



Sierra Club Prioritizes Carbon and Energy Policy Work

Jesse Piedfort, Washington State Sierra Club Director

With the Trump Administration continuing to support fossil fuel interests, state-level leadership on carbon and energy has never been more important. That's why carbon and energy policy is one of the Sierra Club's biggest priorities in Washington State.

Our vision for a clean energy future in Washington includes the following:

A Price on Carbon That Will Drive Equitable and Environmentally Friendly Investments

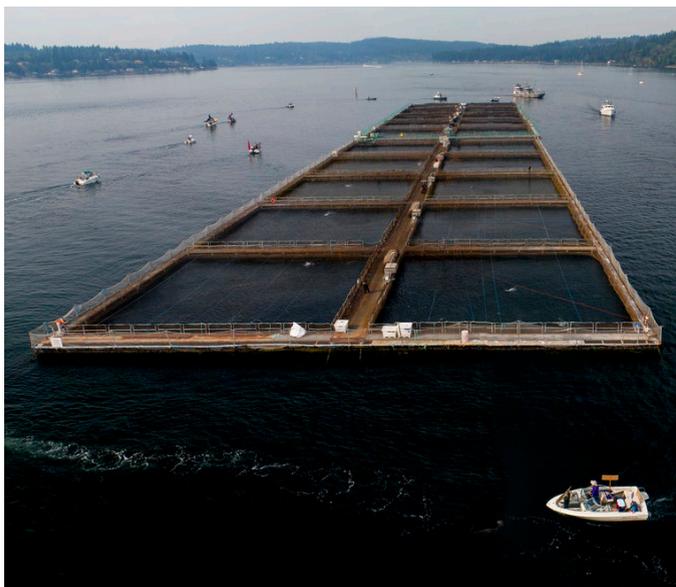
This spring, the lion's share of public attention to climate policy in Washington State was on Governor Inslee's carbon tax proposal, which fell a few votes short of passage in the state legislature. We support the framework of putting a price on carbon to fund equitable investments in clean energy, clean water and forests, and healthy communities.

A price on carbon emissions can be an important tool in our fight for a healthy climate. A strong carbon pricing policy will protect workers and invest in low-income communities. It will include a price significant enough to fund meaningful investments like increased funding



for clean energy. Additionally, it will avoid directing funds to damaging water and forest projects. Sierra Club will continue to stand for these priorities.

Washington State voters may still get another chance at
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Net Pen Protest Flotilla

Photo: John Gussman

Celebrating the End of Atlantic Salmon Net Pens

By Darlene Schanfeld, North Olympic Group, and
Stephanie Hillman, Washington State Chapter staff

Native Pacific Salmon won and non-native fish farming lost in last-minute legislation passed by the Washington State Senate. Despite the large amount of money Cooke Aquaculture poured into lobbying efforts, Atlantic salmon net pens in Washington are scheduled to be phased out by 2025. Passage of HB 2957 assures that Washington will no longer be the only West Coast state allowing non-native finfish aquaculture.

Since over 200,000 Atlantic salmon escaped from their Cypress Island toxic penitentiary last August, a huge coalition of environmental organizations and British

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Washington State 2018 Agenda

Here is a summary of our major goals and work for 2018. Thank you to all Sierra Club members, supporters, and funding partners for making this possible. *Julia Reitan, Chair, Sierra Club Washington State*



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Climate Action

Say 'no' to more fossil fuels. . .
Stop the Tesoro Savage ~~oil~~ terminal, Kalama methanol refinery, PSE plans for gas-fired power, Tacoma LNG refinery, xylene refining in Anacortes, and coastal oil drilling

Gain equitable climate action. . .
Support fees for carbon pollution that fund an equitable transition to a clean energy future. Gain more renewable energy, housing near transit, and energy efficiency.

Natural Legacy

Protect forests, wildlands, and wildlife. . .
Protect Wild Olympics and North Cascades wildlands and rivers. Defend the NW Forest Plan from the Trump Administration. Protect unspoiled places and habitats that enrich our wildlife, our souls, and recreation economies.

Respect Washington's iconic waters. . .
Remove toxic pollutants and Atlantic salmon ~~net~~ pens from Puget Sound. Restore lower Snake River salmon (and help orcas) with more "spill" plus removal of outdated dams. Respect river, stream, and shoreline ecosystems including in the Columbia River treaty. End the era of dam building.

Change Politics

Build strong majorities for the environment and equity. . .
Send champions for the environment to city halls, Olympia, and Congress. Stand with communities, tribes, and workers impacted by pollution and racism. Organize vocal, visible public constituencies.

Inspire People

Explore, enjoy and protect Washington State. . .
Join us for a hike or paddle. Come to a hearing or local group meeting. Speak up for the future of Washington!

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The Fight to Stop Liquefied "Natural" Gas

By Victoria Leistman, Dirty Fuels Campaign Organizer

Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) proposed eight million gallon liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility in Tacoma is a bad plan. PSE is willing to sacrifice community safety, ratepayer money, and Puyallup Tribe land for a gas project that we do not need.

Right now, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) has already begun construction on its proposed eight million gallon Liquefied "Natural" Gas facility in Tacoma. But we know we can still stop them!

PSE does not have everything that they need to build; they still need to get their air permit application approved by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. The Air Agency is requiring a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) that accounts for greenhouse gas

emissions and a life cycle analysis of fracked gas.

This is a huge step forward!! But this isn't over yet. While we await the SEIS draft statement, construction continues on the facility. We need to get a Stop Work Order enforced and are exploring the best ways to make that happen.

Activists like you have made it clear from the beginning that we don't need or want this LNG facility in Washington. Get involved and help us shut down this bad project for good!

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See Washington State Sierra Club web site for further details. <https://www.sierraclub.org/washington>

Washington Legislature Makes Big Strides for Healthy Democracy



Jesse Piedfort, Washington State Sierra Club Director

In recent years, the Sierra Club has achieved its biggest environmental victories when citizens from all backgrounds are engaged in the democratic process. This year, the Washington State legislature took a big step in that direction by passing the Washington Voting Rights Act (WVRA).

The WVRA is designed to uphold the principle of "One Person, One Vote" by providing voters an opportunity

to challenge a local voting system if it leaves communities of color underrepresented in local government. The Sierra Club lent support to OneAmerica and other organizations who were leading the fight for this landmark legislation. Senator Rebecca Saldana (Seattle) and Rep. Mia Gregerson (Tukwila) were key champions in the legislative effort.

Such a move has already proven effective in Washington State; an ACLU lawsuit under the federal Voting Rights Act led to a 2015 move to hold City Council elections in each district in Yakima. A more representative City Council resulted from the change.

The WVRA wasn't the only important democracy-focused reform passed by the legislature this year; lawmakers also passed automatic voter registration, same day registration, and pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds. Given how important preserving the democratic process is to protecting the environment, these new laws represent important environmental wins.

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How Can You Celebrate Earth Day?

By Marjie Fields, Crest Editor

Activities and events are scheduled in many communities around the state, not all on the actual date of April 22. Not all plans were finalized as this newsletter went to press, but updates are available on the Washington Sierra Club website. Here is a preview of Earth Day celebration plans.

Loo Wit Group

The Loo Wit Group will have an information table as part of the Earth Day Fest at Salmon Creek Greenway in Vancouver on Saturday, April 21. This 19th annual Earth Day fest is hosted by Clark Public Utilities. Free fun and games for the whole family along with interactive nature demonstrations and entertainment will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. near Kline Pond. Sierra Club and many other conservation organizations plan to participate.

You can also register in advance to plant trees from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Ashley at StreamTeam@clark-pud.com or 360-992-8585 to sign up.

The Mount Baker Group

Come join the MBG in hiking the new Harriet Spanel Forest on April 20th. Celebrate Earth Day a few days early and enjoy this beautiful area that now is preserved for generations to come.

You can also celebrate Earth Day late, on Saturday April 28. Join us to clear the Diobsud Creek Trail for summer walkers and hikers who enjoy this beautiful old growth area of the Noisy- Diobsud wilderness area. See the details for both events on MBG Facebook and Meetups:

Outdoor Activities in the North Cascades with Sierra Club and Sierra Club Outings, Western WA.

Tatoosh Group

The Tatoosh Group is hosting an English Ivy pull at McKinley Park in Tacoma on Saturday, April 21st, 9am-Noon. Sierra Club will work in collaboration with Friends of McKinley Park and the Dometop Neighborhood Alliance. English ivy smothers native forest vegetation and also renders large trees susceptible to blowdown. Volunteers should come dressed to get dirty, bring gloves and plenty of water. The Tatoosh Group will supply a quick training, tools, and snacks. Come on out and join the fight!



Ivy League

Photo: Dorothy Walker

Snohomish Group Edmonds

Concerned Edmonds citizens will celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 21, by helping to free the trees in Yost Park. Ivy and blackberry have taken root in the forest surrounding the parking lot. Activists will be removing these weeds to make room to plant native trees and shrubs. Those attending should bring work gloves and dress for the weather. Tools and refreshments are provided.



Junior Geezer Band

Photo: Michael Bower

Everett

Sierra Club members are supporting a series of Earth Day activities in Everett on Sunday, April 22. Speakers, freeway banner waving, a march, and a benefit concert are all on the day's agenda. Hear Jackie Minchew speak at the Evergreen Universalist Church, bring your own signs to add to the banner waving at the 23rd St. overpass, gather at Everett Community College at 3:30 for the march to the courthouse. Wrap up the day at 6 p.m. Tony V's Garage 1761 Hewitt Ave. with the Junior Geezer band concert.

Focus on Plastic Pollution

The Earth Day Network group has identified plastic pollution as the national focus for this year's Earth Day. What can you do personally and locally to help end this threat to our planet's survival?

Some Wins and Some Losses in 2018 Legislative Session



By Tim Gould, Washington Sierra Club Legislative Chair

The 2018 Legislative session was a roller coaster ride featuring major victories and hugely disappointing setbacks. Lack of progress on important energy and climate issues leaves an unsatisfying feeling that Legislators were incomplete in addressing key challenges when they adjourned on time after the 60 day session.

Sierra Club's top two Legislative priorities exemplified the very different outcomes this session. With the passage of ESSB 6091, the water rights Hirst court decision was overturned, putting stream flows at risk in water basins where exempt wells can continue to proliferate. Meanwhile, a phase out ban on nonnative fish net pens was enacted (see article on page 1).

While Sierra Club had been successful in pushing Legislative champions to defend the Hirst decision last year, Democrats caved into the Republican's insistence on weakening water rules in order to get approval of Capital budget spending. Republicans insisted on water rules enabling more rural development before agreeing to the budget. ESSB 6091 allows more exempt wells without adequate mitigation, likely leading to reduced in-stream flows and overdrawn watersheds.

The Governor-request carbon tax (SB 6203) originally proposed a \$20/metric ton tax on CO₂. Less ambitious versions passed two committees, but the bill lacked votes

to advance in the full Senate. The Alliance for Jobs & Clean Energy then filed a carbon fee and invest initiative (see article on page 1).

Several proposals to enhance the I-937 Energy Independence Act were introduced, but controversy over allowed renewable energy sources and tax incentives for new resource investments prevented any bills from passing. Sierra Club and others raised concerns over inclusion of nuclear energy in the mix of future resources allowed under SB 6253. However, we supported the energy conservation and fossil fuel resource reduction requirements sponsored by Rep. Gael Tarleton (HB 2402, HB 2995). She and Rep. Gerry Pollet were stalwarts for our position on nuclear power (see article on page 1).

Improved building energy standards will occur from passage of HB 1622, which directs additional funding to the State Building Code Council, tasked with increasing energy efficiency. We pushed for improved appliance efficiency (HB 2327) but opposition from appliance manufacturers led only to water use efficiency standards, which failed to pass by adjournment.

In transportation, the Senate Transportation Committee agreed with us not to use multi-modal account funds that support transit service as a funding source to pay for electric vehicle purchase sales tax credits. While EV tax credits are beneficial, we do not support taking money from transit to pay for them on account of mobility, system access, and equity. Sound Transit 3 funding emerged unscathed again after the House failed to bring SB 5955 to a vote. That measure would have adjusted car tab fee valuations while providing backfill revenue to mostly offset the reduced vehicle excise tax.

Oil transport spill prevention was improved by passage of SB 6269, which extends the oil tax per barrel to pipelines. This helps fund spills prevention work at the Department of Ecology, which will convene a Salish Sea Shared Waters forum to discuss reducing oil spill risk.

We have work to do getting ready for next year.

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For full article See Washington State Sierra Club website <https://www.sierraclub.org/washington>

Serious Opposition to Offshore Drilling



By Victoria Leistman, Dirty Fuels Campaign Organizer

Sierra Club and partners held a people's hearing on March 5, while the Bureau of Land Management held an open house on offshore drilling. Nisqually Tribal Councilmembers, the mayor of Ocean Shores, plus coastal community citizens and business owners who would be most impacted by the proposal were

among those voicing opposition to the plan to drill off the coast of Washington. They were supported at the event by Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz, and State Senator Kevin Ranker.

Sierra Club partnered in this effort with 350, another activist group,

whose "Toxic Asset" team dressed in hazmat suits and led a chant to kick off the people's hearing. In addition to working with 350Seattle/350Tacoma, Sierra Club collaborated with Surfrider, ReSource Media, and the Washington Environmental Council to sponsor a successful event.

The hearing provided an opportunity for the public to raise their voices and say "no" to Big Oil in Washington State. Over 250 people attended the event and over 50 testified. Attendees wore blue for clean water.

There was some fun too: Attendees had the opportunity to check out information at tables from participating groups, play climate chaos jenga, participate in a fun photo booth, watch a brief video on offshore drilling from our colleagues at Surfrider, and eat pizza during the break.

To get involved, contact me:
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Protesters

Photo: Sharle Osborne

cont. from pg. 1 - **Celebrating the End of Atlantic Salmon Net Pens** Columbia and Northwest Indian tribes rose up together and said "Enough is enough." There have been previous large escapes and die-offs since the 1990s.

This was a grassroots win! A coalition of over 25 environmental organizations regularly met, planned next steps, testified, and brought in scientists and commercial fishers to speak to the ills of this industry. This effort supported a strong and influential push from several Northwest tribes to remove Atlantic salmon from the Salish Sea. Eventually Governor Jay Inslee, Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Hilary Franz, and the Puget Sound Partnership joined in to oppose non-

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FOREST SERVICE DECISION THREATENS WATERSHED NEAR MT. HELENS

By Mark Leed, Chair Loo Wit Group

The U.S. Forest Service has given consent for the Bureau of Land Management to issue permits for mineral prospecting near the headwaters of the Green River, just outside of Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. This Green River (not to be confused with King County's Green River) is a candidate for National Wild & Scenic status and has been named by the conservation group, American Rivers, as one of the nation's most endangered rivers. It provides habitat for native fish species as well as drinking water for downstream cities, especially Kelso.

BLM has not yet issued permit applications, but the Forest Service decision opens the door for Ascot Resources to drill up to 60 boreholes in search of gold, copper and molybdenum. To do this, new roads would need to be built and enormous quantities of water would be used. Road building and exploratory drilling would mar this iconic landscape, popular with hikers, equestrians, kayakers and fly fishers. Part of the mining claim lies on land purchased



Mount St. Helens

by the federal government through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for recreation and conservation purposes. Mineral exploration and mine development would be in direct conflict with the reason the land was protected and would set a precedent for development on other LWCF lands.

Your help is needed. The Green River

watershed is no place for a mine and needs permanent protection from development. To express your disappointment in the Forest Service's consent to drilling, contact Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray, and Rep. Jaime Herrera-Beutler.

For further information, contact Mark Leed at markleed02@gmail.com

cont. from pg. 6 - **Celebrating the End of Atlantic Salmon Net Pens**
native salmon being grown in Washington State waters.

A Canadian company, Cooke Aquaculture was a formidable foe. Cooke is one of the largest farmers of Atlantic salmon in the world with \$2.5 billion in revenue last year and operations in six countries. The company brought on much of the resistance by its own negligence leading to the massive escape from their Cypress Island pens, and then further eroded trust by lying about the size and cause of the escape.

Hats off to the legislators and lobbyists who pushed through the bill to a successful outcome. Senators Kevin Ranker, Kevin Van de Wege, and Sharon Nelson, Rep-

resentatives Kris Lytton and Mike Chapman, Lobbyists Bruce Wishart (Sierra Club), Neal Beaver (Audubon) and Bryce Yadon (Futurewise), and to the hard work of the tribal coalition. Credit also goes to Seattle Times Reporter Linda Mapes for keeping the issue before the public, sometimes daily. The legislation that ultimately passed both the full House and Senate with bipartisan support included disallowing any non-native species of fish, not just Atlantic salmon.

"I thought it would be difficult, a pretty heavy lift," Sen. Ranker commented. "It is never easy to take on a global corporation like this."



OUTINGS



Educational Outings

Hiking, bicycling, skiing, snowshoeing, birding walks, canoeing, kayaking and more! Most of our outings are announced only a few weeks in advance and they are organized by local groups.

To find out which outings are in your area, go to: www.sierraclub.org/washington/outings

We welcome your participation. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Crisp: Outings.chair@washington.sierraclub.org

Spring and Summer Outings Are Underway - Join Us!

By Lehman Holder, Loo Wit Outings Leader

After a fun cross-country ski season, bicycle, sea kayak and hiking outings are now underway in SW Washington. Whether you're a new Sierra Club member or a member of long standing, you're invited to join the fun.

An added perk is that all outings are educational, led by trained, certified Club outings leaders. You'll be participating with a group of like-minded people from many different backgrounds. Leaders will also acquaint you with current conservation issues and ways you can help the Club achieve its objectives.



Kayaking East Fork of Lewis River Photo: Lehman Holder

Loo Wit's bike and sea kayak outings are posted on the Group's meetup site:

www.portland-vancouver-sierra-club-outings-events.

Details are posted 8 days in advance of

the outing date. Note that participation is limited to a max of 10, including the outing leaders.

Never paddled a sea kayak? Not to worry! Instructional outings for beginners and novices are offered once a month starting in May and continuing into October. For kayaking, you don't need a boat – rentals are available at a nominal price and include pfd (life jacket) and paddle. The first instructional outing is scheduled on May 6 (Sun) For this outing, details will be posted on April 20.



Cycling Columbia River Hwy Trail Photo: Lehman Holder

Bike outings began on April 8, and will continue on Saturday May 12 and Sunday May 20. Helmets are required and bikes must be in good condition. Riding distances range from 15-30 miles at an average pace of 10-12 mph. All outings are "group" rides, meaning no one is left behind.

For specific questions, contact Tom Crisp: Outings.Chair@washington.sierraclub.org, or Lehman Holder, tripsguy@aol.com



Wallace Falls Photo: Susan Ullis

More Outings

Hike

Wallace Falls near Gold Bar
Thursday April 26th from 10 am to 4 pm

This is a great time to enjoy the beauty of nine falls, one of which drops 265 feet. About seven miles round trip at a slow pace, suitable for beginners who are reasonably fit. Details and sign up:

www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Outings-Western-Washington

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putting a price on carbon pollution in 2018. A ballot initiative backed by the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy, an intersectional coalition with dozens of member organizations including labor, communities of color, and environmental organizations, may be headed for a signature gathering campaign and possible November vote. The proposed initiative centers equity concerns and makes smart investments in transportation, clean energy and clean water.

If you want to make a difference on climate in 2018, the best way may be to volunteer to collect signatures and campaign for this initiative.

Contact me if you're interested!
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Transitioning From Coal and Gas to Clean, Renewable Energy

Clean energy legislation also fell short this year in Olympia, with legislators failing to agree on a proposed requirement to transition all of Washington State's energy off of

fossil fuels by 2045. Sierra Club is working to making sure that coal and gas in Washington State are replaced by clean, renewable energy like wind and solar.

We worked hard this year to make sure that clean energy proposals in Olympia remained rooted in strong environmental policy. That means making sure that the door remains shut to new investments in nuclear energy, which is neither clean nor renewable. It means holding the line against large-scale new investments in hydropower as we work to retire existing outdated dams like those on the Lower Snake River. And it means making sure that any clean energy legislation includes strong, aggressive benchmarks to avoid opening a near-term window for utilities to build new gas plants.

Efficiency, Efficiency, Efficiency

Energy efficiency - in all sectors - can't be overlooked; and Sierra Club will continue to support these

efforts. Policies such as designing and incentivizing green buildings, creating the infrastructure needed to support more electric vehicles, investing in mass transit, and making smart land use decisions that increase density near transit and create walkable neighborhoods will continue to be Sierra Club priorities.

Saying No to Gas

Most of the gas that comes into Washington State is fracked gas and is nearly as bad for the climate as coal. We're committed to making sure that Washington State does not become a market for gas. We continue to work in partnerships with Tribes and local communities to stop new pipelines and any proposals, like the Kalama methanol refinery, that include a large demand for gas.

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Trail Maintenance Outings

Meadow Creek Trail

Wild Sky Wilderness, north of Skykomish (US Hwy 2).
Saturday June 23rd from 9 am to 6pm.

Learn about and help maintain the Meadow Creek trail. Easy work and hike, no experience required. Hand tools will be supplied. Please wear work clothes: a long-sleeve shirt, long pants, gloves, and boots suitable for wet conditions. Bring lunch and water. 4-6 mile round trip hike. Meeting locations in Seattle and Monroe to carpool to trailhead.

Sierra Club Hike leader is Harry Romberg. For directions and more information, contact Don Potter at potter.d@ghc.org or 425-885-9269.

Details and sign-up:

www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Outings-Western-Washington

Diobsud Creek Trail

Skagit County - North Cascades

Saturday, April 28th

Meet at Sedro Woolley Ranger Station at 8:30 am.

This is our 22nd year maintaining this trail. It's in a beautiful area east of Baker.

To Join our future outings, please look at our webpage:
www.sierraclub.org/washington/outings

Better yet, if you are interested in training to be an outings leader, you can find out more details at:
www.sierraclub.org/washington/outings-committee

We welcome your participation.
If you have any questions, please contact Tom Crisp at:
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UPDATES

Still Pushing Anti-Salmon Legislation

By Bill Arthur, Chair,
Snake Columbia River Salmon Campaign

Two Eastern Washington congressional Representatives are working hard in Washington DC against the interests of Snake River salmon. Representatives McMorris-Rodgers and Newhouse are still pushing H.R. 3144, legislation that would sabotage recent agreements to help restore salmon runs.

Their legislation would overturn a federal court decision, undermine the Endangered Species Act and prevent important actions such as enhanced spill over the dams to help young salmon migrate downstream. The legislation would also sabotage the

scientific integrity of the court-ordered National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. These two Representatives are trying to attach their bill to various "must pass" bills this spring.

Please thank Senator Patty Murray, Representatives Adam Smith and Pramila Jayapal, and Governor Inslee for opposing this destructive legislation. Please also tell your local Representative and Senator Cantwell to oppose this legislation and to express that opposition to Senate and House leadership.

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Blanchard Mountain Forest Protected From Timber Harvest



Photo: Judith Akins

By Christina Quinn, Mount Baker Group

The Washington State Legislature passed a capital budget that protects 1600 acres of forested land in the heart of Blanchard Mountain. This area is home to the beloved Oyster Dome Trail and the Lily and Lizard Lake hiking trails. The Blanchard Mountain Forest is also known as the Harriet Spanel Forest.

Since 1998, the Sierra Club and other conservation groups have represented thousands of citizens in efforts to spare the Harriet Spanel Forest from clear-cutting by the Department of Natural Resources. The protection efforts took place over the

span of almost two decades. Many thanks go to the legislators, community members, and organizers who made possible the protection of these natural resources.

Newport Area Silicon Smelter Would Endanger Residents

By Carolyn Leon, Chair Upper Columbia River Group

The Upper Columbia River Group supports Newport residents and the Kalispel Tribe in opposing a proposed silicon smelter in their community. Pollution from the smelter would threaten the health and quality of life of those living in the area.

HiTest Silicon Smelter/Metals Processing Facilities is a Canadian company that has announced plans to build a \$325 million silicon smelter in Northeast Washington. Residents disagree with state and local officials who suggest the project is an economic win for this rural region.



Pre-hearing Rally

Photo: Caleb Heeringa

Activists Speak Out against Puget Sound Energy Plan

Close to 400 activists packed the February hearing on Puget Sound Energy's 20-year energy plan. They delivered a strong message to the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC): no coal, no gas, no LNG!

PSE's plan revealed that the company intends to operate its dirty Colstrip coal plant until at least 2035 and plans to build 700 MW of new fracked gas plants over the next 10 years. PSE also plans to sacrifice Puyallup Tribal Land and community safety to build a liquefied natural gas terminal that is not needed.

The UTC is expected to weigh in on PSE's plan in the next couple months.

For further information, see:
<https://content.sierraclub.org/coal/update/28-feb-2018/carbon-free-pse-campaign-hit-new-record>

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How We Stopped Big Oil in Vancouver Washington

By Don and Alona Steinke, Loo Wit Group

Three cheers for all who helped stop America's largest proposed oil train terminal in Vancouver WA. Thousands of citizens showed up on cold, rainy days to testify and protest.

We generated hundreds of Letters to the Editor, made the arguments, and galvanized public opinion. The Port of Vancouver, including newly elected Port Commissioner Don Orange, voted not to renew the oil company lease.

This paved the way for the Energy Facilities Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) to unanimously disapprove the Tesoro/Andeavor Oil Terminal in their recommendation to Governor Inslee. This also made it easy for the Governor to reject the terminal.

The Port of Vancouver is the closest deep-water port between the new fracking fields in the central United States and new markets in Asia. We have stopped the most powerful industry in history, in the place they most want to be.

No Massive Oil Terminal for Vancouver Washington

By Don and Alona Steinke, Loo Wit Group

Governor Jay Inslee has officially rejected the Tesoro/Andeavor Oil Terminal, following up on the disapprove vote by the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC).

Seven years ago there were approximately 20 fossil fuel export terminals proposed for the Pacific Northwest. The Sierra Club in partnership with the Power Past Coal Coalition

Progress on Spill for Salmon & Orca for 2018

By Bill Arthur, Chair,
Snake Columbia River Salmon Campaign

A huge thank you to all who sent postcards or emails to Governor Inslee asking for additional spill (water over the dams) for the lower Snake and Columbia River dams. "Spill" delivers young out-migrating salmon over the dams to the Pacific Ocean more quickly and in better condition.

Federal agencies, relevant tribes, and impacted states reached an agreement that will deliver modestly higher spill for this year's out-migration of young salmon. This is a good start and we appreciate the positive work by Washington State and the other parties.

Spill is the most important near-term action we can take while we work toward a more permanent solution. Eventually removing the four lower Snake River dams is the best solution to recovering the salmon and steelhead of the Snake River.

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and the Stand up to Oil Coalition, stopped every one of them. Several permits have been denied for the Longview Coal terminal, though the company is appealing. Together these export terminals would have brought 60 miles of coal and oil trains through the National Scenic Columbia River Gorge per day.

See Washington State Sierra Club website for further details. <https://www.sierraclub.org/washington>



Hooded Mergansers at the marsh Photo: Bill Anderson

Good News for Preserving the Edmonds Marsh

By Marjie Fields,
Snohomish Group Washington State Sierra Club

Led by council member Diane Buckschnis, the Edmonds City Council has established a fund to help support restoration and preservation of the Edmonds Marsh. Citizen contributions to this fund are tax deductible. Contribution checks may be submitted to the City of Edmonds, 121 5th Ave. N., Edmonds, WA 98020. Checks must be specifically designated for the Marsh Restoration Fund.

The Snohomish Group provided a guided tour of the Edmonds Marsh to celebrate World Water Day and expand awareness of how this estuary contributes to the health of Puget Sound and our planet. The event drew nearly 40 nature lovers, bird watchers and conservationists, including Elaine Packard and others from the state Sierra Club Water and Salmon Committee.

The Edmonds Marsh has received significant attention as one of the few remaining urban saltwater estuaries in Puget Sound. Attracting over 190 species of birds, the marsh has become a statewide tourist destination. The restoration plan includes re-establishing the natural flow of salt water into the marsh, enhancing bird and plant diversity.

Help save paper & money!

We're planning a future option for an emailed electronic Crest. Please provide your email address even if you think we have it.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Calendar Coordinator: Use your communications and scheduling skills to announce our many events scheduled by many leaders on multiple calendars (State Chapter, Meetup, Facebook and email alerts).

Web Content Editor: With our intense efforts to preserve and protect our resources, we need help keeping the public informed on our website. Join our team of volunteers who post our activities and campaign information.

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