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Big Solutions Ahead for 2009

By Kerry McHugh, Communications Associate

This year's Environmental Priorities tackle some of the biggest issues of our day head on: climate change, energy efficiency, how we develop our communities, and clean water.

These are not simple issues, but by taking a proactive approach to solutions, we can put Washington in front of the nation. The Environmental Priorities Coalition has taken on tough issues before and knows what it takes to succeed in Olympia.

Each year the Environmental Priorities Coalition, made up of over twenty of the state's leading environmental groups, selects four legislative priorities. By making tough decisions ahead of time about where to focus our community resources, we're better able to advance our goals in the state capitol.

WEC is taking a lead role on two of the Priorities, *Invest in Clean Water* and, with Climate Solutions, *Cap and Invest*. We are working with partners to build coalitions, educate legislators, and get people involved and excited about all four Priorities.

Below is a brief preview of each of the four Priority bills.

Cap and Invest

By implementing real limits on global warming pollution, we will create new jobs and stimulate the growth of a clean energy economy here in Washington State. This effort starts by putting a cap on greenhouse gas emissions, and then having polluters pay when they pollute. This new revenue will be invested to reduce fossil fuel dependence and spur new clean-tech innovation, while assisting moderate- and low-income people with volatile energy prices. Through state action now, we will reduce global warming pollution in a manner that benefits Washington's economy, helps us shape regional and national programs, and situates us at the cutting edge of the new clean energy economy.

Efficiency First

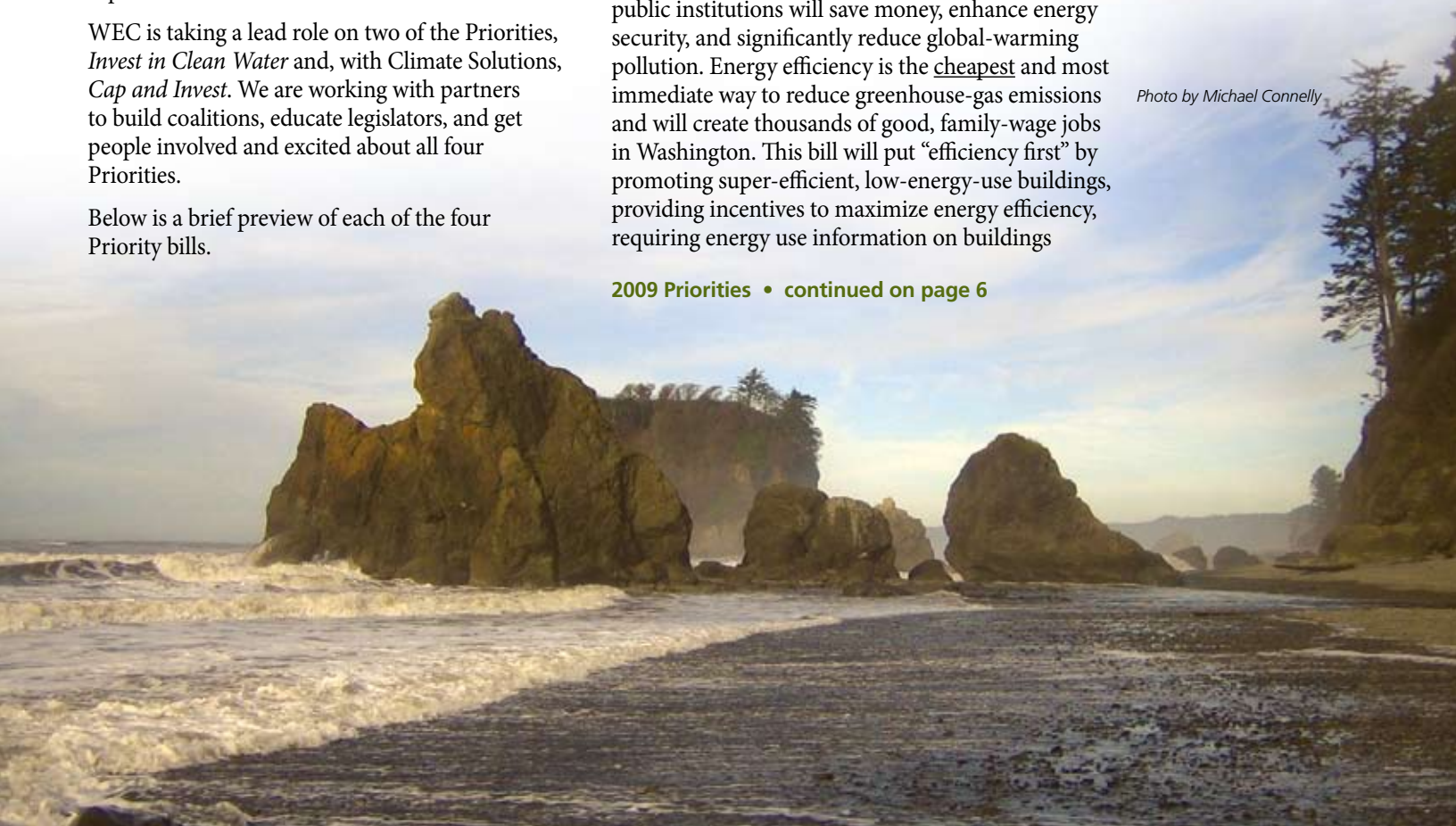
Promoting energy efficient homes, businesses and public institutions will save money, enhance energy security, and significantly reduce global-warming pollution. Energy efficiency is the cheapest and most immediate way to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and will create thousands of good, family-wage jobs in Washington. This bill will put "efficiency first" by promoting super-efficient, low-energy-use buildings, providing incentives to maximize energy efficiency, requiring energy use information on buildings

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President's Message

2008 has been a momentous year for our country, our state, and here at WEC. Our country and our state chose — decisively — to head in a progressive direction. WEC is well positioned to lead the way toward bold and necessary action on critical environmental issues in 2009.

The most important environmental issue in 2009 will be climate change. WEC worked early in 2008 to pass the *Climate Action and Green Jobs* law. Throughout the summer and the election season, we engaged in a campaign to inform and engage voters on this important issue. We made some great progress connecting the dots for voters and legislators. We are now ready to make the final push to enact a climate change program in our state: three of the four Environmental Priorities for 2009 relate to climate change. These Priorities have been coordinated with other states throughout the Western US, so that they will form the foundation of President Obama's climate change program at the federal level.

The Priorities we've chosen for 2009 reflect both the seriousness of the challenges which face us and the optimism we feel about our abilities to advance change. If successful, they could change the way our state goes about reducing climate pollution, promoting energy efficiency, planning for our communities, and investing in clean water. To advance these solutions, we'll need to work harder than ever to build coalitions, educate legislators, and let the public know what's happening in Olympia.

WEC held our 40th Anniversary Celebration this November and exceeded our fundraising goal, raising over \$150,000 net — thank you to our supporters! This event illustrated what WEC does best — bring people together and make things happen. I had the honor of introducing former Governor Dan Evans, who presented the Founder's Award to past WEC President Joan Thomas. Listening to the two of them talk about the real advances in environmental protection they helped bring about over forty years, I felt a strong sense of continuity and of hope.

Our work in 2009 will build on the belief that WEC was founded upon: people who care about Washington's environment can work together to make our voices heard. I look forward to working with all of you in 2009.



Rod Brown, President



Free E-Waste Recycling Starts January 1st

By Mo McBroom, Policy Director

With the holiday shopping season upon us, E-Cycle Washington is gearing up to give consumers an easy and, for the first time, free way to dispose of their old computers and televisions after unwrapping their new high tech gifts. The program will launch on January 1, just as electronics retailers are wrapping up their busiest time of year.

In 2006, WEC teamed up with Washington Citizens for Resource Conservation, Hewlett-Packard, Washington Retail Association, and other non-profits to pass this bill as one of the four Environmental Priorities. The system we put in place will provide a convenient, safe and more environmentally-sound recycling option for unwanted computers and televisions, paid for entirely by the electronics manufacturers.

At the time we won this victory, Washington was one of the first states in the nation to pass a law putting the responsibility on the producer, not the taxpayers, for recycling of electronics. This means the companies that produce electronics will also pay for and manage their recycling. It is hoped that this will, in turn, provide additional incentives for manufacturers to reduce the use of toxic materials, since they will have to pay for their disposal. Since passage of Washington's landmark law, over a dozen other states have passed laws requiring manufacturers to pay to recycle obsolete electronics.

According to the EPA's 2007 figures, nearly 82 percent of the 2.25 million tons of e-waste generated in this country ends up in landfills or incinerators, where dangerous toxins can leach into groundwater or get released into the air. The portion collected for recycling is largely exported to developing countries, which often lack adequate protections for workers or the environment

In Washington, millions of pounds of unwanted electronic products currently end up in our landfills each year. E-Cycle Washington will change that by providing a comprehensive and convenient network of free collection sites. For the new program, the manufacturers have voluntarily committed to using recyclers who meet preferred standards developed by the Department of Ecology. This is a big step forward in increasing environmental and health protections.

Starting in January, you'll be able to recycle old electronics for free.



We expect to collect and process over 20 million pounds of electronic waste in the first year of operations," said John Friedrich, Executive Director of the Washington Materials Management & Financing Authority. "E-cycling will be available at over 200 individual collection sites, in every county in the state and in every city or town with a population greater than 10,000—making electronics recycling easier and more convenient than ever."

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For up-to-date information about E-Cycle Washington, including collection site information, consumers can visit www.ecyclewashington.org. Groups with over 10 units to recycle should call 1.866.779.6632 for instructions. The program begins on January 1, 2009.

2008 Vim Wright Stewardship Award

Headlin Farms, located in the Skagit Valley, was selected as this year's winner of Farming and the Environment's annual Vim Wright Stewardship Award. This annual award recognizes Washington producers who provide exemplary stewardship of soil, water, air, and the wildlife habitat. The award honors the late Vim Wright, who dedicated her life to protecting Washington's environment and keeping family farms in business. The VIM Fund at WEC is a proud supporter of these awards.



Working for the future of Washington farms

By Mo McBroom, Policy Director

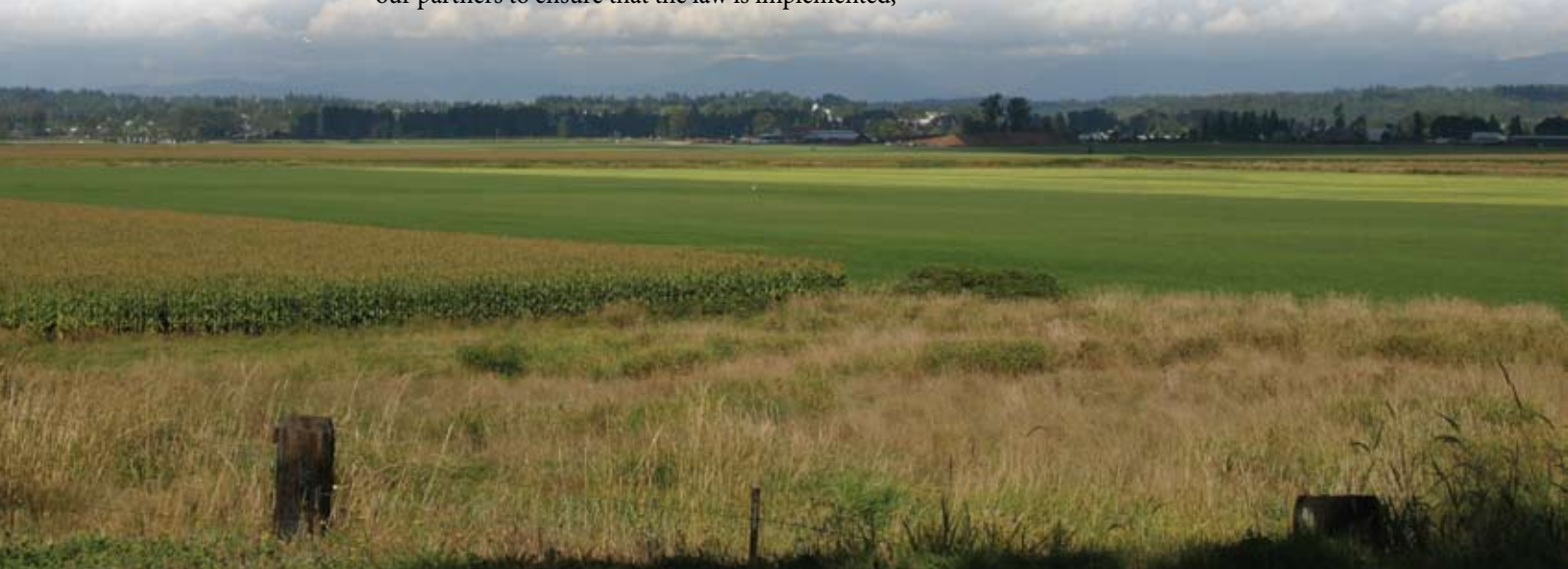
Vibrant farming communities and working lands are an integral part of our state's heritage, and provide habitat, spectacular vistas, and our best defense against rampant suburban sprawl. Unfortunately, all too often we hear about conflicts between environmentalists and farmers. WEC is working to change that. We believe we can and must keep our farmers farming and protect the environment at the same time. That is why WEC is teaming up with farming interests and focusing on issues that will protect and preserve Washington's farmlands by promoting a legacy of sustainable agricultural practices and strong local food markets.

This last winter, WEC led the effort to enact the *Local Farms - Healthy Kids* bill, which seeks to grow the market for locally produced food through our schools, farmers markets and foodbanks. With the passage of the *Local Farms - Healthy Kids* Act, Washington now has the most comprehensive local foods program in the nation - yet there is still significant work to be done. WEC is now working with our partners to ensure that the law is implemented,

despite the challenges posed by the recent economic downturn. We know that promoting local food is a great way to keep dollars in the state and stimulate rural economies.

This fall, we made major steps forward in translating this legislative victory into real on-the-ground progress: the Department of Agriculture appointed its Farm-to-School coordinator, who will be tasked with making critical links between schools and farmers. Three food banks systems signed contracts with community farms so that they can provide fresh, locally-grown produce to their clients. Finally, 25 lower-income elementary schools were provided grants to enable locally grown fresh fruit and vegetable snacks to be regularly provided in the classroom.

Now, WEC is creating a Farm-to-School toolkit, to help parents become advocates for bringing farm-fresh food into their schools. Stay tuned! If you're interested in getting a copy of the toolkit when it's published, email Kerri Cechovic at kerri@wecprotects.org.



Clean water: we can't live without it

By Mo McBroom, Policy Director

Rivers and streams supply the water that is so important to the health of our families, communities, and economies. Rivers like the Dungeness, Skagit, Stillaguamish, Wenatchee, Walla Walla, Spokane and Columbia are some of the true crown jewels of our natural heritage and are home to fish and wildlife, including salmon and steelhead.

Water is a limited and publicly-owned resource which is asked to meet many demands – for drinking water, for municipalities and industries, and for agriculture. Unfortunately, with population growth and climate change, more and more rivers are over-tapped. In our rush to build and expand, we forgot that rivers need water; that our water supply is limited.

This scarcity is creating uncertainty, threatening livelihoods and some communities. If we don't improve the way we manage this precious resource, we will face serious consequences. And if climate change continues unchecked, the strain on the water supply will grow exponentially. Unfortunately, efforts to improve water management in Washington have often foundered because of perceived incompatibility between the interests of the environment and those of water users.

It's time for a new coming together, a collaborative approach that recognizes we can balance competing needs, we can protect streams while providing certainty and security for farmers and other water users. That is why WEC has teamed up with American Rivers and the Washington Rivers Conservancy to promote a proactive and collaborative effort to

improve water management. Together, we are reaching out to farmers, irrigators and others to build a meaningful dialogue across the state, and identify solutions that will work for people, farms and fish.

As we move into the 2009 legislative session, WEC will support polices that:

- Increase basic understanding of water availability: We withdraw billions of gallons of water every day from rivers, streams and aquifers across the state, yet we are missing essential information about exactly how much water is used and when.
- Establish basic environmental protections: Roughly two-thirds of the rivers and streams in the state have never been evaluated to determine the minimum amount of water needed to keep them healthy and functioning. Without this information, it is difficult to manage water withdrawals and difficult to establish goals for restoration efforts.
- Promote accountability: Wasteful and illegal water use harms both the environment and other water users. Due to political pitfalls and a lack of funding, there is little-to-no enforcement against water users who waste water or exceed their permit conditions.

Washington's water crisis is real and long-standing, but if environmentalists and water users can come together, commonsense solutions are within reach. WEC and our partners are committed to bridging the divide and creating a sustainable water future for all Washingtonians that includes healthy rivers and streams, secure water rights, and sustainable communities.

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offered for sale or lease; and making our public buildings models of energy efficiency. This policy will also help to ensure that low-income consumers can cope with rising energy costs.

Transit-Oriented Communities

Washingtonians want to live in affordable, walkable and transit-oriented communities. With population growth, we are facing increased traffic congestion, diminished quality of life, and ever-increasing greenhouse gas emissions. *Transit-Oriented Communities* would revise the state's transportation and land-use planning framework to assist local jurisdictions to plan for growth in a sustainable and climate-friendly way. The bill will provide incentives for cities and developers to create affordable, livable, transit-oriented development, increasing transportation choices.

Invest in Clean Water

From Puget Sound to the Spokane River, clean water is Washington's lifeblood and our communities can't thrive without it. This package of targeted polluter-pays fees will protect the taxpaying public and ensure that polluters take responsibility for the impacts of their actions. The effort will raise new revenue to fund critical projects to save Puget Sound and restore Washington's rivers and lakes. By investing in stormwater infrastructure, toxics prevention and other programs, we create

new jobs, relieve financial pressure on local government, and promote new economic stimulus.

If you're interested in more in-depth information on any of these proposals, please visit www.environmentalpriorities.org. If you'd like to get involved in making them reality, please join us for Legislative Workshop on January 10th and Lobby Day on February 19th (more information on the back cover of this newsletter).

The groups that make up the 2009 Environmental Priorities Coalition are:

American Rivers	People for Puget Sound
Audubon Washington	Sierra Club Cascade Chapter
Climate Solutions	Surfrider Foundation
Conservation NW	The Nature Conservancy of Washington
Earth Ministry	Transportation Choices Coalition
Environment Washington	Fuse
Futurewise	Washington Citizens for Resource Conservation
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Green Jobs in the Legislature

In 2008 the Legislature passed the *Climate Action and Green Jobs* law to protect our environment and grow the state's clean energy economy. This was an environmental community Priority and we pushed hard for its passage. The law was an important step forward and established the first statewide green jobs training program in the country. This

year, we are asking legislators to invest in the state's clean energy future by funding the green jobs training program at \$10 million.

This funding would:

- Provide financial aid and support for students to be trained in green careers;
- Allow community colleges, apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs to develop curriculum for clean energy training programs;
- Create dialogues with industries in growing clean energy sectors so we can be sure the state is providing smart training that will help us grow our clean energy future.

Investing in the state's green jobs training program will provide much needed economic stimulus for the state and will help to ensure that Washington's future is one with more widely-shared prosperity than the fossil fuel economy of the past. Green jobs are essential to building a clean energy economy in Washington. We need trained workers to power our economy forward.

Community members gather for a Green Jobs Day of Action in Bellevue organized by 1Sky Washington.



Engaging Environmental Voters

By Brendon Cechovic, Voter Education Program Director

It has been almost one year since the Washington Conservation Voters Education Fund merged with Washington Environmental Council, creating the new WEC Voter Education Program. This year also happened to be the biggest election year of my lifetime, providing our staff and volunteers an opportunity to connect with environmental voters in new and exciting ways.

We all know that the choices we make in elections have a lasting impact on our environment. From the Governor's office to local city councils, our elected officials make choices every day that affect the quality of our air, land, and water – and ultimately the quality of our lives. An engaged, educated electorate is the key to lasting environmental protection in the Pacific Northwest.

Our goal at the Voter Education Program is to identify those who care about environmental protection in Washington and engage them in civic action through innovation, research, and education. Some of our highlights from this exciting year include:

- Running a large-scale nonpartisan campaign to elevate the issue of climate change in state legislative races across the state;
- Empowering the environmental community to reach out to their members and other environmental voters during the election season;
- Providing cutting-edge research resources to our partners in the environmental community;
- Directly contacting tens of thousands of voters about the importance of voting in every race on the ballot, and not stopping after they voted for President; and
- Playing an important role in the successful No on I-985 and Yes on Sound Transit ballot measure campaigns.

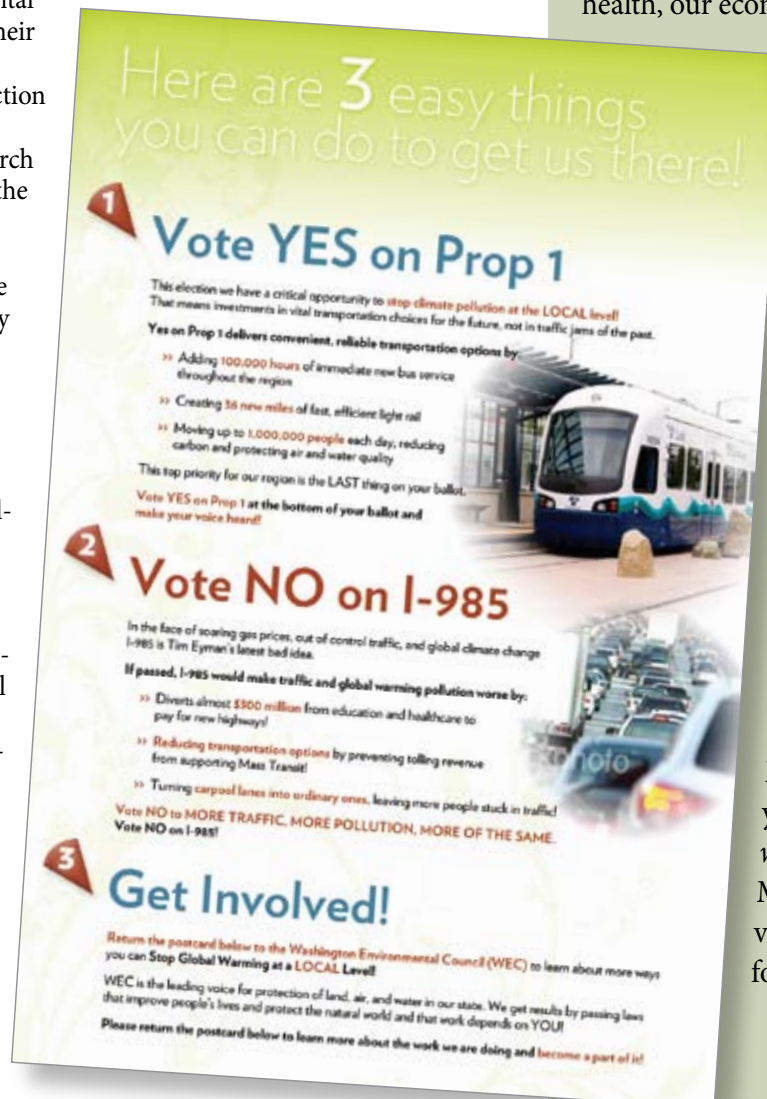
Moving forward, we'll use tools that we've developed during the election season to build momentum for the 2009 Environmental Priorities. We will also continue to build the capacity of the environmental movement in Washington by working to engage the public in our fight for lasting environmental protection. For more information, visit our website at www.wecprotects.org/voter-education.

Give the gift of a healthier planet this holiday season!

What do your friends and family want this year? Another thingamajig to collect dust in the corner or the knowledge that they have helped bring our state one step closer to environmental sustainability? WEC's work affects every aspect of our society – our health, our economy, and the way we enjoy the quality of life in our beautiful state. This year, many people are choosing to make their holiday giving really count – what could be more cherished than the gift of a healthier planet?

New: when you give a gift to WEC in honor of a friend, family member or colleague, that person will receive a gift card from WEC explaining the gift (excluding amount).

Mention the honoree when you give online at www.wecprotects.org or call our Membership Associate, David Gorton at 206.631.2608 for more information.



Mailer sent by the Voter Education Program on I-985 and Prop. 1.

WEC's 40th Anniversary Celebration: So They Might Soar

On November 7, WEC celebrated our 40th Anniversary. Over 500 of our closest friends and supporters from the past 40 years gathered at The Westin Hotel in downtown Seattle. Thanks to generosity of those who attended, we exceeded our fundraising goal – over \$150,000 net raised for WEC programs!

The evening began with energized conversation, delicious cocktails and our best-ever silent auction. Even though people had lots to talk about – whether the events of election week or the past 40 years – the silent auction rooms were teeming with energy. The bidding was fierce, but friendly, as people competed for weekends around Washington, local farms and foods packages, incredible nights on the town...and even a teal cruiser bicycle!

During dinner, guests heard from WEC's Joan Crooks and State Lands Commissioner elect Peter Goldmark. WEC Board Alums Helen Engle, Marcy Golde, Director of the Washington Department of Ecology Jay Manning, and others told stories about WEC in the film *So They Might Soar*, created by WEC Board Alumni Kurt Guenther. Afterwards, bid numbers were raised high as we held a fast-paced live auction of only 10 items! The live auction was capped off by an incredibly successful Fund WEC paddle raise, sponsored in part by our supporters at Cascadia Law Group and Safeco Insurance Foundation.

At the end of the paddle raise, WEC Board President Rod Brown accepted a generous Board Alumni Gift, supported by 40 years worth of Board Members who have helped shape WEC into what it is today. Rod Brown also introduced former Governor Dan Evans, who presented our first Founder's Award to Joan Thomas, who, after words of inspiration, invited all former board and staff on stage with her to celebrate 40 years of success! Not ready to call it a night just then, guests finished the evening off by dancing with friends, old and new, to music by the Paul Jensen Band.





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WEC's 40th Anniversary: What people are saying



I first became involved with WEC after reading a newspaper article about the *Local Farms – Healthy Kids* campaign. As a parent of two daughters, I had been working in Port Angeles to bring locally-grown food to our schools and was thrilled to learn that WEC was working to make this a reality for kids across Washington.

Working with WEC on this campaign was a totally inspiring and rewarding experience. Participating in the Legislative Workshop gave me the opportunity to see first-hand how organized, competent, and dedicated WEC and the other coalition partners were in achieving their environmental priorities. This experience inspired me to head back to my community to seek support for the *Local Farms – Healthy Kids* bill from parents, teachers, and our school board. It also inspired me to visit Olympia and lobby my legislators directly. Of course the fact that the legislation passed was very rewarding, but perhaps more rewarding still, was my renewed sense of hope and the belief that each one of us really can make a difference.

— Beth Loveridge, Port Angeles, WA

To read our entire 40th Anniversary book with more stories like Beth's, please visit www.wecprotects.org.



Founder's Award Winner:

As Washington Environmental Council celebrated our 40th Anniversary, we honored someone who has been there for every step of the way: Joan Thomas.

Joan has provided leadership on environmental and conservation issues at the state and local level for more than forty years. Joan was one of the founders of WEC, served as president from 1972-1974, and served as a WEC board member in each of our first four decades.

When you think about the laws that form the bedrock of our state's environmental protection, you can make a safe assumption Joan was involved in getting them passed. She worked on policies such as the Water Resources Act, the State Environmental Policy Act, and the Shoreline Management Act, which set a precedent for shoreline protection in the country.

At WEC, she served as a mentor to our present executive director, Joan Crooks. Her tireless energy and passion for working to protect Washington's environment is reflected in the

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work WEC continues to do.

A trailblazer in many ways, Joan helped break the glass ceiling in our state Department of Ecology, when she served as head of the Water Quality Division in the mid 1980s. She

currently serves on the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and has twice served as the Commission's chair.

Joan is a long-time member (and past president) of the League of Women Voters. She helped found Earthshare of Washington and was a founding board member of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition.

Joan sees the big picture. She cares how the water issues affect farmers, fish, and families. She cares how timber issues impact both rural communities and our forests. She wants the solutions we work towards on climate change to be the best ones possible for our kids. Above all, she works to find the right path to set Washington's future on the best course.

Joan, we at WEC are honored you are part of our family. Thank you.



Joan Thomas (right) and family.

Meet Dee Arntz – Longtime WEC Friend

By Tarrell Wright, Development Director

“Seattle is so accessible, such a fertile place for getting involved and making a difference. For me, to be able to work with all these fine people in the environmental movement is like heaven on earth – extremely exciting!”



Dee Arntz’s longtime passion for environmental protection began in earnest when she and her husband Bill moved to Seattle in 1987. As a volunteer for the Seattle Aquarium and the Seattle Audubon, she became fascinated by wetlands and their role in environmental protection. So fascinated, in fact that she earned a certificate in Wetlands and Science Management from the University of Washington and co-founded the Washington Wetlands Network, a program that has served as a model nationwide and deserves a huge amount of

credit for bringing the importance of wetlands into public consciousness.

“Wetlands are really a flashpoint. They are where life begins. And they bring together so many different people – scientists, federal and local governments, activists.”

Dee joined the Washington Environmental Council Board in the 1990s, volunteering on the Development Committee and participating in the organization’s first long-term strategic plan. She and her husband remain two of our most loyal friends and supporters, always present at our events and willing to spread the word about WEC.

“I give to WEC because they are a great leader in the movement. They are inclusive and incredibly effective. The legislature looks to WEC for leadership, clarity, and organization. They get the job done!”

It’s an appreciation that goes both ways. WEC Executive Director Joan Crooks says, “Dee is just delightful – so smart and passionate about this work. It’s an inspiration.”

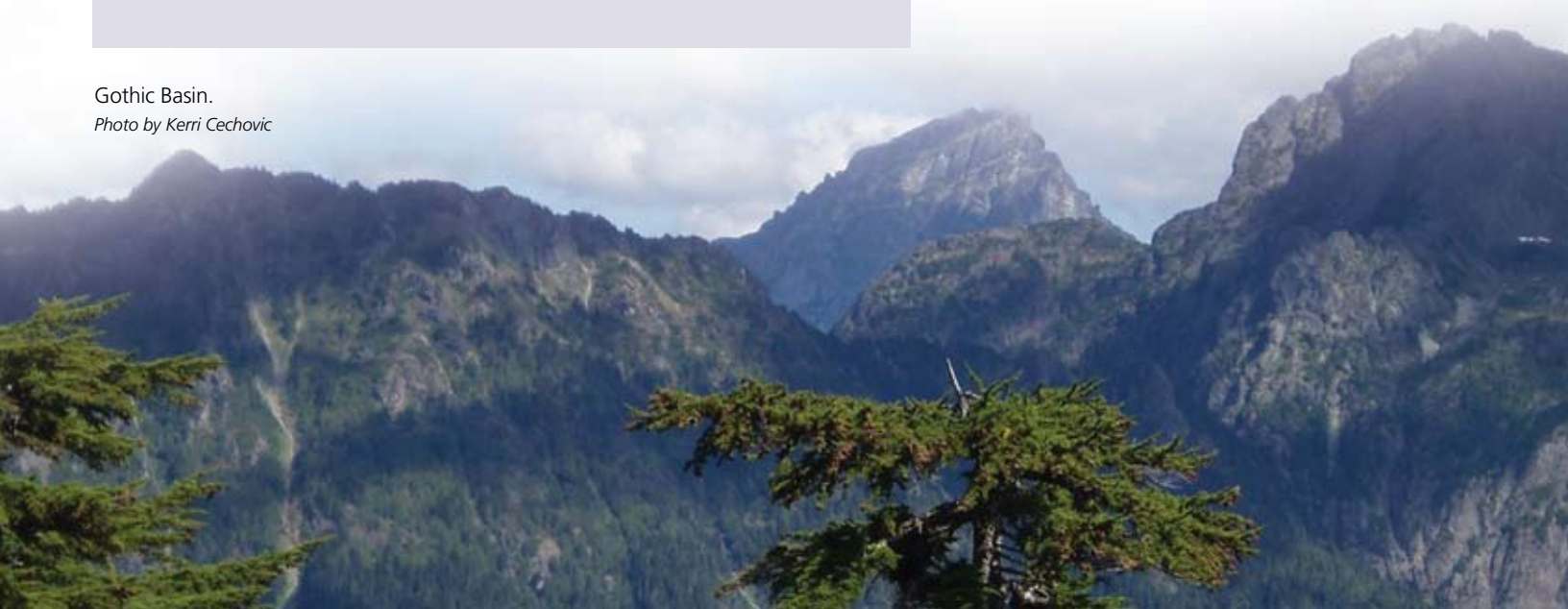
Dee is currently working on a book entitled: *The Great Women of the Environmental Movement* which features passages on Joan Thomas, past president and one of WEC’s founders, and current Executive Director Joan Crooks.

Consider a gift to WEC when planning your estate

Leaving a will ensures that you, not the government, decide how and to whom your estate will be distributed. You can designate your estate to go to your heirs, a charity, or both. A will that includes contributions to a charity can possibly lower the taxes your heirs will pay.

When planning your estate, please consider Washington Environmental Council. Bequeathing part of your estate to our tax-deductible organization not only offers tax relief to your heirs, it is also a great way to make sure that an organization you care about will thrive well into the future. To include WEC in your will, please consult your attorney or financial advisor or contact Tarrell Wright, Development Director, at 206.631.2640.

Gothic Basin.
Photo by Kerri Cechovic



1Sky Washington Partner Profile: Power Trip Energy Corporation

By Andrea Cuccaro, 1Sky Washington Organizer

This election season, many exciting new partner organizations and businesses joined the 1Sky Washington coalition. Together we worked to show our state legislative candidates that curbing climate change and building the green economy are top priorities for citizens, faith groups, farmers, and clean energy business leaders.

As part of the campaign, we worked to involve and engage voters in non-partisan ways around climate change. Volunteers attended candidate forums, wrote letters to the editor, and rallied for green jobs.

One of our most effective and involved partners is Power Trip Energy Corporation. Power Trip is a locally-owned company based in Port Townsend, which works all over the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas to install solar energy systems for residents and businesses.

“I think we are an example of the new clean energy economy and we support every effort to create opportunities to bring and keep investment dollars in our state,” said Jeff Randall of Power Trip.

Employees of Power Trip joined our staff and other 1Sky Washington partners at candidate forums to ask state legislative candidates about how they plan to lead our state on meeting the challenge on climate change. Jeff and Power Trip Energy President Andy Cochrane also led a tour of their solar business for Representative Kevin Van De Wege and provided Senator Phil Rockefeller a view of a residential PV system being installed in Kingston.

Power Trip is a great example of how we can take charge of our energy future locally through clean and green sources, while creating jobs that stay here in Washington. We look forward to continuing to partner with them as we work to advance smart climate policy.

For more information on Power Trip, go to www.powertripenergy.com. If you'd like to get involved with 1Sky Washington, go to www.1skywashington.com.

1Sky Washington is a campaign led by Washington Environmental Council and Climate Solutions working with partners across the state to pass strong policies to reduce global warming pollution, decrease our dependence on fossil fuels, and transition Washington to a clean energy economy.



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Thank you Tom and Michael

Two members of the WEC team, long-time Communications & Outreach Director Tom Geiger and Legal Director Michael Mayer, have left for exciting new opportunities. Tom is now the Communications Director at United Food and Commercial Workers International Local 21 and Michael has rejoined Earthjustice, working on fending off offshore drilling. We wish them the best of luck and thank them for the fantastic work they did for WEC!

Help Pass the 2009 Environmental Priorities

Environmental Priorities Coalition Legislative Workshop in Seattle

When: Saturday, January 10th, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Where: Seattle Pacific University, Gwinn Room

To register go to www.wecprotects.org.

At the Legislative Workshop, join the state's leading conservation groups to get up-to-speed and ready for the upcoming session. Hear from legislators, environmental leaders, and advocates on how to get involved.

Environmental Priorities Coalition Lobby Day in Olympia

When: Thursday, February 19th all day

Where: United Churches, 110 East 11th Avenue

To register go to www.pugetsound.org.

Lobby Day is an all-day event attended by hundreds of people like you from around the state, featuring face-to-face meetings with legislators, lobbying training, issue briefings, keynote speakers, and a reception in the evening.



Participants at the 2008 Legislative Workshop talk with Futurewise's April Putney. *Photo by Janine Gates*

Washington Environmental Council protects what Washingtonians care about — our land and water, fish and wildlife, and our special way of life. We engage citizens and decision makers to improve and enforce protections for the health and well-being of our communities. Our work ensures that we will all enjoy natural areas, clean air and clean water for generations to come.



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