

Annual Sierra Club Endorsements Issue

As always, the fall issue of The Crest is dedicated to endorsing candidates. Sierra Club endorses the following candidates and positions

US Senator: Patty Murray



Senator Murray is a champion for growing our clean energy economy, tackling the climate crisis and safeguarding our public lands. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, Senator Murray has been a leader on clean energy issues. She has helped to secure tax credits and billions in funding for the expansion and development of the

booming clean energy industry. These efforts to invest in a clean energy economy have helped to create jobs while enabling our country to effectively tackle the climate crisis. "As a U.S. Senator, it is my duty and my honor to fight for policies that make our world a better place for future generations, and I could not be more thrilled to be recognized..." said Senator Murray of the Sierra Club endorsement. Together, we will continue our work to address some of the most pressing issues of our time.

Governor: Jay Inslee



Governor Jay Inslee has demonstrated longstanding commitment to fighting climate change and creating jobs in a new clean-energy economy. His environmental values are deeply rooted in his experiences and love of our state and the outdoors. The Governor's support of green jobs and the transition away from fossil fuels sets him apart from his opponent and makes him a strong state leader in

the fight against climate change. His leadership on these issues has helped make Washington State an environmental beacon in the fight against climate change. He also has been strong advocate on many other environmental issues, including funding for state parks and protection of natural places in the state.

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Public Opposition to Oil Terminal in Vancouver Grows While Tesoro-Savage Claims Oil Spills Create Jobs

By Cecile Gernez, Chapter Conservation Organizer

Sierra Club and partners have mobilized considerable opposition to a proposed crude oil export terminal in Vancouver, Washington.

The proposed terminal would be the largest in all of North America. It is projected to bring in at least four oil trains per day through the Columbia River Gorge.

In the next few months, the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) will make a recommendation to Governor Inslee on whether or not to deny the project. Massive opposition to this project has been visible for years, but two recent events will make it even more difficult for Governor Inslee to approve this project.

Vancouver voted to ban new oil export terminals

On July 18, the Vancouver City Council unanimously voted to ban any new proposals to export crude oil from their city. While this vote does not affect the already proposed Tesoro-Savage terminal, Sierra Club, working in partnership with the Stand Up to Oil Coalition, seized this opportunity to send Governor Inslee a

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Federal Endorsements

U.S. Representative, District 1: Suzan DelBene

“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.” says Suzan DelBene. As a newly elected House member, she worked with Rep. Reichert to introduce the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers bill.



U.S. Representative, District 9: Adam Smith

Adam Smith has been a consistent and effective environmental leader, focusing on supporting renewable and alternate energy sources, increasing Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards, and energy efficient construction. He believes we must reduce our carbon footprint, striking a balance between reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and mitigating the impact of the transition.



U.S. Representative, District 5: Joe Pakootas

Challenger Joe Pakootas champions the environment and sustainable environmental action. As a tribal leader, environmental stewardship has always been part of his culture. He does not support the construction of new and expanded facilities for the transport, storage or export of fossil fuels. He is opposed to any new dams without first mitigating the potential damage.



U.S. Representative, District 10: Denny Heck

A founder and leader of the Puget Sound Caucus, Denny Heck has devoted a great deal of energy towards elevating the need for Puget Sound recovery at the federal level. He is one of the authors of the Puget Sound SOS Act, which would enhance federal investment in Puget Sound recovery. He has also introduced legislation on “green stormwater infrastructure.”



U.S. Representative, District 6: Derek Kilmer

Derek Kilmer has proven himself accessible to the Sierra Club. He has been instrumental on many environmental accomplishments, including: Green Stormwater Infrastructure Investment, PUGET SOS (aka, Save Our Sound) Act, Tribal Coastal Resiliency, Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and Wildfire Disaster Funding.



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Sierra Club-led outing to Hawk Creek and site of the OCR-BuRec-proposed dam and reservoir that would permanently flood the valley. Yvonne Geissler-Eyler stands in the center. Rachael Paschal Osborn, then-CELP director, uses agency maps to point out locations for dam and reservoir. Photo: John Osborn

Time to Sunset State Dam-Building Agency \$200 million spent in 10 years, no accountability

By John Osborn MD, Columbia River Future Project and Upper Columbia River Group Executive Committee

The Alpine Lakes Wilderness is now threatened with proposals to dam and drain lakes, the latest in proposals from the state's dam-building agency, Office of Columbia River (OCR).

The Creation of OCR

Ten years ago, Gov. Gregoire signed a bill creating the OCR within the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), funded with \$200 million. The objective? To "aggressively pursue the development of water supplies."

Conservationists, hunters and anglers in eastern Washington vigorously opposed the creation of OCR — as did the state's water watchdog, the Center for Environmental Law and Policy (CELP). Sierra Club's Cascade Chapter morphed into a statewide chapter (i.e., Washington State Chapter) partly in response to OCR's creation.

Eastern Washington is the most heavily dammed landscape on earth. The Columbia River, once perhaps the richest salmon river on earth, is now an "organic machine" of stair-stepping reservoirs plugged into an electric grid. Dam construction has had wrenching impacts on rivers, salmon, and people.

OCR is to state government what the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BuRec) is to the federal government. OCR and BuRec are tightly joined for most water projects, funneling state monies for a cash-strapped BuRec and coordinating state/federal political support and

public relations campaigns to create new dams and water projects.

Billions in new dam proposals, growing conflicts

The Hawk Creek Dam, proposed in 2007, would have permanently flooded lovely Hawk Creek Falls and the river valley that supported important wildlife habitat and ranchers. A rancher's daughter, Yvonne Geissler-Eyler, emerged as a leader opposing the project, even travelling to Washington D.C. to meet with Sen. Cantwell and other Congressional leaders.

Next, OCR/BuRec proposed a dam at Lower Crab Creek. Also costing billions, this dam would flood federal and state wildlife refuge, habitat for tens of thousands of sandhill cranes and other migratory waterfowl. Conservationist Estella Leopold helped to halt the project.

On the Similkameen River, OCR funded plans for the Shankers Bend dam that would permanently flood Palmer Lake (a popular fishery), a federal Superfund Site, and lands of the Lower Similkameen Band in B.C. OCR is exploring a new dam on the Similkameen River in Canada, prompting criticism in both nations.

In 2009, rising from the ashes of the failed \$6 billion Black Rock Dam proposal, OCR/BuRec created the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Workgroup, shutting-out most conservation

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Statewide Endorsements

Lieutenant Governor: Cyrus Habib

Cyrus Habib has had an excellent environmental record as a sitting state senator and previously, as a member of the Washington House of Representatives. He is a strong supporter of the Sierra Club's goal to curb climate change and addressing funding for transit. He has a deep understanding of the legislative process and has worked for a more open and accountable state government.



State Supreme Court Justice, Position #1: Mary Yu

Justice Mary Yu points to water rights, population and urbanization and its impact as the top three environmental threats facing our state. She describes Sierra Club as having a "membership made up of people who care about the quality of life in our state and who are committed to realizing their values through political engagement."



Attorney General: Bob Ferguson

Bob Ferguson believes there are roles in the attorney general's office that can take on the challenge of long term work with the environment. Ferguson is committed to working with local jurisdictions in the prosecution of environmental crimes. He hopes to expand resources to protect our natural resources while advocating for the needs of citizens.



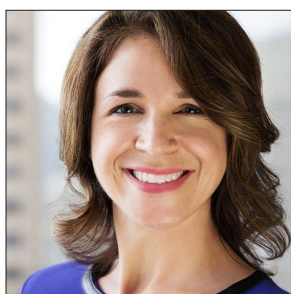
State Supreme Court Justice, Position #5: Barbara Madsen

Chief Justice Barbara Madsen identifies the following as the top three environmental threats in Washington: vehicle emissions, inadequate management of water, and melting glaciers. She points to "lack of legislative will" as the "number one obstacle to environmental stability." Madsen describes the Sierra Club as having a valuable role in providing information to the Court.



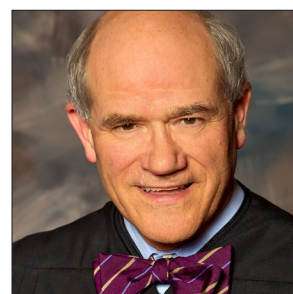
Commissioner of Public Lands: Hilary Franz

An environmental attorney and most recently, Executive Director of Futurewise, Hilary Franz has worked at the community level to protect farms, forests, and shorelines throughout the state. She recognizes the importance of addressing climate change and the need to protect Washington's agricultural and forest lands from sprawl. She understands how to build consensus for environmental protection among a diverse group of stakeholders.



State Supreme Court Justice, Position #6: Charles Wiggins

Justice Charles Wiggins emphasizes his dedication to public service and education, his existing experience with the Court and interest in improving society for future generations as reasons he is running for another term. He sees Washington's top environmental threats as climate change, water rights and deteriorating water quality in Puget Sound.



State Senate and House of Representatives Endorsements

State District 1, Representative #1: Derek Stanford

Vice chair of the House Capital Budget Committee, Derek Stanford has been an advocate for investments in clean water and cleaning up toxic pollution. He is also a key leader on the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, where he works to improve fish habitat and water quality. He is the prime sponsor of HB 2430, legislation that promotes water conservation.



State District 1, Representative #2: Shelley Kloba

As a member of the Kirkland City Council, Shelley has worked hard to promote smart growth and sustainable communities. She has also been an active member of the King County Climate Collaboration group. Kloba looks forward to putting this experience to work in Olympia.



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State Senate and House of Representatives Endorsements

State District 2, Representative #1: Pivetta Hoffman

Small business owner and attorney Pivetta Hoffman's top legislative priority is working towards funding quality education for Washington's K-12. As a Bethel School district board member, she has supported efforts to reduce the school district's carbon footprint. Her win could flip this seat from the current occupation of several years of conservative control.



State District 5, Senator: Mark Mullet

Mark Mullet is proud of ushering a plastic bag ban through the Issaquah City Council. Now as Senate Assistant Whip, he wants to see a 10 year incentive for solar since the current incentives expire in 2020. Mullet sponsored Lake Sammamish State Park improvements and worked to create a statewide fishing line recycling program.



State District 3, Senator: Andy Billig

Andy Billig has been a leader in negotiations over the state transportation budget, helping to ensure that transit, bike, and pedestrian projects are adequately funded. Billig also served as the prime sponsor of HB 1489 (2011), which eliminates toxins in lawn fertilizer, making waterways across the state safer for people and animals.



State District 5, Representative #1: Darcy Burner

Darcy Burner has the experience and talent for innovation to help solve climate problems. Working for the Congressional Progressive Caucus, she identified policies that could feasibly take the U.S. to a carbon neutral status and wants to take part in making Washington the first carbon neutral state. She brings national policy experience and strong community roots.



State District 3, Representative #1: Marcus Riccelli

Marcus Riccelli is committed to protecting and preserving the immense natural beauty of our state. He believes that 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, he is working hard to keep our planet clean, beautiful, and livable for generations to come.



State District 10, Senator: Angie Homola

Angie Homola is a licensed architect with a deep commitment to sustainable land use and transportation planning. Her interest in these topics led her to recently complete a master's degree in environmental law and policy. As a mother, she has strong commitment to building sustainable communities for our children and grandchildren.



State District 3, Representative #2: Timm Ormsby

As Vice Chair of the House Appropriation Committee (he has recently been selected as Chair of the committee), Timm Ormsby has demonstrated a commitment to generating sustainable revenue. He has said that supporting the Governor's fight against climate change is a "no-brainer." He believes the issues surrounding the quantity and quality of our water resources should be front and center on the legislative agenda.



State District 10, Representative #2: Doris Brevoort

Doris Brevoort, Ph.D., is an educator, caregiver, and union member with a long abiding commitment to the protection and restoration of Puget Sound, clean air, and clean water. She believes that the protection of forests, farmlands and waterways is critical for our region.



State Senate and House of Representatives Endorsements

**State District 11, Senator:
Bob Hasegawa**

Bob Hasegawa has long been a labor, environmental, and social justice advocate and has worked to build bridges between these groups. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the Evans School of Public Affairs from University of Washington.



**State District 21,
Representative #1:
Strom Peterson**

Strom Peterson has been a steady and consistent supporter of environmental legislation during his first term in Olympia. He is the author of HB 1715, legislation to help control pollution from septic systems into Puget Sound. He also worked to promote HB 1571, legislation on Paint Stewardship, to help ensure that our waters remain clean and safe.



**State District 11,
Representative #1: Zack Hudgins**

Zack Hudgins has been an environmental champion in Washington since his election to the legislature in 2001. With a near perfect voting record on priority environmental bills, he has been recognized for his efforts to protect communities from toxic substances and prevent the weakening of our state's environmental laws.



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

Lillian Ortiz-Self is well informed on issues affecting the environment and the welfare of her constituents. She believes in setting high standards for air and water quality. 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.



**State District 11,
Representative #2:
Steve Bergquist**

Throughout his first two terms, Steve Bergquist has maintained a perfect record of support for environmental legislation. He was the prime sponsor of HB 2660, which promoted public access to waterways alongside transportation projects.



**State District 22, Senator:
Sam Hunt**

Sam Hunt has been an advocate for both education and environmental priorities. He sponsored laws to reduce mercury from the workplace and products and to implement recycling of mercury-containing products and to mandate removal or repair of failing septic systems along Puget Sound. He opposes fossil fuel export terminals and the growing number of coal/oil trains crossing Washington State. He supports increasing use of solar/wind energy and protection of our waterways.



**State District 17, Senator:
Tim Probst**

As state representative from 2009 to 2013, Tim Probst was vice chair of the Appropriations Committee and served on the Economic Development Committee. He is a dedicated hard worker for the middle class. As an environmental advocate, he offers both expertise on the issues and a balanced view of problem solving. He is opposed to the proposed Vancouver oil terminal.



**State District 22,
Representative #1: Laurie Dolan**

Laurie Dolan has 30 years of experience in public education as a teacher and administrator. She served as Policy Director for Governor Christine Gregoire and helped create the Western States Climate Change Initiative, the Puget Sound Partnership and clean car emissions standards that made Washington a leader in this area.



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State District 22, Representative #2: Beth Doglio

Beth Doglio is a Sierra Club member active in the Power Past Coal campaign. She has spent the last nine years as the Campaign Director for Climate Solutions. She was the first executive director of Washington Conservation Voters and a dedicated environmentalist. Her priorities are environmental protection, education funding and economic inequality.



State District 24, Senator: Kevin Van de Wege

In cooperation with Sierra Club, Kevin Van de Wege has worked to attain funding for air monitoring of mill emissions, ban five toxic fabric flame retardants, and prevent the legislature from overturning a court ruling against a farm polluting water bodies with cow manure runoff. He worked to preserve funds for hazardous waste prevention and cleanups.



State District 23, Senator: Christine Rolfes

Christine Rolfes was first elected to the House in 2007 and has served in the Senate since 2011. She has consistently advocated for the protection and restoration of Puget Sound. She recently sponsored and passed SB 5166, a bill to protect forage fish. She also sponsored SB 5087, a bill on oil transportation safety.



State District 24, Representative #1: Mike Chapman

As Clallam County Commissioner, Mike Chapman supported the Wild Olympics Campaign, questioned the need for a Navy transit pier in Port Angeles Harbor, opposed a shooting range adjacent to salmon-rich streams, and maintained the County nospray policy of herbicides along Clallam County roads.



State District 23, Representative #1: Sherry Appleton

Sherry Appleton has served in the state legislature since 2004 and has a near perfect record on environmental matters. As chair of the House Local Government Committee, she has been on the front lines fighting against a series of bills that would have undermined the important goals of the Growth Management Act.



State District 24, Representative #2: Steve Tharinger

Steve Tharinger is a former small business owner who has served the environment well in his roles as Chair of the House Capital Budget Committee, vice chair of the Finance Committee during the 2015 legislative session, and as a member of the Appropriations Committee. He has an excellent voting record on environmental matters.



State District 23, Representative #2: Drew Hansen

Drew Hansen, first elected in 2012, became chair of the House Higher Education Committee in 2014. He fought for full ferry funding and successfully advocated to fund the cleanup of Port Gamble Bay and habitat restoration in Kitsap County and Puget Sound. He is the author of several bills which help reduce the threat of oil spills from derelict vessels.



State District 25, Representative #1: Michelle Chatterton

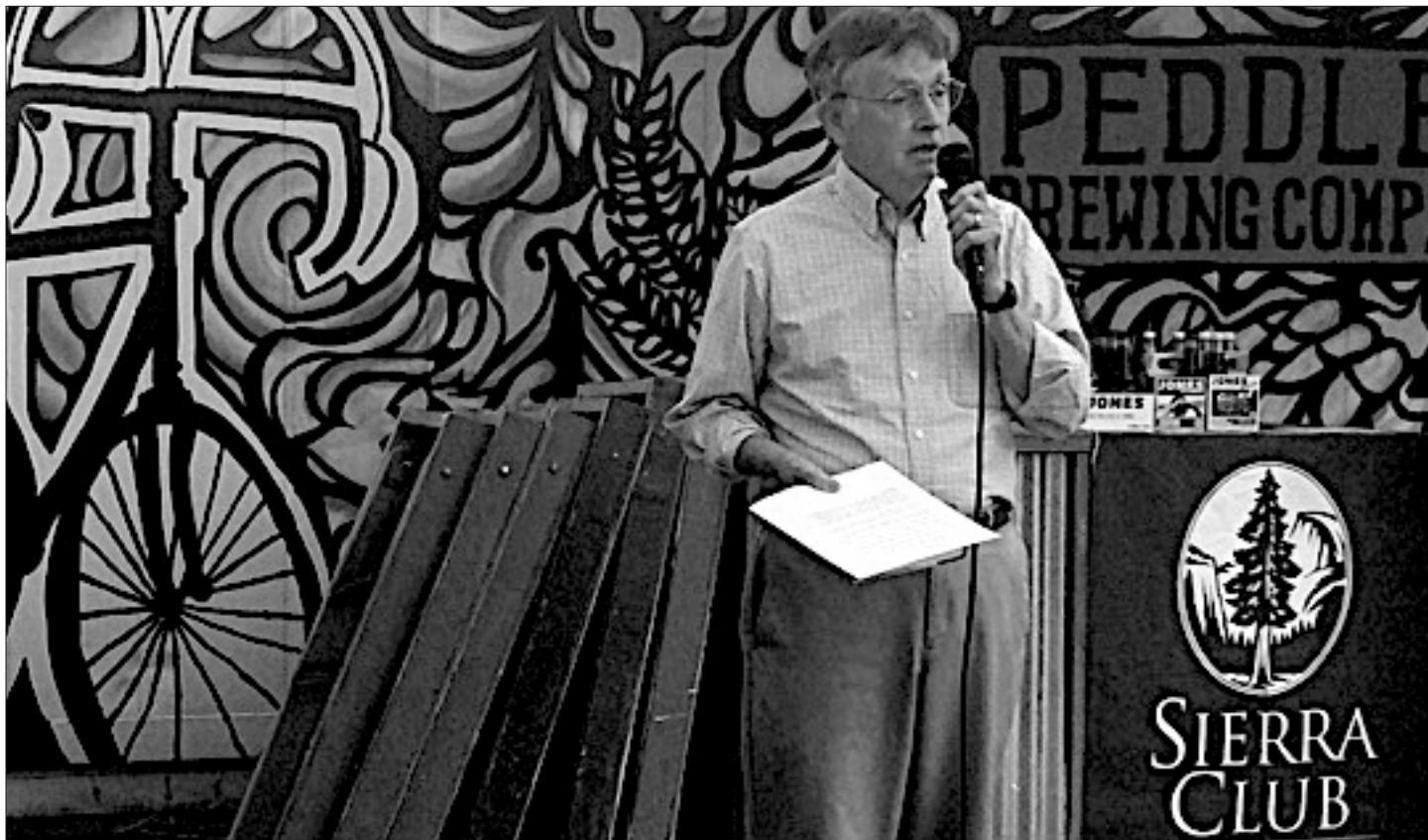
Raised in Puyallup, Michelle Chatterton is deeply committed to revamping our current tax/revenue system and expanding public transportation opportunities to reduce reliance on personal vehicles. She says that Pierce County residents need more transit options to connect them to their jobs in other parts of the region. She believes that to protect our environment we should move towards a zero carbon emission economy.



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National Oil Train Week: Sierra Club targets proposed Shell Oil refinery

By Victoria Leistman, Sierra Club Associate Organizer



Professor Richard Gammon Photo: Victoria Leistman

Sierra Club participated in the Oil Train Week of Action (July 6-12) events, which took place in Hoquiam, Skagit County, and Seattle. Coalition partner, Stand Up to Oil, put together the National Week of Action to commemorate the 2013 oil train accident that cost 47 lives in Lac Megantic, Canada.

Highlighting oil-by-rail projects

The action week activities helped draw attention to recent oil-by-rail projects. Shell Puget Sound Refinery (PSR) is proposing to add an oil-by-rail facility to its existing refinery in Anacortes, bringing in six more oil trains per week and 60,000 barrels per day. These trains are routed through Northwest cities and towns, including Spokane, the Columbia River Gorge, Olympia, Tacoma and Seattle.

The good news is that Shell's project is undergoing a full scale environmental review under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), which will examine the potential effects of a major accident and the plan for responding to a catastrophe.

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and Skagit County are jointly responsible for preparing and releasing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and overseeing a public comment period in conjunction with the release. The draft EIS is currently being prepared and results will be made public this fall. Ecology and Skagit County will hold public comment hearings following the release of the draft EIS in November in Spokane, Skagit County, and Seattle.

Seattle event as part of Oil Train Week

In Seattle, Sierra Club hosted "More Beer, Less Oil," a kick-off meeting for our efforts to stop Shell Oil from bringing more oil trains through our communities. The fun event included brainstorming sessions on recruitment, media, and community leader engagement. Guest speakers included City Councilmember Mike O'Brien (and Sierra Club board member), and UW Oceanographer/climate scientist, Richard Gammon.

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Adjudication hearings

Meanwhile, EFSEC held a month-long series of hearings in a process called adjudication. During that time, one of Tesoro-Savage's key witnesses stated that oil spills create jobs, are good for fish by making them toxic, and that tribes can simply relocate. On the last day of this process, July 29th, supporters held another rally with the Stand Up To Oil group. A Mock Job Fair with volunteers in hazmat suits cleaning up a chocolate syrup 'oil spill' showed the incongruity of Tesoro-Savage's claims.

The combination of the Vancouver City Council vote and the visible massive grassroots opposition to this project should make it extremely easy for Governor Inslee to do the right thing. Tesoro-Savage's proposed oil export terminal in Vancouver seems to be standing over its grave.

For more information about the Sierra Club's oil campaign and about the proposed oil export terminal, please contact Cecile Gernez at cecile.gernez@sierraclub.org or (206) 378-0114 X 301.

Time to Sunset Dam-Building: \$200 million spent in 10-years, no accountability

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voices. The resulting \$5 billion proposal, the Yakima Plan, contains laudable elements like fish passage. The Yakima Plan, however, would destroy Ancient Forests at Bumping Lake, sage grouse habitat at Lmuma Creek, while transforming a popular recreation Lake Kachess into a mud flat – all at taxpayer expense.

Dam-building trumps conservation and efficiency: who pays?

BuRec claimed salmon benefits (the "Trojan Fish") in justifying \$5 billion in new Yakima water projects. Responding to concern by independent economists, Rep. Hans Dunshee led efforts in the State Legislature to secure an independent review by Washington State Water Research Center. The analysis debunked the plan's inflated benefits. The response? OCR/BuRec and other Yakima Plan proponents have attacked or ignored the Water Research Center's economic analysis.

The OCR position is that the only way to solve the water problems is through dams and other destructive water projects. In a 2014 report, OCR states: "It is now apparent that certain project types, such as water acquisition and storage/operation modifications, are preferable over others such as conservation and efficiency."

Taxpayers have gotten little in return for their \$200 million invest-

clear message that he should deny the project.

Before the vote, supporters organized a rally and march to demonstrate public opposition to crude oil exports. One hundred and fifty people came to show their support for the city and their opposition to crude oil exports; they packed the main room and the overflow room at city hall. Dozens of volunteers testified urging the city council to adopt the ordinance.

Alona Steinke, volunteer leader and superstar with the Sierra Club, read a quote by the Mayor of Mosier: "They might wish they had killed us off, because we can't shut up about it." After the public testimony, the entire city council, one at a time, voted to adopt the ordinance. They received a standing ovation from our sea of red shirts showing opposition to the oil terminal.

Photo: Gregory Monahan

ment in OCR. As the Capital Press reported February 12, 2016, OCR has spent all but \$7 million of the original \$200 appropriation and "little water has actually reached farmers." Having consumed all of their funding, the OCR now seeks more.

We cannot dam our way out of climate change and water scarcity. The controversial proposal to dam and drain waters in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness is just the latest proposal in a larger story. Rather than bringing people together through transparent public process and respectful dialogue, the OCR/BuRec path of pushing for new dams and water projects is unproductive, perpetuating a history of dam-building bitterness and litigation.

Our next Legislature should insist on a performance audit of OCR to account for \$200 million and adopt stringent economic tests for future water projects. Washington State needs smart, sustainable water management based on water efficiencies and conservation.

Interested in the future of water during climate change? Contact Elaine Packard / espackard@msn.com or John Osborn / john.osborn@washington.sierraclub.org. Dr. Osborn is a Spokane physician who directs Sierra Club's Columbia River Future Project.

State Senate and House of Representatives Endorsements

State District 26, Representative #1: Larry Seaquist

Larry Seaquist served several terms the state legislature prior to 2015. During that time his environmental record was strong. He feels the Puget Sound Partnership can become more effective and he hopes to work with the agency to accomplish that goal. He believes a more comprehensive, coordinated unbiased research and plan of action will keep the Sound sustainable and healthy as a marine ecosystem.



State District 27, Representative #2: Jake Fey

As a negotiator for the 2015 transportation package, Jake Fey supported a four year extension to the sales tax exemption for electric vehicles. He is a strong advocate for renewable energy and has offered legislation to expand use of solar energy, wind energy, and other renewables. He will continue fighting to protect clean air and water and more open space. He manages a nationally recognized energy program helping small businesses and homeowners conserve energy.



State District 26, Representative #2: Randy Spitzer

Former teacher, business owner and financial planner, Randy Spitzer is very knowledgeable on water supply issues and believes state and local officials must work together in protecting that resource. He supports adequately funding the Model Toxics Control Act, state incentives for projects such as solar power that create jobs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and creating renewable and dependable power for decades to come.



State District 28, Senator: Marisa Pelloquin

Col. Marisa Pelloquin has served in the U.S. Army Reserve for the last 16 years. She believes that we must work to create a sustainable economy and to make sure big corporations and special interests pay their fair share. She looks forward to working in Olympia to promote solutions to address climate change and other significant environmental threats.



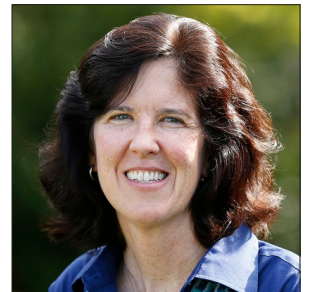
State District 27, Senator: Jeannie Darneille

With over 15 years of service in the house and senate, Jeannie Darneille has a strong environmental record. Darneille says, "Protecting our environment is a matter of good stewardship now, and good planning for the future. Washington benefits from the many industries that are supported by our geography and natural resources." She was instrumental in opposing the development of the proposed Tacoma methanol plant, offering legislation on this topic in 2016.



State District 28, Representative #1: Christine Kilduff

Christine Kilduff is an attorney and has more than two decades of experience as a litigator (including 18 years with the State Attorney General's office) handling hundreds of court cases. She has just completed her first term as a legislator with an excellent voting record on environmental issues. She has been particularly concerned about the hazards of oil and coal train traffic in this region.



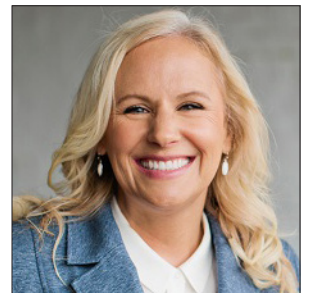
State District 27, Representative #1: Laurie Jinkins

Laurie Jinkins has served on the capital budget, environment, health care, and transportation committees. She has supported improved air quality and funding for various projects that provide environmental benefits. She is an advocate for clean, green transport and transportation choices that work for everyone, such as more investment in transit, car pool incentives and non-motorized transportation.



State District 28, Representative #2: Mari Leavitt

Mari Leavitt, Ph.D., is small business owner and is currently deputy director of Pierce County Connections. She has led efforts to support a sustainability economy and to educate and inform citizens of pressing environmental issues. She supports programs that reduce greenhouse gases and promote water conservation.



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State Senate and House of Representatives Endorsements

State District 29, Representative #1: David Sawyer

A Pierce County native who earned a teaching degree before dedicating his career to public service, David Sawyer is currently a Law Clerk/Law Student at Sadler Ladenburg. His top priorities include transforming our tax system and stopping corporate welfare. As a proven green incumbent, his lifetime environmental voting record is over 90 percent.



State District 33, Representative #1: Tina Orwall

Tina Orwall is a mental health professional and social worker by training. She serves on the Education, Judiciary, Public Safety (Vice Chair) and Rules Committees. During her time as representative has proven to be an effective leader, often reaching across the aisle but also supporting progressive positions. She has a very good record on environmental issues.



State District 29, Representative #2: Steve Kirby

Having served in the House for over a decade, Steve Kirby's focus is to develop programs to assist underprivileged constituents. He is known for his ability to work with diverse interests. He works to "put people ahead of partisan politics." He has an excellent environmental voting record.



State District 33, Representative #2: Mia Gregerson

Mia Gregerson has been a strong advocate for her community since first elected in 2013 and serves on the Local Government (Vice Chair) and Transportation committees. She was on the SeaTac City Council from 2008 to 2015. While on the council, she served on the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board and Board of Directors for Sound Cities Association. Gregerson has shown a real commitment to work on our issues.



State District 32, Representative #1: Cindy Ryu

Cindy Ryu is chair of the House Community Development, Housing and Tribal Affairs Committee, putting her in the middle of many issues important in her district. And she intends to expand her focus on serving those Washington citizens who are too often underrepresented. She is a strong advocate of public transportation and the environment.



State District 34, Representative #1: Eileen Cody

Eileen Cody, a longtime Group Health nurse and founding member of a healthcare union, has been a strong supporter of Sierra Club priority legislation in Olympia. She currently serves as chair of the House Health Care and Wellness Committee. Cody has consistently supported environmental bills and has shown pragmatic leadership.



State District 32, Representative #2: Ruth Kagi

First elected in 1999, Ruth Kagi chairs the Early Learning and Human Services Committee and also serves on the Appropriations Committee. She has also served on the Environment Committee where she helped develop many important bills. She has had a near perfect environmental record throughout her career in Olympia.



State District 34, Representative #2: Joe Fitzgibbon

Joe Fitzgibbon has established himself as one of the strongest voices for environmental protection in Washington. He currently serves as Chair of the House Environment Committee where he has provided leadership on issues including greenhouse gas emissions, toxic chemical use reduction, and the structure of our environmental review procedures. He has garnered numerous awards from environmental groups for his work at the legislature.



State Senate and House of Representatives Endorsements

State District 35, Representative #1: Irene Bowling

Irene Bowling lists her main priorities as follows: reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting the transition to sustainable energy, and investing in low income communities and workers in highly impacted industries. She is committed to 1937 (Washington's clean energy initiative) and her opponent, Dan Griffey, wants to reverse it.



State District 36, Senator: Reuven Carlyle

Reuven Carlyle is an entrepreneur who specializes in business development and public policy for companies providing location technology, real-time traffic data, smart grid and plug-in hybrid vehicle software, and more. He has been a strong proponent of clean energy technologies and toxics cleanup. Carlyle promotes public policy that will improve education, transportation, environment health, and public safety. He has also advocated for sealing tax loopholes that benefit polluting industries.



State District 38, Representative #1: June Robinson

June Robinson works at Public Health Seattle and King County, managing Community Health Worker programs that address chronic disease selfmanagement for people living with asthma and diabetes. She supports investment in roads, parks, public transportation and other projects that make our communities great. Robinson believes strongly in protecting our environment and creating more parks and open space for families to enjoy.



State District 38, Representative #1: Mike Sells

Mike Sells has a teaching background in both elementary and secondary education with the Everett School District from 1967 to 1998 and was President of the Everett Education Association from 1981 to 1998. He currently chairs the Labor and Workplace Standards Committee and serves on the Higher Education and Transportation Committees. Sells has consistently voted in favor of environmental legislation in Olympia.



State District 40, Senator: Kevin Ranker

First elected to the Senate in 2008, Kevin Ranker has established a name for himself as an outspoken advocate for the environment, equality and civil rights. As an environmental consultant, he offers expertise on community and economic development and the advancement of ocean, energy and climate policy. He has offered legislation to prevent the unsafe transport of oil through our state.



State District 40, Representative #1: Kristine Lytton

In her position on the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Kristine Lytton has been a Sierra Club ally on water resources related issues, supporting our legislative priorities. She was elected as the deputy majority floor leader and she chairs the Finance Committee. She has near perfect record on our issues.



State District 41, Senator: Lisa Wellman

Lisa Wellman brings a blend of private and public sector experience, including working as a public school teacher and later building a successful career in marketing and technology. She supports investments in infrastructure to keep these vital systems serving our growing region. Wellman is particularly focused on how we can improve the transportation system to both move people and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from that sector.



State District 41, Representative #1: Tana Senn

Tana Senn has an outstanding record supporting environmental issues. She is now the Vice Chair of the Environment Committee and promotes initiatives to address climate change, ensure clean air and water quality, and move the state towards zero waste. She supported legislation to help protect our communities and waterways from the dramatically increasing amount of crude oil traveling across our state.



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State Senate and House of Representatives Endorsements

State District 43, Representative #1: Frank Chopp

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. With his strong leadership, Washington passed the toughest laws in the nation banning toxic chemicals. He supports progressive change in education and civic policies.



State District 46, Representative #1: Gerry Pollet

Gerry Pollet has been a longtime supporter of communities facing serious environmental problems. Since 1987, he has led efforts to clean up nuclear waste at Hanford, partnering with the Yakama Nation. In Seattle, he has raised awareness about radioactive contamination at Magnuson Park and pollution of Lake Washington from the demolition of the old 520 bridge.



State District 43, Representative #2: Nicole Macri

Nicole Macri's broad progressive work and her leadership on affordable housing and homelessness proves she will be a strong leader on environmental issues in Olympia. She wants to work to create a sustainable and equitable transportation system that reduces carbon emissions by expanding infrastructure for transit, bikes and sidewalks.



State District 46, Representative #2: Jessyn Farrell

A consistent champion of the environment, Jessyn Farrell sponsored the Oil Transportation Safety Act, which passed in 2015. Her experience as Executive Director of Transportation Choices Coalition before her election has helped her navigate the complexities of transportation legislation. She is Deputy Majority Whip.



State District 44, Representative #1: John Lovick

In addition to many years of legislative service, John Lovick has served the public for over 45 years, including service in the U.S. Coast Gu State Council, Snohomish County Sheriff and Snohomish County Executive. He has been a reliable vote for environmental legislation.



State District 47, Representative #1: Pat Sullivan

Pat Sullivan serves on both the Rules and Appropriations committees. 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.



State District 45, Representative #1: Roger Goodman

An environmental lawyer, Roger Goodman has actively supported Sierra Club goals. Last year he joined the House Environment Committee to become more involved in environmental legislation. He has fully supported Governor Inslee's climate initiative and transportation agenda.



State District 48, Representative #2: Joan McBride

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. If elected, she 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 State Climate Legislative and Executive Workgroup (CLEW) in 2013.



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Our Annual Summer Party

By Tom Crisp

The annual Washington State Chapter summer party was held at Art and Ruth Kaufman's wonderful Seattle home in August. Club volunteers, leaders and elected officials gathered to celebrate our successes and the people who make it possible. We look forward to continued progress on many issues such as Columbia River water quality, Sound Transit 3, and electing environmental champions this fall.

If you didn't make it this year, we hope to see you next year!



Senator Patty Murray



Art and Ruth Kaufman, gracious hosts



Tom Crisp and other volunteer leaders chatting about trees



Bonnie Gail, lead party organizer



Retiring long-term Northwest office staff person Bill Arthur



Jeanne Crisp, chef

Photos by Julie Titone

Proposition 1 will Reduce Carbon Emissions: Sound Transit 3 on the November ballot

By Robert Cruickshank, Seattle Group member

In order to move America beyond oil and keep fossil fuels in the ground, we need to not only reduce the supply of oil, but also reduce demand. Washington State Sierra Club members have been national leaders in the fight against oil trains and export terminals. Now is the time to step up and show that same level of leadership to reduce the demand for oil. This is why the Sierra Club has endorsed Regional Proposition 1 — also known as Sound Transit 3.

Sound Transit 3 reduces carbon emissions

Sound Transit 3 (ST3) enables a major reduction in carbon emissions in the Puget Sound region by a massive expansion of passenger rail and bus service. The proposal includes new subways in Seattle, new and extended rail lines on the Eastside to serve Kirkland, Redmond, and Issaquah, extended rail lines to connect Snohomish and Pierce counties to the existing system, and numerous new bus rapid transit routes on busy corridors across the region.

Transportation is the largest source of carbon emissions in our region. We cannot reduce that without expanding electrified passenger rail. Sound Transit estimates that passage of ST3 will reduce nearly 800,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions by 2040. They estimate it will reduce vehicle miles traveled by as much as 400 million miles per year by 2040. Sierra Club believes it will be extremely difficult for Washington State to meet its carbon reduction goals without this plan.

ST3 is not cheap. But it is much cheaper than doing nothing. Already we are beginning to witness the impact of global warming. Unless we act now to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in transportation, the Puget Sound region will be saddled with significant new costs.

Sierra Club helped make ST3 greener

Sierra Club members worked hard to convince the Sound Transit board to make the ST3 proposal greener and more sustainable, including adding more urban rail service and more support for transit oriented development. If this plan fails, the state legislature may not authorize a new proposal for many years; and any future package would likely be much less environmentally friendly.

Approving Sound Transit 3 — Regional Proposition 1 on your November ballot — is one of the boldest, most important and immediate steps we can take here at home to tackle the climate crisis, keep fossil fuels in the ground, and move our region beyond oil. Your help and support is needed to ensure this plan passes.

Sierra Club Endorses Initiative 735

This year Washington voters will have the opportunity to make Washington the 18th state in the U.S. to ask their federal legislators to enact federal constitutional amendment legislation to overturn the infamous 2010 Citizens United Supreme Court decision. In 2011, The Sierra Club urged the U.S. Congress to take action that “will lead to overturning the holding in Citizens United.” When initiative 735 qualified for our November 2016 ballot, we moved to fully endorse it.

Specifically, initiative 735 urges the Washington state congressional delegation to propose a federal constitutional amendment clarifying that constitutional rights belong only to individuals, not corporations; that spending money is not free speech under the First Amendment; that governments are fully empowered to regulate political contributions and expenditures to prevent undue influence; and that political contributions and expenditures must be promptly disclosed to the public. The measure would also urge our State legislature to ratify such a US constitutional amendment.

State Senate and House of Representatives Endorsements

State District 49, Senator: Annette Cleveland

Annette Cleveland has a strong voting record for environmental issues. Cleveland currently sits on the senate's Energy, Environment and Telecommunications Committee and has a 100 percent voting record on environmental issues. She is opposed to the proposed Vancouver Oil Terminal and committed to protecting the Columbia River.



State District 49, Representative #2: Alishia Topper and Monica Stonier

Alishia Topper and Monica Stonier receive a dual endorsement, as each of these leaders is a quality environmental leader. Both are opposed to the TesoroSavage Oil Terminal. As a city council member, Topper voted to ban any future fossil fuel terminals in the city. Stonier voted to authorize a carbon emissions reduction study and has opposed efforts to weaken I937 (the state's clean energy initiative). Both support mass transit and urban sprawl reduction.



State District 49, Representative #1: Sharon Wylie

Sharon Wylie is a strong leader understands the complexities around our transportation and environmental issues. Wylie believes "nature is the infrastructure of our community" and has been successful in bringing jobs and educational opportunities to SW Washington. She is opposed to the proposed Vancouver Oil Terminal.



Local Endorsements

Clallam County Commissioner, District 2, Port Angeles: Ron Richards

Ron Richards (D) is a long time Sierra Club member and former Clallam County Commissioner. Richards is an attorney, chemical engineer, and fisherman. He stopped an oil port coming to Port Angeles, leads Save the Olympic Peninsula to stop Navy electronic warfare exercises on the Olympic Peninsula and is an Olympic Climate Action member. He will work to ensure climate change positions are incorporated in County government.



Jefferson County Public Utility District Commissioner: Jeff Randall

Jeff Randall will bring his expertise as a solar designer, land use planner, attorney and mediator to the table to advocate for alternative energy. He is a tireless advocate for renewable energy, energy conservation, positive political change and sustainable communities.



Jefferson County Board of Commissioners: Kate Dean

Kate Dean has worked on regional climate impact strategies, the preservation of farm and forestlands, and local food production efforts. Dean believes Jefferson County can be a leader in environmental innovation by forging strong public/private partnerships.



Pierce County Executive: Rick Talbert

A lifelong resident of Pierce County, Rick Talbert (D) is currently finishing his 6th year on the Pierce County Council. As a leader on environmental legislative proposals, he offered key support for the Shoreline Master Program and the Comprehensive County Landuse Plan update.



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Local Endorsements

Pierce County Council, District 2: Carolyn Edmonds

With a deep and proven passion for public service, Carolyn Edmonds (D) has served as both a county council member and state legislator. A Tacoma resident, she believes her area is a “pivotal district” for environmental concerns. Edmonds will work to implement goals of the Growth Management Act to counteract urban sprawl.



Snohomish County Council: Hans Dunshee

Hans Dunshee was appointed to the County Council after he left the state legislature. Dunshee served 20 years in the State Legislature fighting for environmental priorities. By working to enact the first in the nation Green Building law, he changed the way state buildings and schools are constructed, using sustainable construction techniques and measures to reduce energy and water usage.



Pierce County Council, District 6: Linda Farmer

With degrees in editorial journalism, political science and communications management, Linda Farmer (D) has been a leader in Pierce County community organizations for nearly 20 years. She is proud of her role in the Foss Waterway clean-up while heading communications for the City of Tacoma’s Environmental Services Division.



Thurston County Commissioner, District 1: Jim Cooper

Jim Cooper is a member of the Olympia City Council, CEO of United Ways of the Pacific Northwest, and has over 20 years of nonprofit, corporate and government leadership experience. He has the experience to balance the issues between property rights advocates and those seeking to protect and regulate water supply, transportation, land use and habitat protection. He supports a county wide energy plan (carbon neutral) worked out with the cities.



Pierce County Council, District 4: Connie Ladenburg

Connie Ladenburg has been an advocate on the County Council for economic development consistent with sustainable landuse policy and the Growth Management Act. She helped to promote passage of compromises on the County’s Comprehensive Landuse plan update and Shoreline Master Program update that were agreed to by both development and environmental communities. As a strong environmentalist, her priority is to move Pierce County into a leadership position in the South Sound.



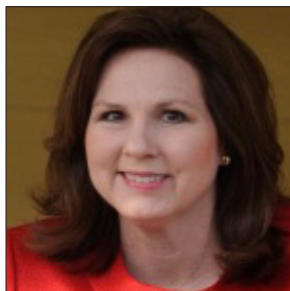
Thurston County Commissioner, District 2: Kelsey Hulse

Kelsey Hulse was the previous director of the Thurston County Food Bank’s capital campaign and currently works for Evergreen State College. She hopes to be part of a county commission that takes a more collaborative approach to contentious issues around land usage and regulations. She believes climate change threatens our rural areas and shorelines, the county should seek to reduce wasteful energy usage, reduce carbon emissions and encourage the use of renewable energy.



Spokane County Commission: Candace Mumm

Committed to protecting the water quality and adequate flow of the Spokane River, Candace Mumm is a strong advocate for updating the city’s water system plan for water conservation and for restricting the retail water service area. She strongly supports public transit planning and a move to electric buses.



Youth Outdoors Exploration the in the North Cascades

By Judith Akins, Chair, Mt. Baker Group



The Youth Outings Program sponsored by the Mount Baker Group launched this summer with highly successful outings. Melissa Benedict, a Sierra Club Outings leader and student at Western Washington University who is majoring in Recreation and Environmental Education created and implemented the program to give teens from Mt. Baker High School the opportunity to hike in the North Cascades and experience the richness of the Salish Sea.

The program is offered free of cost to youth participants, thus allowing even the most financially challenged students to be able to participate in a type of program that would otherwise be too expensive. Breakfast, lunch, rain gear, and transportation were all provided for every outing thanks to generous donations.

Youth learn about habitat and conservation

While the main focus of this program was to provide underserved youth the opportunities to get out to enjoy and learn about the natural world in their own backyards, the purpose and extended benefits of doing so must not be overlooked, or underestimated. The participants learned about the endangered marbled murrelet, old growth forests, tidal zones, tide pools, and the geological and human centric history of the Mt. Baker/Artist Point area. They learned about the idea of stewardship for natural areas.

In addition, the youth learned about the Sierra Club and its purpose. It is widely known that Environmental Education is vital to the future health and success of the environment. What needs more recognition is the effect that this has on the youth participants themselves, and their communities.

Program evaluations showed multiple benefits

In program evaluations completed by the youth participants at the end of the program, 75% of the participants reported that they felt better about themselves, formed stronger friendships, learned

something new, felt more comfortable about hiking, and felt more connected to the Mount Baker National Forest area.

In response to the question, “How else has this program affected you or your summer?” One participant wrote: “It’s made me far more relaxed and less stressed about summer. I’ve been feeling much better. I’ve formed a stronger bond with my friends, and my summer’s been awesome because of it! Thank you so much!”

These types of programs have such a positive impact not only on the environment due to sparking interest and connection between people and nature, but on the people themselves. When people are healthier, they have more energy to care about and protect the things they love, be that old growth forests, tide pools, or high alpine meadows. When our youth are healthy, our communities are healthy, and the future of our environment is healthy.



If you would like to learn more, please visit the program’s Facebook page, where you can find photos and contact information for the program: www.facebook.com/youthoutings

Cast Your Vote for At-Large Members of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Washington State Chapter of the Sierra Club is composed of one representative from each of the nine groups in Washington State and nine elected At-large members making a total of 18 committee members. At-large members serve two-year terms. Five members were elected last year with terms expiring at the end of 2017: Becky Castilleja, Tim Gould, Lehman Holder, Katelyn Kinn, and Margie Van Cleve.

The Chapter Executive Committee meets monthly and is responsible for financial oversight, fundraising, strategic planning, oversight of committees, staff management and other functions necessary to ensure smooth operations of the chapter.

This year, four At-large committee positions will be filled. All Washington State Sierra Club members can cast a vote. Joint membership households have two votes. The candidates and their statements are presented below and your mail-in ballot is on the back of this edition of The Crest. Please check to make sure your name and membership number are correctly printed on the ballot mailing label. Your ballot must be received at the chapter office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, and must include your membership number or other identifying number of voting member(s).

Candidate Statements

Laura Bernstein

Thank you for considering me for the state Executive Committee. The Sierra Club inspires me to be a strong environmental leader. I was elected to the Executive Committee, Seattle Group, in Winter 2016. In the brief time I have been with the Seattle Group I have testified at Seattle City Council and King County Council on behalf of Sierra



Heather Trim

I am pleased to be running again for the ExCom because of the important work of the Sierra Club here in Washington. The 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. I bring the perspective of over 25 years of professional



William McPherson

I have been a member of the Sierra Club for 46 years – since the first Earth Day! I have been a national outings leader and a group chair. My career as an environmental diplomat took me out of the country for many years, but I returned to activism after retirement. I was a member of the Coal Task Force and demonstrated or testified at hear-



Richard Voget

I joined Sierra Club in 2010 through the grassroots level and have participated in its phone banks, doorbelling and commenting at various public hearings all to fight climate change. Al Gore's movie, An Inconvenient Truth in 2006, compelled me to ensure a safe and healthy climate for future generations which lead to giving climate



Julia Reitan

The Sierra Club has been a big part of my life for 25 years. My first Sierra Club volunteer position was assisting the editor of the Crest newsletter. At that time the Club in Washington State was heavily focused on ending logging of ancient forests, and advocating for Columbia River salmon runs, renewable energy and energy efficiency. These



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Laura Bernstein

Club's Seattle Group. I represented Sierra Club in the City of Seattle's historical Equity and Environment Initiative and contributed an article to *The Crest*. I hold a degree in Plant Biology from UCLA, completed restoration work at Zuma Beach Lagoon in Malibu and conducted field biology research in Khao Yai National Park in Thailand. During my time as a middle school math and science teacher, I created curriculum focused on climate change, conservation and sustainability. Throughout my life I have been committed to engagement with immigrant communities. I became a U.S. Citizen at age five. My immigrants' rights advocacy includes citizenship application workshops, marches, and rallies. Since moving to Seattle in 2009, I have volunteered with nonprofits focusing on food security, housing security, racial equity and youth in foster care. I was honored to be selected for the City of Seattle's 20152016 People's Academy for Community Engagement, program for emerging community leaders and the Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda focus group. I will passionately make connections between environmental justice and housing equity. Additionally, I will strongly advocate for youth programs to support the next generation of Sierra Club leaders.

William McPherson

ings on coal terminals and oil trains. I am active as President of the Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice of Washington State, which has climate change as a top priority. In that capacity I testified at the Washington State Legislature ten times on various issues including climate change. I'm a strong supporter of I732 and I think the Sierra Club should support it. Sierra Club members are frustrated with the lack of a transparent process for the position of "do not support." I would bring a broad perspective to the Sierra Club from my work on environmental diplomacy including climate and biodiversity, during more than a quarter century, and my networks in the faith community. Among the groups I work with are Earth Ministry, part of Interfaith Power and Light (more than 14 denominations nationwide), and the UN Office of the Unitarian Universalist Association. These networks enable me to keep current with the world situation as it relates to national and state policy, and to bring this perspective to bear on actions of the Washington State Chapter.

Julia Reitan

are the environmental issues that first got me involved with Sierra Club and still inspire my commitment today. I am eager and willing to serve on the chapter Executive Committee (ExCom) because I believe in the value of Sierra Club volunteers. Volunteers are part of everything the Sierra Club does, from public outreach, to lobbying public officials, filing law suits, endorsing candidates, leading hikes, raising money, and advocating for the environments we love. The most important work of our chapter ExCom is to empower, support and continually build vital volunteer energy. I'd like to help do that and ask for your vote.

Heather Trim

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, water/sediment quality (especially pollutants in stormwater quality), and cleanup sites to density, transportation, habitat restoration and shoreline health. Most recently I have worked at Futurewise on similar issues but with more of a land-use focus. And as of October 1, I am excited to report that I am transitioning to become Executive Director of Zero Waste Washington. This is a nice segue which allows me to pursue my passion for zero waste (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 environmental excellence as well as bring support to the many volunteers who work to improve our planet for the sake of future generations.

Richard Voget

presentations to various churches. I am Treasurer for the Seattle group of Plant for the Planet, an international organization that helps children ages 8-14 become advocates for their climate future. I have been impressed with how the Sierra Club has worked to stop the progress of climate change through activities of the Beyond Coal and Oil Campaigns. With relentless activism and organizing, unprecedented numbers of people have commented in person at hearings or online to pressure governmental bureaucrats to enforce the right policy to keep Washington State from becoming a fossil fuel corridor. Through political endorsements for climate friendly candidates, Sierra Club is helping climate policy be created. The Social Justice Committee was formed to help us reach out and engage with communities most impacted by Climate Change. I will work hard to support all of these efforts and ensure that the Sierra Club is an influential voice while we fight for a full and just transition to clean energy. Now that I am retired, I have even more time to devote to Sierra Club activities. I have been an avid bike rider since 1994 and recently rode from Anacortes to east Glacier Park.

Educational Outings

Fun and Educational Outings:

Hiking, bicycling, skiing, snowshoeing, birding walks, canoeing, kayaking and more!



Sierra Club Outings were started in 1901 by Sierra Club Founder John Muir. He knew the best way to persuade people to work to save valuable wild areas was to take them into the wilderness and let them experience for themselves the beauty that needs defending. In the spirit of John Muir, we invite you to go on outings with us. It is not necessary to be a Sierra Club member to participate in most outings.

We offer a range of educational outings from easy nature hikes and family snowshoe walks to strenuous alpine hikes and canoe trips. Outings are led by volunteers who have been trained and certified by the Sierra Club. The Washington Chapter has geographic subdivisions called Local Groups. Our leaders are members of their local group and most of their outings are nearby. They also lead outings anywhere their interest takes them. With this flexibility in mind, you may want to look at several of the different geographic outings listings that are described below. Since our local groups operate independently, there is not a statewide list of all outings.

How to find an outing that interests you

We use the Internet to post outings and to handle signing up participants. Members who don't use the Internet and want outings

information can pick up a phone and call the Outings Chair, Tom Crisp at 425-737-0350. Internet users who want to find an outing in Washington should go to the calendar on our website:

www.SierraClub.org/Washington

On the homepage, click on the menu bar link "Calendar". Use the calendar's Map View tab to see outings by location. Unfortunately, not all outings are listed here. Many local groups post outings on their websites and/or on one of the seven regional Meetup sites. Meetup is a popular social network that is free for you to use. We rely on it to post outings, to allow you to register for specific outings and to communicate with all participants. The easiest way to access the different Meetup sites and local group web pages is from the Outings webpage:

www.SierraClub.org/Washington/Outings

The first time you RSVP to join a Meetup event, you will have to become a Meetup member by clicking on the Sign up button and then create a login ID and password.

Using Meetup is relatively straightforward. You'll find it easy to use and very effective. If you've never used Meetup and need help, call or email our Chapter Outings chair: Tom Crisp at Outings.Chair@Washington.SierraClub.org or 425-737-0350.

If you don't find the outing you've been wishing to go on, suggest it to your local group, or the Chapter Outings Chair. We hope you join us outdoors, enjoying the beauty of Washington!

Chapter "Check Writer" needed

The Washington State Chapter is looking for a new comptroller or check writer. This is a volunteer position. If you are interested, please contact Heather Trim at heatrim@gmail.com, by Nov. 30, 2016.

The chapter divides our financial responsibilities into three parts in order to create a transparent process and to divide the workload. The Check Writer volunteer will work with the rest of us to help manage finances over the year.

This volunteer works with the Chapter Treasurer and the Operations and Management Committee (OMC) to:

Maintain our online quickbooks system and write checks for chapter expenses (averages about 7-10 checks per month). Attend quarterly OMC meetings and help prepare annual chapter budget.

Qualifications:

- Ability to keep accurate records.
- Comfort with QuickBooks Online (or other Quickbooks version) is essential
- Availability to handle transactions on a regular and recurring basis. Extended personal vacations are no problem as we can predict our expenses fairly easily.

This is a wonderful way to support the Sierra Club's mission and meet and work with fellow Sierra Club members.

Please contact Heather Trim at (206) 351-2898 or heatrim@gmail.com with questions and to express your interest.

Washington Chapter Leadership Directory

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