, and now in the Senate. She is a bulldog on environmental issues, along with education, transportation, housing and clean energy, notably solar power. Maralyn is often years ahead of her caucus on such issues. We consider Maralyn Chase to be an Environmental Champion of the first order, and strongly urge your support for her campaign.

Steve Kirby: State Representative #2, District 29

Rep. Kirby has held his House position for 14 years and chaired the House Business and Financial Services Committee for multiple legislative sessions. Steve consistently votes for protecting the environment in addition to addressing the economic challenges faced by the state. He has been very active and engaged in public service within his community over the last couple of decades. He has been previous endorsed by the Sierra Club and holds a strong lifetime environment voting record.



Eileen Cody: State Representative #1, District 34

Eileen Cody has been a strong supporter of Sierra Club priority legislation in Olympia, and we are proud to endorse her for another term representing the 34th District. Eileen has worked at Group Health Cooperative in Seattle for the past thirty-five years. She is a neuro-rehab nurse certified in both rehabilitation nursing and multiple sclerosis care. In addition to her work at Group Health, Eileen is a founding member of District 1199 NW/SEIU Hospital and Health Care Employees Union. Eileen currently serves as chair of the House Health Care and Wellness Committee.



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Retire Puget Sound Energy's Coal Plant

By Brian Grunkemeyer, Energy Committee

Sierra Club's Coal Free Puget Sound Energy campaign continues to pressure PSE to retire their dirty coal plant. Here's what's going on, and how you can help.

PSE is the single largest owner of the Colstrip Coal plant, located in Eastern Montana. PSE's coal plant is one of the largest emitters of carbon pollution in the West – a huge regional contributor to climate change, which already threatens our families, communities and children's future. Climate change affects our everyday lives, disrupting everything from our water supplies and food systems, to the spread of pests, damage to shellfish, and changes in sea level on our Pacific coast. PSE's coal plant also harms our neighbors. Its pollution threatens local ranchers' water supplies and causes life-threatening health problems near the plant.

It's time for PSE to retire their coal plant

Nationwide, countless communities and individuals have declared that the economic, public health, and environmental costs of coal power are too high. The result? More than 140 plants across the country are scheduled to retire, including the Boardman and TransAlta coal plants here in the Northwest.

The writing is on the wall—PSE's coal plant is just too dirty and expensive. In Governor Jay Inslee's state climate plan, transitioning away from coal is a high priority. What's more, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) just released its proposed carbon protections, focusing on coal plants. EPA's proposal will protect human and environmental health by requiring coal plants like Colstrip to limit the amount of carbon pollution they emit.

Financial reasons for change

Ratepayers have another reason to demand change: PSE has liability for Colstrip's ongoing air and water pollution from burning coal and disposing of toxic ash, as well as a myriad of other pollution problems. Because Sierra Club helped make state regulators aware of the extent of this plant's problems, they are unlikely to allow PSE to spend additional ratepayer money fixing the plant to meet modern pollution standards. The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission stated: "To embark on investments [on Colstrip] with so much uncertainty could be harmful to PSE, its ratepayers and the broader public interest."

Next steps

State regulators have asked PSE to come up with a detailed plan on how they are going to address their coal problem. They have encouraged PSE to initiate a proceeding addressing the full costs of their coal power, and how they plan to retire the plant. We want PSE to provide a plan that accounts for the true cost of coal and also shows how we can



transition to clean energy. By getting off coal and investing ratepayer money in clean, renewable energy, PSE can power good careers in Washington and the Northwest through energy efficiency, and wind and solar power.

With the carbon risks, air and water pollution costs and human health impact, you would think shutting down Colstrip would be a "slam dunk" win for ratepayers. That process needs a push from us to proceed. Our Coal Free Puget Sound Energy campaign has had a very busy summer. We are collecting petitions urging Puget Sound Energy to come up with a plan to retire their massive dirty coal plant. We've tabled at numerous festivals and street fairs throughout the Puget Sound region, talking to nearly a thousand people from Bainbridge Island to Bellingham and all over East King County.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have staffed booths on summer weekends. Our campaign wouldn't be possible without our dedicated and passionate grassroots volunteers; it's what makes the Sierra Club what it is. Together we've accomplished a lot, but we have more work to do.

Our campaign is building public demand for clean energy and politicians are taking note. Recently the Bellingham City Council passed a resolution asking PSE to come up with a plan to move beyond coal. Last year, mayors of five cities in King County asked the UTC to transition us to a better energy future. And Governor Inslee's climate efforts all rely on Washington switching to cleaner electricity. We will continue demanding that PSE build a 20-year plan with an end to coal.

If you haven't already signed our petition, you can go to www.CoalFreePSE.org or get in touch with organizer Seth Ballhorn (seth.ballhorn@sierraclub.org).

Experiencing Washington D.C. for the First Time

By Vinny Arora, Sierra Club Intern

This June I had the amazing opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. and lobby Congress on behalf of the Sierra Club. I am fairly new to the organization. I became a member just under a year ago and I am currently an intern, working on expanding wildlands protection on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.



Harry Romberg, Senator Patty Murray, and Vinny Arora. Photo from Vinny Arora.

My Journey to Washinton

I first learned about the Club early in college when we studied environmental history, and was captivated by John Muir's obvious reverence and boundless enthusiasm for the natural world. The organization's values and goals resonate with me and working on various projects has been interesting and truly rewarding.

So it came as a huge and welcome surprise to be invited to attend Great Outdoors America Week in Washington D.C. by Sierra Club volunteer leaders to lobby congress on environmental issues. I bought my first suit and finally learned how to properly tie a tie.

On the first day we received training at the national Sierra Club office. There I met my cohorts, fellow volunteers from other states doing the same type of work. At the training we learned the dos and don'ts of lobbying, discussed the specific issues that we should talk about, and they calmed our nerves by doing a ridiculous skit of exactly what not to do when going into a meeting with a politician. Despite everyone being incredibly friendly and easy to get along with at the Sierra Club office, I was a bit nervous anticipating the first meeting. I had never spoken about serious issues to such influential people before, and I hoped I would represent our organization well without making too many blunders.

Delivering Our Message

Thankfully I was with a pro, one of my supervisors Harry Romberg who has been doing this for years, and the

first meeting went smoothly. From there each meeting got easier and easier, as I spoke with more confidence and became comfortable discussing the issues thoroughly. At our meetings we talked about important public lands bills; some that we wished to see passed such as the Alpine Lakes Wilderness addition, and others we hoped would be dismissed as soon as possible like SEALaska and

Resolution Copper. We also talked about the Healthy Kids Outdoors Initiative which is a relatively inexpensive program that would provide infrastructure and policy to help various organizations get kids playing outside and enjoying nature. There is little doubt that kids could use more time outside growing their curiosity and appreciation for the environment, and spend less time glued to a screen.

Successes

The trip as a whole was an incredible experience, but some highlights include meeting Senator Patty Murray at her constituent coffee, and getting to speak with Congressman Derek Kilmer in the Capitol Building in between votes on the floor. We were able to secure a few co-sponsors on the Healthy Kids Outdoors initiative and delivered important messages to many staffers of Congress that keeps them aware of environmentalist concerns. Although Congress is woefully unproductive these days, I still feel hopeful that we made at least a small difference by going and saying our message.

I was really excited to participate in this trip and it turned out to be even more rewarding and enjoyable than I expected. I am so thankful to everyone who I got to meet and work with at the Sierra Club as well as other environmental organizations with similar goals and values. It was a truly enriching experience for me personally and I think that it has inspired me to be more active in the world of conservation, and keep at it long term.

State Endorsements

Joe Fitzgibbon: State Representative #2, District 34



Now at the end of his second term in the legislature, Joe Fitzgibbon has established himself as one of the strongest voices for environmental protection in Washington. He has worked steadily on issues from transportation and greenhouse gas regulations to waste disposal and the structure of our environmental review procedures. The Club is proud to endorse Joe once again and excited to work with him in future sessions.

Sharon Nelson: State Senator, District 34

Since being appointed to the Legislature in 2007, Sen. Nelson has been a big friend of the Sierra Club and the Puget Sound. A leader on water quality issues, she has a perfect lifetime voting record on key environmental bills. Her priorities include protecting the environment, improving education, tackling transportation problems, working for affordable housing and family wage jobs, and protecting the homeless and working to end homelessness in Washington State. We look forward to four more years of Sen. Nelson's leadership in our state senate.



Reuven Carlyle: State Representative #1, District 36



Reuven Carlyle has always been a strong proponent of smart grid and clean energy technologies, as well as transit funding and toxics clean-up. Professionally he provides business development, financing, sales, marketing and public policy consulting services to early and mid-stage technology companies in the wireless,

software and clean energy sectors. He brings this experience to his legislative work with a willingness to tackle difficult policy issues. The Sierra Club is proud to endorse Reuven for his continuing support of the environment.

Jeanne Kohl-Welles: State Senator, District 36

Senator Kohl-Welles has been a consistent supporter of environmental initiatives for 21 years as a legislator. Her legislative priorities are environmental health, education and green building, and she has been a relentless fighter for



maintaining a healthy budget, which helps protect and preserve environmental agendas, and has been a supporter of smart transportation policies for Washington. Sierra Club is proud to endorse Jeanne Kohl-Welles.

Eric Pettigrew: State Representative #2, District 37



Sierra Club is excited to endorse Eric Pettigrew for another term in our State House. Eric has an excellent voting record on environmental issues over the years and was a major champion of the effort to ban toxics in toys and other consumer products. He was also a leading force in passing the Local Farms/Healthy Kids priority legislation.

Pramila Jayapal: State Senator, District 37

Sierra Club is proud to endorse Pramila Jayapal for the open state senate seat in Seattle's 37th District. The founder of OneAmerica, an immigrants' rights and social justice advocacy organization, Jayapal has built a career on her dedication to advancing progressive causes here in Washington. We believe she would be a similarly strong voice for the environment in Olympia, especially where environmental issues intersect with social justice.



Kris Lytton: State Representative #1, District 40

Kris Lytton has worked as a Sierra Club ally on water resource related issues, supporting our legislative priorities in her position on the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. She was elected as the Deputy Majority Floor Leader, a prestigious position for a first term representative. While education is her first legislative priority, environmental issues also rank high on her agenda (94% grade on the WCV scorecard). Her first floor amendment was on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife wolf bill at Sierra Club urging; she was able to get the amendment passed by the House.



State Endorsements

Tana Senn: State Representative #1, District 41



Rep. Senn has served one term in the state legislature and has an outstanding record supporting environmental issues. She is currently the Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee and supports initiatives to address climate change and ensure clean air and water for the next generation. The Club is pleased to endorse Tana and looks forward to working with her in the next legislative session.

Judy Clibborn: State Representative #2, District 41

Judy is Chair of the Transportation Committee and has a very good lifetime record of voting for the environment. Rep. Clibborn states “It is part of my job to keep Washington Moving.” She supports HOT lanes and innovative funding methods for transportation. Her priorities are education, health care, transportation and addressing the budget crisis.



Satpal Sidhu: State Representative #1, District 42



The Sierra Club proudly endorses Satpal Sidhu, a former solar energy entrepreneur and current small business owner. Satpal believes in preventing environment degradation, keeping our water and air clean, investing in clean energy technologies and making sure that the pristine environment of our community stays our legacy for generations to come.

Satpal has always emphasized working from our common ground, and can do the same with legislators from all parts of the state and across party lines.

Joy Monjure: State Representative #2, District 42

Joy Monjure is a lifelong advocate for sustainable agriculture and is now taking that skill and expertise to Olympia. She has worked for 23 years on water issues for the City of Bellingham. Currently, she runs a farm stand in her rural community of Everson where she served as city councilwoman for eight years. Her opponent,



Republican Vincent Buys, has received a 0% from Washington Conservation Voters for his anti-environmental record for the last four years. She will fight for farms, families, and a sustainable future for Washington State.

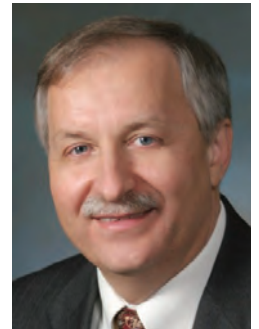
Brady Walkinshaw: State Representative #1, District 43



A newcomer to Washington’s legislature, Brady Walkinshaw has distinguished himself in his first term with an excellent voting record on environmental priority issues. The Sierra Club looks forward to building a strong relationship with Rep. Walkinshaw and enthusiastically endorses him for another term.

Frank Chopp: State Representative #2, District 43

Speaker of the House Frank Chopp is a key leader in our state’s Democratic caucus and has been a steadfast ally for the environmental community. The Sierra Club is proud to endorse Speaker Chopp once again.



Jamie Pedersen: State Senator, District 43



Sierra Club is pleased to support Jamie Pedersen for a new term representing Seattle in our legislature. Jamie has a perfect lifetime voting record on major environmental issues and has been a prime sponsor of every Environmental Priorities bill. He brings a crucial voice for the environment to our state senate, where he is now serving after filling a vacancy during his last term in the house. For his dedica-

tion and constant support, we strongly recommend Jamie Pedersen for State House.

State Endorsements

Hans Dunshee: State Representative #1, District 44

Rep. Dunshee is the Great Green Giant of the Washington Legislature. For years he has been a tireless and effective advocate for environmental issues. He currently chairs the House Capital Budget Committee, where he has worked effectively to advance “green jobs” projects that benefit the environment and the economy. In addition, Rep. Dunshee played a major role over the past several years to help prevent legislation from advancing, which would roll back important environmental safeguards.



radioactive waste dump; been a champion for our state to play a leadership role in the nation to fight climate change and promote renewable energy; worked for clean water and protection of Puget Sound and Lake Washington; and successfully drafted and lobbied for laws to protect children’s health from exposures to toxic wastes and chemicals.



Jessyn Farrell: State Representative #2, District 46



The Sierra Club is proud to endorse Jessyn Farrell for another term as in Washington’s state house. A former co-chair of Pierce County Conservation Voters and Executive Director of Transportation Choices Coalition, Jessyn is an expert in transportation policy and, in addition to having an excellent record on environmental issues generally, has been a strong advocate for better transportation policy as a legislator.

David Frockt: State Senator, District 46

In his two terms in Washington’s Senate, David Frockt built a highly impressive reputation for both his commitment to progressive and environmental issues and for his effectiveness as a legislator. David will be a key voice for the environment in the State Senate, and we are proud to support him for another term.



Pat Sullivan: State Representative #2, District 47



Rep. Sullivan serves on the Appropriations Committee and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education. Over the years, he has been a solid vote for the environment. Of particular concern to him are clean air, clean water, and the protection and recovery of Puget Sound. The Club has worked actively on Pat’s campaigns in the past and is proud to endorse him once again.

Mike Wilson: State Representative #2, District 44



Mike Wilson is a Government teacher at Cascade High School in Everett. Mike’s wife Cindy of 35 years runs a small business. Together they have raised two sons, and their first granddaughter arrived in June. Mike’s campaign will focus on family values, hard work, and commitment to making our community a better place. “My life experience, and my family, past, present, and future, compels me to find a solution for education, jobs, and transportation.”

Roger Goodman: State Representative #1, District 45

Roger Goodman is an environmental lawyer by training and is passionate about environmental issues. He is fully supportive of Gov. Inslee’s climate initiative and has provided active support for the Sierra Club’s Coal Free Puget Sound Energy campaign. The Club is proud to endorse Roger and look forward to working with him in the next legislative session.



Gerry Pollet: State Representative #1, District 46

Gerry Pollet has been a first-rate environmental champion in Washington for decades, and he has continued this high level of service as a legislator. He has worked for the cleanup of Hanford and to stop use of Hanford as a national

State Endorsements

Ross Hunter: State Representative #1, District 48

Ross Hunter has consistently voted for Club priorities and has consistently won our endorsement since first running for the house in 2004. He is chair of the Appropriations Committee. He helped lead the effort to be the first state to ban brominated flame-retardants, chemicals known to cause endocrine damage to small children. Sierra Club is pleased to once again endorse Rep. Hunter.



Jim Moeller: State Representative #2, District 49



Jim Moeller has represented the 49th District since 2003. He is currently Speaker Pro Tempore of the House, the second highest leadership position in that chamber. He is a member of the Sierra Club and has been endorsed by the Club in all previous races. We enthusiastically endorse Rep. Moeller for another term.

Joan McBride: State Representative #2, District 48



Joan McBride is an experienced political leader and an effective advocate for the environment. As Mayor of Kirkland she championed transit and transit-oriented development and will actively push for a balanced transportation bill that expands public transportation. She is fully supportive of Gov. Inslee's climate agenda and

was one of several Eastside mayors to endorse the Climate Legislative and Executive Workgroup (CLEW) recommendations. The Club is proud to endorse Joan and look forward to working with her in the next legislative session.

Cyrus Habib: State Senator, District 48

Representative Habib has attracted considerable attention as an effective lawmaker. He has shown himself to be a consistent supporter for environmental issues. He was author and prime sponsor of the Washington Jobs Act of 2014, which opened up investor crowdfunding in Washington State, as well as a number of laws relating to healthcare, transportation, and energy. The Sierra Club is proud to endorse Cyrus and looks forward to working with him in the next legislative session.



Sharon Wylie: State Representative #1, District 49



Rep. Wylie has an excellent environmental voting record. She is opposed to the current proposals concerning oil and coal which will impact Vancouver and Southern Washington. The risk to public health, the environment and livability of our cities and counties are of grave concern to her.

Local Endorsements

Craig Pridemore: County Commission, Clark County

The Sierra Club is pleased to endorse Craig Pridemore, a true environmental champion, once again. A former state senator and Clark County Commissioner, Craig Pridemore has an established track record of success and of bringing people of diverse backgrounds together to solve problems for our community. He has supported sound environmental policies throughout his many years in government service. Craig has the determination, energy and abilities to bring a positive, forward looking agenda to Clark County government.



Mike Piper: County PUD Commission, Clark County



Mike Piper's well-articulated vision for the future of energy use and conservation includes maximizing our conservation potential by encouraging conservation by programs like Clean Energy Works, which he helped to start in Oregon. His experience includes working as sustainability coordinator for the City of Vancouver, director of Clark County

Community Services, and low income weatherization program manager for Bonneville Power Administration. He was awarded a lifetime achievement award from Clark County for leadership and vision in 2007.

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Taste of Wildness

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permanent protection this year.

Washington Experiences

Brune's tour extended to the communities that enjoy these outdoor assets, and a group of volunteers joined the family for a barbeque at the Outdoor Adventure Center in Index, Washington. The experience helped emphasize the economic force which accompanies the endless entertainment our backcountry brings.

We were pleasantly shocked to find out the Outdoor Center's sizeable capacity to lead trips with over one hundred people on any given day. The center also provides steady employment for guides, cooks, and helpers of all sorts. The Corson family who owns the Outdoor Adventure Center is planning to expand, working to open the Historic Bush House Hotel just down the street.

50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act celebrations

Brune's family vacation was framed against the backdrop of a poignant time in the history of wildlands protection. September 3rd, 2014, marked the 50th birthday for the Wilderness Act – a piece of legislation offering opportunities for permanent protection for America's wildest and most remote areas. Celebrations will continue throughout the year as conservationists consider the past and plan for the next 50 years.

On October 10th, the Mountaineers will host a celebration of the anniversary by releasing a new book on the North Cascades, documenting one of Washington's most biologically diverse, treacherous, and treasured features. Although there has been much activity to protect wild places and rivers of the Olympic Peninsula, this new book works to bring attention to the vast swaths of wildlands in the Cascades that qualify and deserve to be protected for generations to come.

Sierra Club's Military Outdoors program

Perhaps most inspiring was how the Sierra Club's Military Outdoors programs teamed up with veterans to explore Boston Basin in the North Cascades. There, veterans worked



Don Parks, Marc Heilesen, Josh Sonnenfeldt, and Michael Brune. Photo: Graham Taylor.

with the Adventure Film School to create powerful films documenting their journeys both in the backcountry, and abroad. The program adds an additional layer of rationale for valuing military service and works to both celebrate and help veterans and military families enjoy the land they have been so committed to protect.

Local leader Joshua Brandon has explained how the commitment to protect America does not end on the battlefield and extends to our forest, rivers and mountains. The connection to these places is profound, with many communities counting on pristine headwaters to supply drinking water. Josh has come to extol the inherent healing potential wild places have to offer for our troops and their families. Teaming up with the Adventure Film School to document these trips, Josh has helped reconnect veterans to the outdoors and provide a therapeutic outlet to express and process the emotions through film.

The Sierra Club looks forward to showcasing these films, and we encourage you to find them online: www.sierraclub.org/outdoors/2014/08/warriors-and-film-north-cascades.

Save Mt. Spokane Coalition's effort to stop ski area expansion

By Chris Bachman

Sierra Club has been involved in an important issue in Mt. Spokane State Park. At 14,000 acres, Mt. Spokane is Washington's largest state park.

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has been taking comments on the DEIS (Draft Environmental Impact Statement) on an 800-acre ski area expansion for the PASEA (Potential Alpine Ski Expansion Area) for Mt. Spokane State Park.

The Parks Commission will decide on a land use classification (a non-project action) for the PASEA at a meeting in Spokane on November 20. Depending on the alternative chosen, the never logged, old growth forest on the west side of the mountain will be preserved for 21 focal species and future generations of Washingtonians and tourists to enjoy all year. Or, part of the area will be clear-cut to accommodate seven ski runs and one lift.

The concessionaire, MS2000, denies that there are any forests in the PASEA that are old growth in spite of a study done by Pacific Biodiversity Institute which documents the trees. This is a study MS2000 commissioned in 2010 and it's in the DEIS appendices as well as adopted by reference.

In Spokane County, and within the Washington State Park system, this is the largest swath of sub alpine old growth forest remaining, and only one or two very small patches of old growth exist elsewhere in the county. About 15% of eastern Washington forests that are left are old growth (WDFW 2007). We should be saving these areas, not defragmenting them with clear cutting. This state park belongs to citizens to enjoy all year. Once it's gone, old growth can't be replaced. You can't mitigate it.

For more information contact Chris Bachman at chrisbachman@comcast.net or go to saventspokane.org.

Suzan DelBene

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Suzan DelBene has taken action, as a leader in the House of Representatives. One of her first acts as a newly elected House member was to reach across the aisle to work with Rep. Reichert to introduce the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers bill. Sierra Club is proud to give her our endorsement and encourage our members and supporters in the 1st Congressional district to vote for her.

Seth Fleetwood

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legislation that would help Washington lead the way in addressing climate change and other key environmental issues. Winning this seat will help reverse that trend so Washington can lead the country in addressing climate change.

Rich Cowan

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and protecting the environment. If elected, Rich will seek real accountability for polluters, support a cap-and-trade program, and work to maintain incentives for homeowner alternative energy sources beyond 2020. He supports the recommendations of the Governor's Climate Legislative and Executive Workgroup and opposes weakening the state's renewable energy portfolio standards. His views on transportation funding are in line with the Sierra Club's: he will focus on maintaining existing infrastructure first, and insist that new infrastructure projects must emphasize efficient planning and mass transit connectivity, while providing transportation options that do not damage the environment.

Matt Isenhower

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Sierra Club is proud to endorse Matt and look forward to working with him in the next legislative session.

Local Endorsements

Kathleen Kler: County Commission #1, Jefferson County

Kathleen Kler understands the complex land use and environmental issues facing Jefferson County and is highly motivated to work on finding solutions that address both the concerns of stakeholders while promoting environmental sustainability and the natural beauty of our region. Her experience includes being a first responder EMT in Franklin County, organizing and managing the new municipal swimming pool in Connell, providing the first home health care for HIV patients in Spokane, and working with the local Forest Stewardship Program.



Young has supported policy changes to strengthen the local economy, help cities and the county plan for growth, and protect the natural environment. His advocacy helped triple the size of Gig Harbor's parks and open space inventory and add miles of trails. He wants to improve long-term planning to promote local economic development, make communities safer, and provide adequate transportation options for his district and the county.



Duel endorsement, Tony DeLeo and Ken Collins: County PUD Commission, Jefferson County

Both challengers, Tony DeLeo and Ken Collins advanced to the general election, eliminating in the primary a current PUD Commissioner. Both candidates equally understand the significant role the PUD can play in developing a long-range strategy that emphasizes both affordable and environmentally sustainable energy for Jefferson County.



Tony DeLeo

Both support advancing conservation and solar and decreasing reliance on nuclear power. Their positions on many issues overlap and each has unique strengths worthy of support.



Ken Collins

Karen Valenzuela: Thurston County Commissioner



Commissioner Valenzuela's vision for Thurston County includes a strengthened local economy with thriving farms while preserving local history and natural resources. She shares the values of County residents of strong environmental protections and a focus on Thurston County's future as a more sustainable community. She has the leadership experience it takes, including her years as County Commissioner, Tumwater City Council member and public health worker.

Sissi Bruch, Clallam County Commissioner District 3

The Sierra Club is pleased to endorse Dr. Sissi Bruch. She has been one of two environmental champions on the Port Angeles City Council. Earlier she served on the Pt. Angeles Planning Commission. Dr. Bruch works as the Senior Planner for the Lower Elwha Tribe. She supports the Wild Olympics Campaign; continued monitoring of Port Angeles air; stormwater management and low impact development; long range planning; working on ocean acidification; climate change; and cleaning up Puget Sound.



Derek Young: County Council #7, Pierce County

In his 16 years on the Gig Harbor City Council, Derek

Seattle Transportation Benefit District: Vote Yes

After many frustrating years of watching Seattle-area public transit get shorted on funding by the state and insufficient funds from present local authority, we are facing enormous cuts to transit service in early 2015. Seattle City Council placed Prop. 1 on the ballot that will provide funding to retain (and possibly expand slightly) current service levels for transit routes within Seattle, and for a few that serve commutes into and out of the city from neighboring jurisdictions. Proposed cuts would be terrible for Seattle area residents who rely on transit, and supporting transit is a major part of Sierra Club's local efforts to fight climate change. We strongly support this measure, which is our last hope of avoiding the loss of roughly 1/7th of Seattle's transit service.

Proposed Monorail Authority: Vote No

This measure would authorize funding for study and planning for a monorail within the city of Seattle. Additional funding later would be required for construction or operation. We believe this is the wrong approach for addressing our local public transportation issues, and that we should avoid chasing a "technology in search of a use." We believe local efforts on transit should focus on properly funding, expanding, and maximizing the efficiency of the present system without a separate authority to detract from better bus and light rail service.

Our Shared Responsibility - A Journey Against Coal and Oil

2,500-Mile Totem Pole Trip Unites Tribal and Non-Tribal Communities Across Two Countries

by Robin Everett



export proposals in the Northwest and marks the first time a Pacific Northwest state agency formally rejects a permit for one of the proposed coal export terminals.

In its decision, the Oregon Department of State Lands cited impacts to “a small but important and long-standing” Columbia River tribal fishery. “The state of Oregon recognized that tribal sovereignty and treaty fishing rights must be considered in coal export decisions,” said Jewell James, Lummi elder and House of Tears master carver. “We expect the Washington state Department of Ecology to make the same considerations for Xwe’chi’eXen. Coal exports would devastate our fishery and threaten non-tribal fisheries, as well as damage one of our most important cultural sites.”

House of Tears carver, Jewell James, with totem pole and coal train in the background. Photo by James Leder.

With the rallying cry of, “Warrior Up!” the Lummi Nation embarked on a journey, *Our Shared Responsibility—the Land, the Waters, the People*, to oppose the proposed shipment of an unprecedented volume of coal and oil from the American heartland to the Pacific Coast. The mining, transport and burning of coal and oil threaten the lands, waters, resources and human health of all of us who live in the Northwest, but none more so than the indigenous people who sit right in the path of destruction.

The proposed Cherry Point coal terminal, would sit right on the ancestral lands of the Lummi Nation known as Xwe’chi’eXen. The mining of that coal would also destroy Northern Cheyenne lands in Montana, and all along the way fossil fuel transport would harm the fishing and treaty rights of Native Americans. This is only one of several ill-conceived coal and oil shipment proposals for our region.

Ambre Energy export facility denied permit

The journey came just one week after Oregon denied a crucial permit for Ambre Energy’s proposed coal export facility in Boardman, OR. Ambre’s dirty coal project would have sent hundreds of coal trains through the region, thousands of coal barges down the Columbia River, and further disrupted our climate with dangerous carbon pollution. The historic decision deals a severe blow to all coal



In Billings, Montana, 150 people including ranchers, environmentalists and members of the Northern Cheyenne held a beautiful blessing ceremony at Riverfront Park. Photo by James Leder.

The Journey’s route

After a kick-off event in Bellingham where over 200 people came out to wish the travelers well, the totem pole journey began in earnest on August 22 in South Dakota, and then traveled through Montana and Washington, before making its way up to Canada. At every stop hundreds of supporters including religious leaders, elected leaders, local tribal members and environmentalists stood up with the Lummi Nation to oppose dirty and dangerous fossil fuel projects.

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Our Shared Responsibility

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In Spokane, 200 people gathered at the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist Spokane, including City Council President, Ben Stuckart, who offered strong words of support for the Lummi Nation in its opposition to the proposed coal and oil projects. Tribal leaders from the Spokane Tribe, the Nez Perce and the Colville Tribe also spoke in support of the Lummi Nation's efforts. Jewell James ended the ceremony with a moving series of speaking, flute playing, drumming, and laughing to explain the importance of the fight against fossil fuels and for the earth along with other members of the House of Tears Carvers.



A 19-foot red cedar totem pole, carved by the Lummi Nation House of Tears carvers and one of the oldest forms of North American storytelling, was at the heart of the journey as a reminder of our place within nature, our responsibility to future generations, and our connections to each other and to our communities. Photo by James Leder.

In South Dakota, we met with the Yankton Sioux and Nebraska and South Dakota ranchers fighting the proposed Keystone Pipeline. Calling themselves the Cowboy Indian Alliance we were reminded that tribes and communities across North America are threatened by dangerous, polluting fossil fuel projects. Photo by James Leder.

In Yakama, we celebrated the recent win against coal exports, due in large part to the efforts of the Yakama Tribe. Olympia had a small, but moving ceremony honoring the life of environmental leader and treaty rights activist Billy Frank, Jr.

In closing the American leg of the journey, nearly 500 people packed the St Mark's Cathedral in Seattle where leaders from 10 northwest religious communities, including the bishops of Episcopal, Evangelical Lutheran and United Methodist dioceses in Washington, presented a letter that

formally supports the stance of Northwest tribes against coal exports and other fossil fuel megaprojects.

King County Executive and leader of the Safe Energy Leadership Alliance, Dow Constantine, stated, "It is really foolish, bordering on madness, to dig up a big chunk of North America, tie up traffic on the way through, and then ship that off to another country so they can bury us economically. I stand with the Lummi Nation and all those in the Pacific Northwest who are working to protect our air, our water, and our fisheries."

The journey continued into Canada, making several stops before raising the totem on September 7 at the Beaver Lake Cree Nation, which has been devastated by pollution from Canada's tar sands.

To learn more about the coal and oil campaigns, contact Robin Everett at 206-378-0114 x308 or robin.everett@sierraclub.org. To learn more about the journey visit totempolejourney.org.

Chapter Elections

The Washington State Chapter of the Sierra Club holds annual elections for at-large members of the chapter's Executive Committee. The candidate statements are below and the ballot is on the back of this edition of the Crest. Please vote by mail. Your ballot must be received at the chapter office by Monday November 17th, 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. Margie Van Cleve, Ken Gersten, Becky Castilleja, Tim Gould, and Katelyn Kinn are the existing Executive Committee members who were elected in the last election. Four candidates are running for four available positions. 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. Each vote must be accompanied by the membership number or other identifying number of the voting member(s) (your mailing label on the crest ballot includes this information). 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 chapter election should be directed to the Election Committee members Tim Gould at tim.sierraclub@gmail.com or Tom Crisp at Toms@crisp4.com (425-737-0350).

Candidate Statements

Kyle Murphy

I graduated from the University of Washington in 2013, where I studied political science and environmental studies; worked at an organization that awarded grants for green infrastructure projects; and began what has become a very successful campaign to divest the UW's endowment from fossil fuels. I then worked briefly for the Chapter in the outings program and as an elections organizer, and have since

stayed on as a volunteer with the Seattle Group where I am pushing a pesticide ban in Seattle to protect honeybees. Professionally, I work as the field director on the Yes for Seattle Transit campaign. My environmental interests are energy/climate change, predator reintroduction, water quality, and outdoor recreation. Fun Fact: I recently completed a 700 mile bicycle tour from Astoria Oregon to San Francisco California – and I love kayaking and cycling in my spare time.



My priorities would be to see the chapter grow the outings program, choose issue campaigns that excite/energize the membership and to secure staff support for the critical work our volunteers are leading around the state. Washington is poised to make some huge environmental choices in the coming years from carbon pricing, to fossil fuel infrastructure, to accommodating population growth – I'd work to make sure the Sierra Club is an influential voice in these choices.

Alberto J. Rodríguez



Alberto has three main passions in his life: the environment, education, and social justice. Currently he is the Programs Manager for the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition / Technical Advisory Group (DRCC/TAG), a non-profit that works to engage, inform, educate, and empower environmental justice communities affected by the Duwamish River Superfund site in Seattle through the public process of the cleanup and pollution source control.

Originally from Honduras, Alberto studied Biology at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH). In Honduras, he taught Biology, Genetics and Zoology at UNAH for several years, assisted in a research study about jaguars in 2009 and worked as the Environmental Projects Coordinator and Divemaster at Alton's Dive Center in Utila, Bay Islands, coordinating whale shark research; lionfish removal efforts; and managing a sea turtle rescue center and a queen conch nursery. In the U.S., Alberto has worked on and off for environmental non-profits for ten years: EarthCorps – International Crew Leader; People For Puget Sound - Toxics Program Coordinator; and DRCC/

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Meetings

Water & Salmon Committee Meeting

Monday, November 17th, 7-9 pm. Monthly meeting in Chapter office. If this is your first meeting, please contact Elaine Packard at espackard@msn.com.

Free Screening of "DamNation" Film

Tuesday, November 18th, 7:00 - 9:30 pm, Mountaineers Building, 7700 Sand Point Way, Seattle 98115

"DamNation" is the first great film about American's growing movement to restore healthy rivers by removing costly, out-dated dams. The 90-minute film will be followed by a panel of experts to discuss issues and answer audience questions. FREE! but donations gratefully accepted. For details, please contact Joseph Bogaard, joseph@wildsalmon.org, 206-300-1003, or Elaine Packard, espackard@msn.com. Please RSVP to damnation@wildsalmon.org.

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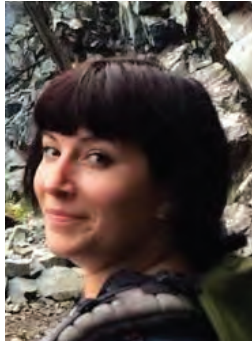
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TAG - Programs Manager (2011-present).

An animal-loving and an adrenaline-addict adventurer, Alberto enjoys traveling, scuba diving, paragliding, hiking, camping, reading, dancing, independent movies, and live music on his spare time. Every day he goes through life remembering Antonio Machado's famous words: *Caminante no hay camino, se hace camino al andar.*

Kellie Stickney

Now more than ever, it's vital that we do all that we can to preserve our natural environment for future generations. If we want to continue to live, work and play in Washington state we must commit ourselves to being stewards of our environment and addressing the great challenges of our time such as global climate disruption. It has been my pleasure to serve on the Sierra Club Executive Committee during the last year. I hope to be able to continue to serve the Washington State Chapter of the Sierra Club, and use my skills and experience to strengthen our Chapter.



I have a background in community outreach and engagement, communications, marketing, and energy efficiency. I've recently become Chair of the Chapter Communications Committee, and I'm committed to doing what I can to strengthen our internal and external communications. I hope that you will support my continued role on the ExCom.

Heather Trim

I have served on the chapter's Executive Committee for the past six years and am pleased to be running again because of the important work of the Sierra Club here in Washington. The Sierra Club is so effective because of the willingness to take strong stands on environment issues and use the power of genuine grassroots to accomplish these goals. The chapter's work ranging from political endorsements to issue campaigns stay true to a high standard of integrity. I bring the perspective of over 26 years of professional experience in the environmental field. For ten years I was at People For Puget Sound working on issues ranging from air toxics, toxic chemicals in children's toys and personal care products, water/sediment quality (especially pollutants in stormwater quality), and cleanup sites to density, transportation, habitat restoration and shoreline health. I now work at Futurewise on similar issues but with more of a land-use focus. In recent years, in conjunction with the Club and other groups, I co-led Zero Waste Seattle's grassroots campaign which resulted in ordinances to ban plastic bags, phase out Styrofoam food containers, require apartment buildings to offer curbside compost pickup for their tenants, and commercial buildings to have the same recycling requirements as residences. If re-elected, I would continue to work to make the Club even better known for its excellent work as well as bring support to the many volunteers who work to improve our environment, especially the connection between on-land activities and the impact on our waters.



Tami Green

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jobs in public buildings, the safe baby bottle bill, the storm water fee bill, and the phasing out of toxic copper in brake pads. She serves on the Labor and Workforce Development Committee, Healthcare and Wellness Committee, Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee, and the Rules Committee. A nurse, Tami will continue to address the vital issues of health care, public safety, education, and creating family wage jobs.

In 2014 she co-sponsored HB 2347, enhancing oil transportation safety, a bill strongly supported by the Sierra Club. This bill passed the House but not the Senate. She has a strong lifetime environmental voting record. Her opponent, Steven O'Ban, was temporarily appointed to fill this Senate seat last year after the death of the incumbent Sen. Mike Carrell (R), and has a poor environmental voting record.

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