



# Ebb Tide



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## Meeting News

### 2018 Beach Watcher Meetings

#### *All Meetings Agenda*

10:00 AM	Introductions & Project Updates
11:00 AM	Staff Updates & Volunteer Recognition
11:15 AM	Break
11:30 AM	Guest Speaker
12:30 PM	Social Time
1:00 PM	Adjourn

#### **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 AM – 1 PM**

Location: WSU Extension, McCollum Park – Evergreen Room

#### **Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 AM – 1 PM**

Location: Jennings Memorial Park Barn, 6915 Armar Rd, Marysville

#### **Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM – 1 PM**

Location: WSU Extension, McCollum Park – Evergreen Room

**Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM – 1 PM**

Location: Jennings Memorial Park Barn, 6915 Armar Rd, Marysville

## In The News

### 2017 State of the Sound Report Now Available



The Puget Sound Partnership is the state agency leading the region's collective effort to restore and protect Puget Sound. It was established in 2010 to lead Puget Sound recovery efforts. The Puget Sound Partnership brings together hundreds of partners to mobilize partner action around a common agenda, advance Sound investments, and advance priority actions by supporting partners.

The PSP publishes a biennial report on Puget Sound, available at <http://www.psp.wa.gov/sos.php>. At this link you can download the 88-page **2017 State of the Sound Report**, or a four-page Executive Summary of the report. There are also links to reports on salmon recovery as of 2016.

For more information please email: [courtney.baxter@tnc.org](mailto:courtney.baxter@tnc.org).

## Educational Opportunities

### National Water Quality Monitoring Council Webinar Series

The NWQMC, a part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, is sponsoring a series of webinars on both, marine and freshwater quality. The upcoming webinar is:

**Being There - Autonomous, In-Situ Detection of Biotoxins Associated with Harmful Algal Blooms in Marine and Freshwater Systems.** Presented by Greg Doucette and Tina Mikulski, NOAA/NOS/National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm ET. **Pre-registration is required.**

To pre-register or for more information, see

**Past webinars and presentations** on subjects related to water quality, nutrients, and similar subjects are available via YouTube or as PowerPoint files. The above website has links to past webinars and presentations going back to 2009.

## February Events at the Northwest Stream Center McCullum Park, Everett

The Northwest Stream Center is a place for young and old, individuals and businesses, schools and governments to work together to protect or streams and wetlands...and to improve the quality of all of our lives. To find more about the events at the Northwest Stream Center, visit their website [www.streamkeeper.org/aasf/Feb\\_Classes.html](http://www.streamkeeper.org/aasf/Feb_Classes.html). Most events are intended for all ages. The Center charges nominal fees and early registration at (425) 316-8592 is suggested, since some of the events are limited in attendance and fill up fast.



- Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Volunteer to plant trees along Catherine Creek near Lake Stevens  
Questions: Tom Murdoch, Walter Rung or Zach Mallory 425-316-8592
- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM All About Bears presentation by Nick org (of Animal Planet)
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM First Flight: A Mother Hummingbird's Story – movie for all the family

## SeaDoc Society Events February – March



The SeaDoc Society works to protect the health of marine wildlife and their ecosystems through science and education. See [www.seadocsociety.org/events/](http://www.seadocsociety.org/events/) for more information.

### Marine Science Lecture Series

*How Wildlife Diseases Impact Marine Ecosystems, Wildlife and People*, with Joe Gaydos, DVM, Ph.D  
**February 13 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**  
Larry Norman Lodge, YMCA Camp Orkila

### SeaDoc and UC Davis Alumni at Seattle Aquarium

Presentation by Joe Gaydos on the *local impact of University of California at Davis to protect the critically important Salish Sea marine ecosystem for generations to come.*

**March 1 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

Seattle Aquarium, 1483 Alaska Way, Seattle, WA 98101

**Marine Science Lecture Series**

*The Salish Sea Marine Survival Project*, with Jacques White of Long Live the Kings. Why we are concerned about elevated juvenile salmon and steelhead mortality and what we have learned so far.

**March 13 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

Emmanuel Parish Hall, Eastsound, 242 Main St, Eastsound, WA 98245

**Learn to Grow Your Own Groceries!**  
**February – April on Wednesdays, 7 – 9:30 PM**  
**Cougar Auditorium, McCollum Park, 600 128th St. SE Everett, WA**

Learn how to grow your own food! WSU Extension has put together a series of speakers and topics that will help beginners, as well as long time gardeners, learn more about growing food using healthy and sustainable practices.



**There are ten core classes in the series, as well as a special Bonus class on Growing Tree Fruit! Take the ones you want (\$20 per class) or the entire series (\$185), your choice.**

*Vegetables A-Z #2 - Feb. 14:* Pea, carrot, & lettuce families; how to grow, varieties

*Good Bugs, Bad Bugs, & Pollinators - Feb. 21:* Learn who's who and how to attract the good guys

*Seed Starting & Raising Transplants - Mar. 7:* Save money and raise the varieties that do best here

*Vegetables A-Z #3 - Mar. 21:* Tomato/potato/pepper family; how to grow, varieties

*Weeding and Watering - Apr. 4:* Get smart about weeds and water

*Vegetables A-Z #4 - Apr. 18:* Squash, melons & corn; how to grow, varieties

Register online at [GrowingGroceries.eventbrite.com](http://GrowingGroceries.eventbrite.com). For more information about the classes or to download a form for mail-in registration, visit <http://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/growing-groceries>.

For more information about the program, contact Kate Ryan, Agriculture Program Coordinator, WSU Snohomish County Extension, (425) 357-6024, [kate.ryan@wsu.edu](mailto:kate.ryan@wsu.edu).


## Become a Beach Watcher Today!

**Wednesdays, March 21 – May 30 AND Saturdays, April 7, May 5 & May 19**  
**Based out of the WSU – Everett Campus on 615 N Broadway Ave, 9 AM – 4 PM**

The Enrollment Period for the 2018 Training is now open! *Applications are due on March 7<sup>th</sup>.*

Find the application and more information on the training by visiting our website:

<http://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/naturalresources/beachwatchers>



## Immerse Yourself in Puget Sound

## Become a WSU Beach Watcher!

**Love Nature? Care about our Waters? Want to Give Back?**

Receive 80 hours of classroom and field training on Puget Sound with experts on topics like water quality, climate change, marine wildlife, coastal processes, citizen science, community outreach and more! Then, volunteer 80 hours back over the next 2 years in projects that you select.



**Why is Being a Beach Watcher Awesome?** You will get to immerse yourself in Puget Sound knowledge! Not only will you learn about where you live, you will also get hands-on experience. You'll have the option to share what you have learned to help others better appreciate, understand and conserve Puget Sound health OR get involved in one or several Puget Sound related research projects OR bring your own ideas to craft your own volunteer experience. The options to volunteer are wide-ranging!

**2018 WSU Beach Watcher Training Program**  
**Every Wednesday from March 21 — May 30 AND Saturdays**  
**April 7, May 5 & May 19 from 9 AM — 4:00 PM**  
**Based out of WSU Campus - Everett at 915 N. Broadway Ave**

There is a materials fee of \$55 (Electronic version) or \$75 (Hard copy).  
**All applications are due on March 7.** A free background check is required.

Find our application at <http://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/naturalresources/beachwatchers>

For more information contact: Chrys Bertolotto at [chrys@wsu.edu](mailto:chrys@wsu.edu) or (425) 357-6020



WSU Extension programs are open to all without discrimination.



## 2018 Our Coast FREE Community Film Series February through April Everett and Bothell Locations

Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee is launching a special event film series to educate and inform citizens on local issues and solutions. Events are free and open to the public. Guest speakers will be at each event for a short discussion on each screening. Free popcorn will be provided.

- **Puget Sound Focus.** Featured films – **Return of the King** and **Olympic Coast**  
February 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, University of Washington Bothell, North Creek Events Center
- **Freshwater Focus.** Featured films – **Return of the River** and **Making Way for Salmon**  
February 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Everett Community College, Jackson Conference Center  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, University of Washington Bothell, North Creek Events Center
- **Ocean Focus.** Featured film – **Chasing Coral**  
April 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Everett Community College, Jackson Conference Center  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, University of Washington Bothell, North Creek Events Center

Please RSVP and get your FREE tickets at [www.snocomrc.org](http://www.snocomrc.org).

## Edmonds Starlight Beach Walk Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 8:30 PM Olympic Beach Visitor Station, 200 Admiral Way, Edmonds, WA



Photo by Judy Atkins

Join the adventure of exploring the beach at night! Bring your family and friends for a beach walk under the stars and discover the amazing creatures that live on the beach with the help of WSU Beach Watchers. This is a FREE event for all ages! Hot beverages will be provided to warm up. Wear warm layers, rain gear and bring a flashlight. Sturdy footwear or rubber boots are recommended. No need to RSVP. There will be free parking in the streets. For more information, contact Chrys Bertolotto at [chrys@wsu.edu](mailto:chrys@wsu.edu) or (425) 357-6020.



**WSU Sustainable Community Stewards Present:  
Spring Repair Cafes  
Saturdays, March 10<sup>th</sup> & April 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM – 2 PM  
Spada Conference Room, 3200 Cedar Street, Everett**

**Broken items? Toss them? No way! Bring them to our Repair Café!** At our repair cafes, you will find tools and materials to help you make any repairs you need. You'll also find expert volunteers, with repair skills in all kinds of fields. Bring your broken items from home and let's fix them together!

**Suggested items include:** clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles, crockery, appliances, and toys. This event is FREE and open to the public. **Pre-registration is requested.**

Want to be involved? We are still looking for “fixers” with skilled experience in the following: wood working, soldering, electronics, small engine and jewelry repair, among other similar talents.

Contact Heather Teegarden, SCS Project Coordinator for more information:  
(425) 357-6027 or [heather.teegarden@wsu.edu](mailto:heather.teegarden@wsu.edu)

**Become a Beach Naturalist!  
Wednesdays, May 9 & May 16 AND Saturday, May 19  
From 9 AM – 4 PM each day. Locations vary.**

**Do you wonder what lives on Puget Sound beaches?**

**Do you enjoy sharing what you know with others?**

If so, take 20 hours of training with WSU Beach Watchers to learn about marine life and how to share your knowledge with the public. Then, volunteer at least 14 hours by participating in at least 4 events with Beach Watchers during the spring and summer times in the Edmonds, Mukilteo and Stanwood areas. The training location will rotate between Everett, Mukilteo and Edmonds.



**An application due on April 25<sup>th</sup>** and a free background check are required. There is also a \$35 materials fee. For more information, visit the Beach Watcher's site at [extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/naturalresources/beachwatchers](http://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/naturalresources/beachwatchers) or contact Chrys Bertolotto at (425) 357-6020, [chrys@wsu.edu](mailto:chrys@wsu.edu).

## Volunteer Opportunities



~ **Kicking Off Festival Season** ~  
**Conservation District Plant Sale Tabling**  
**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM**  
**Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe, WA**

It's time to promote the Beach Watcher training and share information about Puget Sound and how to protect it! This year, we'll be part of the Snohomish Conservation District plant sale educational booths at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe. Each year, their sale draws over 1,200 landowners to the event, many of whom are interested in environmental stewardship.

We recruited some volunteers, but if you would like to help, please do! Shifts are from 7:30 – 10:30 AM, 10:15 – 1:15 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. **Please contact Anne-Ly Kahle or Andrea Massoni (Class of 2017) to sign up for a shift or feel free to show up!**

**Edmonds' Starlight Beach Walk**  
**Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 8:30 PM**  
**Olympic Beach, 200 Admiral Way, Edmonds**  
**Volunteers arrive at 6:30 PM**

We are recruiting volunteers to help families discover the wonders of the beach during night low tides under the stars! With support from the Snohomish County MRC (Marine Resources Committee) and the City of Edmonds, Beach Watchers and Beach Naturalists will be leading low tide exploration at Edmonds' Olympic Beach. Everyone is invited to wear warm layers, raingear, rubber boots or sturdy footwear, bring a headlamp or flashlight and join the magical adventure of low tide exploration in the dark. Hot beverages will be provided to ward off the chill.



**To volunteer** for this exciting event, please RSVP with Chrys Bertolotto at [chrys@wsu.edu](mailto:chrys@wsu.edu) or (425) 357-6020. Details are below.

**Meeting Place:** Olympic Beach Visitor Station located at the fishing pier

**Volunteers Arrival:** At 6:30 PM, get your volunteer arm band and listen to the plan for the night

**Parking:** Free on the street

## Share Your Puget Sound Knowledge with Local Youth! Become a Classroom Presenter



Heads up! Every year, Beach Watcher volunteers visit schools all over Snohomish County to give a PowerPoint presentation to the youth we educate at the beach during the spring. These presentations happen prior to each school's beach visit and cover intertidal zonation, the marine food web, sea creature adaptations, beach etiquette and a few other topics.

**We are looking for volunteers** to deliver these presentations! If you are interested, please sign up with Kendra Schmiedeskamp

(Class of 2017) and let her know if you have been trained on giving these presentations before.

If you have never presented before, no problem! **An updated training will be offered soon** for anyone who is interested, so stay tuned and **pre-register with Kendra**. At the training we'll get familiar with the PowerPoint presentation, learn how to deliver the information to the kids, and learn how to use audio visual aids. Before they fly solo, new presenters will get to shadow an experienced presenter.

### Howarth Park Beach Wrack Survey Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM Howarth Park Beach, Everett



*Photo courtesy of Scott Calhoun*

A special note from Scott about January's beach wrack survey on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

*"Most of you missed a wonderful time at the beach this morning. It was a beautiful morning at Howarth Park Beach with eagles swooping, ducks dabbling, seagulls calling, and sea lions barking. The wind was calm and sun was warm (I've attached a photo from this morning's beach wrack survey so you can see how nice it was; or ask Ani, Lynn, or Jim)."*

We will meet on the beach near the base of the railroad bridge at **10:00 am**. We have been taking about 2.5 to 3 hours to complete the survey. We can use your help for any part of that time. Newcomers are welcome. We'll train you on how to help when you get there.

We will be identifying eelgrass, marine algae, and human debris (plastics). The marine algae will be divided up into *Ulva* (sea lettuce), *Fucus* (rockweed), and other. So, you don't need to be a crack marine algae ID genius to help us.

Although it is always warm and sunny when we go to the beach, it will probably be cold, windy, and maybe even –gasp- rainy or snowy on your way to the beach! Please dress in warm layers.

Researchers from the University of Washington, State of Washington, and Snohomish County collected beach wrack data before the Howarth Park beach restoration and are now collecting the post-project data. Unfortunately, they have money to do only a couple of days of collection. That's where we come in. If we can collect beach wrack data for more months, the researchers will have a much better data set and their resulting conclusions will be much stronger. We all want to know if the beach restoration money is having the positive effect that we hope it is

We would like to have a minimum of 4 volunteers this month. We can probably use a maximum of 20. There will be more collection/training dates through the winter.

Please email Scott Calhoun (Class of 2016), if you can help with time on the beach. And thanks to those hardy souls who already have been surveying the beach with Scott.



**Office Work Party**  
**Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**  
**McCollum Park, Evergreen Room**

Join fellow Beach Watchers to help put the Beach Watcher training material together for the 2018 class. You may bring snacks and Beach Watcher stories to share while our hands are busy. Thank you to those who sign up at the membership meeting. Others **please contact Linda Lambert (Class of 2015) to sign up** or just show up.

**Beach Watcher Social Committee – [Join Us!](#)**  
**Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**McCollum Park, Extension Conference Room**

The Social Committee met in January and plans to continue offering field trips, monthly breakfasts, a possible movie outing and a Late Summer Celebration / Volunteer Recognition Event this year! We are looking for additional people to bring ideas, energy and some 'can do' muscle to the group! We're meeting in March to decide what activities we want to make happen, and when. **To learn more or let us know you're coming, please contact Linda Whatley (Class of 2013).**

**[Have Ideas for Field Trips? We want to hear from you!](#)** We've already dreamed up three great outing ideas – two to Skagit County to explore Kiket Island and a bike ride on the Tommy Thompson Trails and a possible visit to North Creek wetlands. **If you have ideas, please send them to Judy Atkins (Class of 2013) or Carol Forsberg (Class of 2006).**

## 2018 Howarth Park Beach Cleanup Schedule is Here! Save the Dates and Sign Up with Dave!

Get outside, be on the beach! Join us to pick up trash and prevent pollution entering Puget Sound while keeping the beach clean! We'll meet in the lower parking lot of Howarth Park every other month. Dress for the weather and bring rubber coated garden gloves or pickers, if you have them. We will have some of both available if you don't have these items. We are typically on the beach about an hour. **Please sign up with Dave Compton (Class of 2010) to volunteer and learn more about the timings.**

March 20<sup>th</sup>

May 14<sup>th</sup>

July 17<sup>th</sup>

September 24<sup>th</sup>

November 5<sup>th</sup>

### Oiled Wildlife HAZWOPER Training Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM – 5 PM Jackson Conference Center, Everett Community College 2000 Tower St. Everett, WA



*If you're interested in helping oiled wildlife response efforts here is your chance to receive free training - in advance of an oil spill.*

#### Learn Important Safety Skills

This one-day interactive training will help you understand how to recognize, react, and protect yourself from the hazards associated with an oil spill. The class will cover hazardous situation recognition, personal protective equipment, decontamination procedures, and an overview of how oil spill response operations are conducted. The class also examines hazards associated with working around oiled wildlife.

**NOTE:** *While some of the subject matter discussed is related to oiled wildlife specific hazards, this training is not a wildlife handling or treatment course.*

#### How to Register for Training

Please register no later than March 17<sup>th</sup> for the Everett class (there is also a second class being offered on February 10<sup>th</sup> in Port Angeles – the deadline to register for this class is February 3<sup>rd</sup>). There are two ways to register:

1. Go to [www.oilspills101.wa.gov](http://www.oilspills101.wa.gov).
2. Send an email to Nhi Irwin at [nhi.irwin@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nhi.irwin@ecy.wa.gov) with the preferred date of attendance. If you are registering for more than one person, please provide their name and email address as well.

### What to Expect from the Training

- \* Check in starts at 7:30 AM, so please come early. Class will start promptly at 8:00 AM.
- \* Come prepared to be part of an interactive day of training, including demonstration of incident briefings and break-out sessions for group discussions.
- \* Light refreshments will be served, but you are on your own for lunch. The Everett facility provides desks, but the Port Angeles facility does not have a writing surface, so you may want to bring a notebook or clipboard.
- \* Upon completion, you will receive an 8-hr Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) certificate. This class satisfies the annual HAZWOPER renewal requirements.

## Spring Youth Education Beach Field Trips Please Sign Up! April through June

Each year we invite teachers and their classes to join us at Mukilteo Lighthouse Park and Kayak Point County Park during spring low tides. We need a large number of our Beach Naturalists to help out on the scheduled dates. Times typically are a three-hour block between 8 AM – 3:45 PM. Please contact Chrys Bertolotto at (425) 357-6020 or [chrys@wsu.edu](mailto:chrys@wsu.edu) to sign up for dates at specific beaches. **Times posted below include set up and clean up/debrief times.**



*Please note that the following are the dates and times advertised to teachers. If a school doesn't sign up for one or more of these dates, there will be no field trip on such dates. Each month this schedule will be updated as schools sign up.*

#### Mukilteo Lighthouse Park

- May 1 (Tuesday): Wellington Elementary (1<sup>st</sup> grade). 11 AM – 2 PM *(6 volunteers needed)*
- May 15 (Tuesday): Woodin Elementary (3<sup>rd</sup> grade). 10 AM – 1 PM *(6 volunteers needed)*
- May 16 (Wednesday): Challenger Elementary (Kinder). 11 AM – 2 PM *(4 volunteers needed)*
- June 12 (Tuesday): Columbia Elementary (3<sup>rd</sup> grade). 9:15 AM – 12:15 PM *(8 volunteers needed)*

#### Kayak Point County Park

- May 15 (Tuesday): Kent Prairie Elementary (2<sup>nd</sup> grade). 10 AM – 1 PM *(8 volunteers needed)*
- May 30 (Wednesday): Eagle Creek Elementary (4<sup>th</sup> grade). 10:45 AM – 1:45 PM *(8 volunteers needed)*
- May 31 (Thursday): Darrington School (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades). 11:15 AM – 2:15 PM *(8 volunteers needed)*
- June 11 (Monday): Cougar Creek & English Crossing (2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grades). 8:30 – 11:30 AM *(4 volunteers needed)*
- June 12 (Tuesday): Cedar Home Elementary (4<sup>th</sup> grade). 9:15 AM – 12:15 PM *(8 volunteers needed)*

*Other Dates Being Advertised to Teachers (no schools have signed up yet for these dates)*

April 18 (Wednesday): 12 – 3 PM  
 April 30 (Monday): 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM  
 May 2 (Wednesday): 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM  
 May 18 (Friday): 12:30 – 3:30 PM  
 June 1 (Friday): 12 – 3 PM  
 June 12 (Tuesday): 9 AM – 12 PM  
 June 13 (Wednesday): 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

## Working Group Leads

If you would like to get involved with any of these efforts, share your ideas or stay connected with the following activities, please contact the WSU Beach Watcher listed. If you are interested in any of these lead spots, please contact Chrys Bertolotto at (425) 357-6020 or [chrys@wsu.edu](mailto:chrys@wsu.edu).

**BEACH Program:** Tim Ellis

**Crabber Education:** **VACANT**

**EBB TIDE Newsletter:** Chuck LoPresti

**Edmonds Summer Naturalists:** Nancy Engen

**Facebook Communications:** Jim Traugott

**Festivals:** Anne-Ly Kahle and Andrea Massoni

**Howarth Park Beach Cleanups:** Dave Compton

**Howarth Park Beach Wrack Surveys:** Scott Calhoun

**Intertidal Beach Monitoring:** Paul Granquist

**Kayak Point Beach Days:** Sandy Evans

**Kayak Point Youth Spring Field Trips:** **VACANT**

**Mission Beach Water Testing:** Lynn Lichtenberg

**Monthly Breakfast:** Bill McLaughlin

**Mukilteo Lighthouse Park Kiosks:** Scott Montgomery

**Mukilteo Lighthouse Park Naturalist Team:** Tim Ellis and Linda Lambert

**Office Work Parties:** Linda Lambert

**Online Calendar Notices:** Carol Bradley

**Pre-School Library Readings:** Jane Crawford

**Social Committee:** Linda Whatley, Judy Atkins and Carol Forsberg

**Veterinary Clinic Outreach:** Karen Langseth

**Youth Classroom Presentations:** Kendra Schmiedeskamp

## A Wavy Column

Dearest Beach Watchers and Beach Naturalists,

There is no easy way for me to say this, so it is with a heavy heart that I let you know that I will be leaving WSU Snohomish County Extension on February 9th. For over 3 years, I have had the pleasure to work along your side in the Beach Watcher program and it has been one of my best professional experiences ever! Your passion and commitment towards Puget Sound conservation and the way your voices and beautiful smiles inspire wonder and appreciation in others, is something quite motivational and valuable – never forget that! You are an AWESOME group of volunteers, doing great things and I will miss working with you all very much. Although, I do hope to join you at the beach or at the monthly breakfast in the near future, so hopefully I'll see you around! If you are



wondering what I'll be doing next, I'll be trying to figure that out too! But I also need some time to take better care of my health.

I am confident that Chrys will do her best to make this staff transition as short and smooth as possible. **I encourage those who have some time off to offer your help with administrative support for Beach Watchers (or other natural resource programming that Chrys is also working on).** As you know from our office work parties, [extra] *hands make lighter work!*

Again, thank you for everything you do. I have had a great time learning and working along your side towards a healthier Puget Sound.

Cordially,  
*Yolimar*

### The Transition – from Chrys

I'm very sorry to see Yolimar leave us but wish her all the best in whatever path she takes forward. In the short-term, I'll be covering project bases along with our team leaders (thank you!), while also making sure we have a full and amazing 2018 Training program. I intend to hire temporary staff to provide necessary support to our projects with as little disruption as possible. Longer-term, I need to assess budgets and the huge suite of projects that Yolimar worked on – I doubt I can find one person to do all that has done! I'd like to also think about how we can best serve the program which might be trying to have one staff person who supports ALL of the Beach Watcher program needs, as some of you veterans will recall from years ago. With this challenge, also comes opportunity to do things better in the future!

I've got quite a full plate right now as we enter the hiring process for the vacant Sustainable Community Steward Coordinator position and new grants coming on. I'm happy to report that Heather Teegarden was recently hired on a temporary basis to fill in on the SCS program, so all is not lost! Since I don't have someone in mind to fill Yolimar's position, I need to go through a recruiting and interviewing process and don't expect to have someone on board until the end of March. Until then, please be patient with me and I definitely welcome offers of help! You can reach me at (425) 357-6020 and [chrys@wsu.edu](mailto:chrys@wsu.edu).

Great Adventurous Days Ahead!

*Chrys*

## Wish List for Snohomish County Beach Watchers



- A **portable 10 – 12 Cup Coffee Pot** for Beach Watcher Training and out-of-office events
- A **Tutor / Data Entry Wizard in Excel** for Intertidal Beach Characterization Data
- **Social Committee Members** – Join us on 3/14 at McCollum at 10:30 AM.
- **New Team Leaders! (Thank you to those who have taken on new roles!)**

Please contact Chrys at [chrys@wsu.edu](mailto:chrys@wsu.edu) or (425) 357-6020 if you have items or time you want to donate to Beach Watchers. Team leaders can also put in wish list items to assist with their projects and activities by sending their wishes to Chuck Lo Presti (Class of 2013) to announce in the Ebb Tide.

## Beach Watcher Member Section

### We have a new e-mail list serve



The Lyris-based system has been retired and replaced with a new email list server. It is [snobeachwatchers@lists.cahnrs.wsu.edu](mailto:snobeachwatchers@lists.cahnrs.wsu.edu). Please save this email address and use it to communicate with all of our Beach Watchers.

Please notice that is it VERY similar to the old one (instead of “lyris”, it is now “lists”), so **be careful** not to send your messages to the old email. If you are unsure if your message went through, you can always ask us, and we can check the list serve manager - although you should always receive in your inbox a copy of the message you sent, since you are a subscriber of the Beach Watcher mailing list.

Contact Chrys to report problems or if you have any questions.

### Dinner Fundraiser at Edmonds' Salt & Iron is Cancelled

Unfortunately, the restaurant did not respond to our GroupRaise application even though we tried a couple of times, so our application got cancelled. This means that we won't be having the fundraiser dinner there. **Chrys will be looking for a new restaurant to do the Beach Watcher fundraiser at and we'll be letting everyone know when the new plan is confirmed.**

### Beach Watcher Events Google Calendar



Want to know what Beach Watchers events are coming up? Visit our Snohomish County Beach Watchers Google Calendar to learn more, enjoy! Note: It might be a good idea to bookmark this link.

<http://beachwatchers.wsu.edu/snohomish/events/index.htm>

## Beach Watcher Monthly Breakfast

Come, join us for fun filled conversation and breakfast at Patty's Egg Nest on 128th St. SW, Everett. We meet the second Wednesday of each month 9:00 A.M.

### Beach Watcher Basics

	Beach Watcher Breakfast!	Beach Watcher Facebook Page <a href="#">Like Us!</a>	Beach Watcher Web Tools	Contributions to Ebb Tide
When Is It?	Monthly, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 9 AM	ANY TIME!	24 Hours a Day, Every Day!	Submissions last day of the month.
How Can I Find It?	Patty's Egg Nest, 303 128 <sup>th</sup> St. SW, South Everett	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/snohomishbeachwatchers">www.facebook.com/snohomishbeachwatchers</a>	<a href="http://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/naturalresources/beachwatchers/volunteer-tools/">http://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/naturalresources/beachwatchers/volunteer-tools/</a>	Arrives to your email every month
Why Should I Care?	Great conversations and getting to know fellow Beach Watchers!	Newsletters help organizations to stay together. Great way to Get and Share Information.	Find anything you need – events calendar, link to volunteer hour database, notices, flyers, great web links, and more!	Ebb Tide is the main way that volunteers get information. We want submissions of articles, cool events, photos, etc., from Beach Watchers.
Want More Information?	<b>See Working Group Leads Contacts Above!</b>			

### Volunteer Milestones

The following volunteers reported the number of hours below. Congrats for all your hard work!

#### 5000 Hours

Bernie Busch (Class of 2007)

#### 1000 Hours

Michael Kyte (Class of 2014)

#### 100 Hours

Cheryl Jensen (Class of 2016)  
Janet Loehr (Class of 2014)

### Beach Watcher Highlights

Dates	Type	Title	Location / Time
February 10	Festival	Conservation District Plant Sale	Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe. 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM
February 14	Social	Monthly Breakfast	Patty's Egg Nest, 303 128th St. SW, 9 AM
February 26	Naturalists	Starlight Beach Walk	Edmonds' Olympic Beach 7 – 8:30 PM (Naturalists arrive at 6:30 PM)
February 28	Volunteer	Beach Wrack Survey	Howarth Park Beach, Everett 10:00 AM

Dates	Type	Title	Location / Time
March 12	Office Party	Prep for BW Training	McCullum Park, Evergreen Room, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
March 14	Social	Monthly Breakfast	Patty's Egg Nest, 303 128 <sup>th</sup> St. SW, 9 AM
March 14	Social – planning	Social Committee Meeting	McCullum Park, Everett 10:30 AM
March 20	Stewardship	Beach Cleanup	Howarth Park, Everett Time TBA.
March 21 – May 30	Core Training	Beach Watcher Training	WSU – Everett Campus on 915 N Broadway Ave Wednesdays, 9 AM – 4 PM
March 23	Regular Meeting	Beach Watcher Meeting	Evergreen Room, McCullum Park, Everett. 10 AM – 1 PM
April 11	Social	Monthly Breakfast	Patty's Egg Nest, 303 128 <sup>th</sup> St. SW, 9 AM
April 18	Youth Education	Classroom Beach Field Trips	Mukilteo and Kayak Point. 12 – 3 PM
April 30	Youth Education	Classroom Beach Field Trips	Mukilteo and Kayak Point. 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM
May 1	Youth Education	Classroom Beach Field Trips	Mukilteo and Kayak Point. 11 AM – 2 PM
May 2	Youth Education	Classroom Beach Field Trips	Mukilteo and Kayak Point. 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM
May 3	Advanced Training	BEACH Training (tentative)	Location and Time TBD.
May 9	Naturalist	Beach Naturalist Training	Location TBA. 9 AM – 4 PM
May 11	Advanced Training	Intertidal Beach Characterization Training (tentative)	Location and Time TBD.
May 15	Youth Education	Classroom Beach Field Trips	Mukilteo and Kayak Point. 10 AM – 1 PM
May 16	Youth Education	Classroom Beach Field Trips	Mukilteo and Kayak Point. 11 AM – 2 PM
May 16	Naturalist	Beach Naturalist Training	Location TBA. 9 AM – 4 PM
May 18	Youth Education	Classroom Beach Field Trips	Mukilteo and Kayak Point. 12:30 – 3:30 PM
May 19	Naturalist	Beach Naturalist Training	Location TBA. 9 AM – 4 PM

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