

# February 2020

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## **Third Thursday Social**

February 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. Cafe Louvre, 210 5th Ave S., Edmonds

Mingle with friends, meet new people, get updated on environmental issues, and take action at our "Do Something Now" table. We hope to see you there!

Optional **RSVP** to let us know you're coming.



#### **Action Items**

# **Stay Tuned to Legislative Session Alerts**

This is a short session. We need to be alert and ready to advocate for beneficial bills as Action Alerts are sent out.



Updates at: www.sierraclub.org/washington/2020-legislative-session

### Dave Somers could prevent logging next to Wallace Falls State Park

- Large and small donations have already been pledged to buy out the junior taxing districts in the May Creek Block.
- Several local and federal government entities have spent years developing comprehensive plans to expand hiking trails in the area.
- The effects of climate change will not be mitigated by cutting these trees.
- The City of Gold Bar testified against the timber sale.
- County Council Member Megan Dunn reports that money from a private estate has been offered to compensate most of the estimated \$1.7 million value of the timber harvest.

Please contact Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers today or tomorrow: <a href="mailto:Dave.Somers@co.snohomish.wa.us">Dave.Somers@co.snohomish.wa.us</a> or 425-388-3050 and ask him to veto the timber cut.

Herald Story: Council backs contested timber harvest near Gold Bar

#### **Tell Puget Sound Energy NO!**

PSE is requesting yet ANOTHER rate hike, yet the CEO made \$7.6 million in 2018, and they spend ratepayer money on lobbyists and campaigns -- pushing for fracked gas infrastructure in our state. Write the UTC about the rate hike at comments@utc.wa.gov.



#### **Events**

# Pramila Jayapal Town Hall

Monday, February 3 6:00 pm to 7:30 p.m.

Third Place Books 17171 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Park

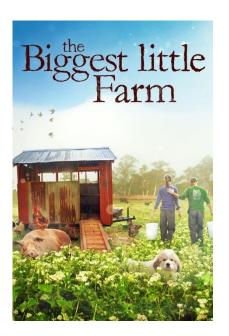
U.S. Rep. Jayapal represents Washington's 7th Congressional District, which includes Edmonds and Shoreline.

#### **Everett Meaningful Movies**

#### The Biggest Little Farm

Saturday Feb 8, 6:30 pm United Church of Christ 2624 Rockefeller Ave, Everett

The Biggest Little Farm chronicles the eight-year quest of John and Molly Chester as they trade city living for 200 acres of barren farmland and a dream to harvest in harmony with nature. The documentary provides a vital blueprint for better living and a healthier planet. Discussion follows, featuring Kate Ryan of Snohomish County WSU Extension.



#### **Climate Crisis Information Series**

Sundays 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. United Methodist Church 828 Caspers St., Edmonds

Feb. 2, Impacting Climate Change: What's Going on in the world May Surprise You – led by Gayla Shoemake

Feb 9, It's NOT too late: What You Can Do To Address Climate Change - led by Stan Gent

For further information contact Gayla Shoemake at gaylashoemake@yahoo.com



#### **Native Plant Demonstration Garden**

95 Pine St. Edmonds

#### **Training for the Great Backyard Bird Count**

Saturday Feb. 8, from 10 am until noon Dr. Alan Mearns will get you ready to participate in the annual Backyard Bird count on Feb.14. Training includes practice, so bring your binoculars.

#### The Origin of the Species

Sunday Feb. 23 from 1 to 3 pm By special arrangement, "Mr. Darwin" will be available to explain how he came to his revolutionary theory, and will share little-known details of his life.

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**Brown Creeper** 



Dr. David Richman as Charles Darwin

#### **News**

#### **Everett City Council passes Climate Crisis Resolution**

Paul Roberts introduced a climate resolution at the council's Jan. 30 meeting. With strong support from members Liz Vogeli, Judy Tuchy and Brenda Stonecipher, the resolution passed. Please let the council know you appreciate their leadership!

#### **Activists meet with Representative Larsen**

Environmental advocates met with U.S. Rep. Rick Larson on Jan. 22 in Everett. Larsen shared an update on bills he is co-sponsoring, including the 100% Green Economy and the Climate Action Now Acts.

Advocates expressed a variety of concerns related to climate and carbon emissions and encouraged support for Solutionary electric rail. (solutionaryrail.org)

They also thanked Larsen for his work, but encouraged him to address climate issues more assertively.



# Frognal Estates developer bankrupt?

After clearcutting on a steep slope above neighboring homes last year, It appears that the developers of Frognal Estates are out of money and in arrears on the payments to lenders. This poses another set of issues to protect the down-slope homes, wetlands, and Picnic Point Creek.

Why did Snohomish County permit this ill-conceived project to proceed this far?



#### Volunteer with the Sierra Club

As our planet heats up so does our need to act. Fortunately, most people recognize this and want climate action.

Be part of the action. Work with our other talented volunteers to inform our friends and help our neighbors take action.

Contact us with a brief message about your skills and interests. We'll connect you to one of our volunteers who will explain your options and our needs. Help at our monthly socials or work with our newsletter team entering and laying out content. We can use data entry and event scheduling, too. How about community organizing?

Email us at sierraclub.org/washington/sno-isle

# The time is always right to do what is right

Martin Luther King Jr.
National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

from the **Sierra Club Daily Ray of Hope**