

VOICES

PROTECTING OUR LAND, AIR AND WATER

Success for Our Shorelines

By Michael Rossotto, Legal Director



AMY ZARRETT

Washington Environmental Council proudly announces to the citizens of the state that we have achieved a major victory for the environment. Overcoming seven years of bureau-

cratic gridlock and industry-sponsored lawsuits, we successfully negotiated a proposal for new guidelines to protect and restore the state's shorelines under the state Shoreline Management Act (SMA). *(cont'd. p. 4)*

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Environmental Heroes Celebrated

By Kathy Malley
Development Director

"THESE HEROES DID NOT CHOOSE NOR expect to be honored. They did, however, choose to take a stand for the environment" said Jay Manning, WEC President at the annual awards dinner. **"We have all benefited from their efforts and we owe them a deep debt of gratitude."**

"They are a reminder that citizen action remains the strongest tool we have to protect our natural heritage."

With 500 people who care deeply about Washington's environment in the room, it was hard not to be reminded

that most of the environmental gains made in Washington State were achieved through citizen action. As State Representative Hans Dunshee commented in his keynote remarks, "The first environmentalist was a person who said I am not going to let this happen and then they took action."

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TIME TO CELEBRATE

Human beings tend to readily recognize and dwell on their failures. Conversely, we tend to ignore and commonly fail to celebrate our successes. WEC has experienced two major successes recently, and, in a break with tradition, I'm taking the opportunity to celebrate.

I hope you'll join me.

In 1972, the citizens of this state passed an initiative called the Shoreline Management Act. This seminal environmental statute protects our lakes, rivers and marine waters. However, some of the key shoreline regulations have become quite dated, and in 2000, after a five-year rule development process, the Department of Ecology adopted revised shoreline guidelines. These guidelines would have driven dramatic revisions to local shoreline protection programs.

Unfortunately the revised guidelines were challenged, and we've been in court ever since. Last year, WEC led a coalition of state environmental organizations back to the table to try again to reach an acceptable compromise on shoreline guidelines. As described in detail in the article on page 1, we have recently announced an agreement that will result in the adoption of improved shoreline guidelines. And, it will result in a coordinated, joint effort by the environmental community, the governor and a coalition of business and local government interests to secure funding for local governments to update their shoreline master programs.

This is a major achievement and I am absolutely delighted. It will take some time to implement, but the shorelines of this state, from Puget Sound to Lake Chelan to the Pacific Coast, will benefit from this hard fought victory.

Our second recent success was our Environmental Hero's Event. If you were not there, you missed an incredible evening. Imagine a room packed with 500 of your best friends, all delighted to be spending an evening together, and sharing a commitment to protecting the environment. There was an energy in the room that was palpable.

A big thank you to Kathy Malley, WEC's Development Director, who organized the event and to those who donated and purchased auction items. And, of course, congratulations to 2002's Environmental Heroes: Vim Wright, Maryanne Tagney-Jones, R.D. Grunbaum and Linda Orgel.

As you enjoy the holidays, I hope you will add these successes to your list of things to celebrate.



Budget Crunch to Dominate 2003 Legislature

By Josh Baldi, Policy Director

The \$2 to \$3 billion state budget shortfall will dominate the 2003 Legislative Session, which kicks off January 13th. Environmental issues also will be debated within the broader context of continued concern over the state's economy, particularly as they relate to the hard hit agricultural sector and local government funding and stewardship responsibilities.

The November elections saw the Democrats expand control in the House by a margin of 52 - 46, while Republicans regained the Senate 25 - 24. Though the environmental debate is likely to be split more along urban/rural lines rather than party lines, recent committee chair appointments point to a more business-friendly Senate squaring off against a more conservation-minded House. With Governor Locke positioned somewhere in the middle, environmental success in 2003 will require an effective presence in Olympia backed by strong grassroots support.

The Washington Environmental Council is enhancing its effectiveness by launching a legislative partnership with Washington Conservation Voters. The two organizations have worked with the broader community to create a common list of priorities, including:

Budget: The unprecedented budget shortfall has significant implications for all environmental programs. At just 1.5% of the General Fund, natural resources programs historically have been cut at a rate disproportionate to other sectors of government. WEC will fight for critical program funding and advocate creative revenue ideas.

Regulatory Rollbacks: The economic downturn that began two years ago provided a catalyst for "regulatory reform" advocates. While there can be value in permit coordination and streamlining, regulatory reform efforts historically have been aimed at weakening existing environmental protections.

Mercury Pollution Reduction: An effort to phase out the use of mercury stalled in 2002. The effort will be redoubled this session to phase out use of this persistent toxin, which can harm human health and wildlife even at very low levels.

Transportation: WEC is working with transportation advocates to ensure critical elements are included in any "son of 51" package: Ensure at least one-third for choices (i.e., rail, transit, etc.); prioritize maintenance and repair of existing infrastructure; and, reform of regional transportation funding to allow greater flexibility for transit and other non-road investments.

WEC's legislative agenda will extend to other key issues. One primed for success is improved shoreline protection. Securing \$2 million in funding for local governments to revise Shoreline Master Programs and a schedule for compliance with the new state rule may bring closure to an acrimonious seven-year debate (see front cover).

Water resources fall within the third year of Governor Locke's "Water Action Strategy," which is based upon his commitment to move forward the interests of people and fish, together, in increments over time. The governor will be under pressure from municipalities, the building industry and the farm lobby, all who want to expand water use without clear safeguards. WEC will work to ensure that any new benefits for water users are linked to stream flow protections.

WEC's anticipated efforts are rounded out by the following: support for energy efficiency and renewable resource performance standards for utilities; opposing efforts to weaken the controversial Forests & Fish law and supporting efforts to better manage the state's forested trust lands; opposing efforts to weaken the Growth Management Act; and, ensuring that any reforms to the state hydraulics code better protect fish.



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The SMA establishes a “cooperative program” between state and local government. Each local government in the state is responsible for developing and enforcing a local Shoreline Master Program. The SMA guidelines adopted by Ecology are critical because they establish the standards and criteria that each of these local Master Programs must meet.

The proposed new SMA guidelines will require local governments and developers to prevent any further net loss of ecological functions along freshwater and marine shorelines. The guidelines will also require local governments to develop and implement plans to begin restoration of degraded shorelines. And perhaps most significantly, since the new proposal is the result of a negotiation, there are very good prospects for securing funding to begin to implement the guidelines at the local level, despite the current state budget crisis.

30 Years of WEC Advocacy

SMA has long been a top priority for WEC. WEC was instrumental in the passage of the law in 1970, participated in the development of the original guidelines implementing the Act, and helped persuade the legislature in 1995 to direct the Department of Ecology to update the guidelines by the year 2000. WEC then participated in seemingly endless efforts to craft new guidelines and organized widespread grassroots support for their adoption.

By November of 2000, Ecology had issued new draft guidelines. Unfortunately, over 50 industry associations and local governments immediately challenged these guidelines.

WEC organized a coalition of over 20 environmental groups to intervene in the lawsuit in order to defend the guidelines. After the first round of legal action concluded, Attorney General Gregoire invited WEC to join Ecology and the business/local government coalition in a mediation to try to resolve the lawsuit by negotiating a new set of proposed guidelines.

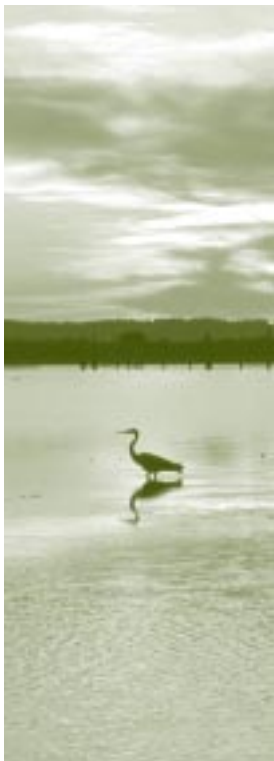
Another Year of Leadership, Hard Work and Success

Upon receiving Attorney General Gregoire’s invitation, WEC moved quickly to assemble a negotiating team to represent the twenty environmental groups and activists in our coalition. WEC Legal Director Michael Rossotto, WEC Habitat Campaign Coordinator Jerry Gorsline, and WEC Board President Jay Manning were joined by WEC volunteer attorney Tom Bjorgen, Bruce Wishart of People For Puget Sound, Nina Carter of Audubon Washington, and Ann Aagaard of the League of Women Voters. The negotiations began in earnest in January 2002 and required literally thousands of hours of WEC staff and volunteer time.

The result of this incredible effort is a set of proposed new guidelines that promise significant benefits for the environment. The following are some of the major changes to the guidelines:

- All new development in shoreline areas will have to be designed to either avoid new impacts or provide compensatory mitigation sufficient to achieve no net loss of shoreline ecological functions.
- The cumulative impacts of all new shoreline development must be identified and addressed.
- There is detailed guidance regarding the need to protect ecological functions of shoreline vegetation.
- There are restrictions on shoreline stabilization and requirements to use “soft” natural approaches before using environmentally damaging bulkheads and rip-rap.
- Each local government will be required to develop and implement a shoreline restoration plan—a vital requirement for beginning to reverse the declines of wild salmon and other fish and wildlife populations.

All in all, this is truly a win-win proposal. Local governments receive a fair amount of discretion as



The goal of the Habitat Protection Campaign is to protect fish and wildlife habitat across Washington through improved and better enforced shoreline and land use ordinances.



CALL YOUR LEGISLATOR, and let them know that protecting our state’s shorelines is a priority for you and that even in these tough budget times, it is vital that the state provide adequate funding to implement the landmark settlement reached on the Shoreline Management Act guidelines.

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to how to meet the guideline's standards, and the industry associations and developers believe that the legal flaws they perceived in the previous set of guidelines have been rectified. Ecology receives the assurance that it can move forward with issuing the new proposed guidelines without fear of further litigation from the major organizations that have been involved with this issue.

The "End" is the Beginning

Under state law, Ecology cannot simply adopt a proposed administrative rule negotiated by the parties to a lawsuit. Even in a case such as this where over 70 diverse and frequently antagonistic organizations have expressed their support for the new proposed guidelines, Ecology must still conduct a formal rulemaking process. Ecology will solicit written comment, hold public hearings, address comments received, and make changes to the proposed guidelines if appropriate.

No matter how strong the statewide guidelines are, nothing happens on the ground if local governments don't have the resources to update Master Programs. Thus, the legislature must also be persuaded to provide funding to help local governments update their Shoreline Master Programs.

And once the guidelines are finalized and funding is secured, it is imperative that citizens participate in their own local government's Master Program update process to ensure that the strong statewide standards and criteria WEC negotiated are translated into real on-the-ground protections at the local level.

Every member of WEC should pause and celebrate this important victory. It was achieved with a coalition of environmental organizations led by WEC's unique combination of policy expertise, media savvy, grassroots activism, and legal clout! But don't celebrate too long—there's more work yet to be done!

Habitat Protection Toolkit

By Jerry Gorsline, Policy Associate

Local government planning and regulation required by the Growth Management Act (GMA) is critical for protecting fish and wildlife habitat in our state. Under the GMA some of the most powerful tools that can either threaten or protect fish and wildlife habitats are in the hands of county commissioners and city councils.

ate local government plans and regulations for protecting fish and wildlife habitats, participate effectively in the process to revise such plans and regulations, and navigate administrative and legal appeal procedures to ensure compliance with GMA requirements. To obtain a copy of the WEC Habitat Protection Toolkit, visit our website at wecprotects.org.

WEC's recently published Habitat Protection Toolkit is designed to help citizen activists evalu-

GET INVOLVED!

PROTECT HABITAT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

WEC, Audubon Washington, and 1000 Friends of Washington are collaborating to present three regional workshops in early 2003 to facilitate effective citizen participation in their community's Growth Management Act updates. These workshops will use WEC's recently published Habitat Protection Toolkit.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about the free workshops, contact: Jerry Gorsline, WEC Habitat Protection Campaign Coordinator, 360-385-6132 or email jerry@wecprotects.org



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- » MARCH 1, 2003
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- » APRIL 5, 2003
Spokane



Manastash Creek Restoration

By Josh Baldi, Policy Director

A unique effort to provide fish-friendly habitat on Manastash Creek is an example of the Washington Environmental Council's work to restore and protect adequate stream flows. What could have been a court battle over compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) instead is emerging as a collaborative effort between WEC, farmers, state agencies, and possibly the Yakama Tribe, to restore the creek in a way that allows farmers to continue their way of life.

Manastash Creek, which flows into the Yakima River just east of Ellensburg, historically supported abundant salmon and steelhead runs. The creek would still provide excellent habitat for fish but for four irrigation diversions on the lower six miles that cause several problems, including: blockage of upstream passage for fish; dewatering of the lower creek; and, the stranding of juvenile fish in the unscreened irrigation ditches. A powerful incentive for restoration is the more than 30 miles of high quality habitat in the upper reaches of the creek.

WEC first became aware of the problems on the Manastash during a host of stream surveys conducted in the summer of 2000. In addition to documenting how the irrigation practices affected the creek, the survey revealed that several juvenile steelhead had been killed by a dewatering of the creek. This finding was significant because the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) listed the Middle Columbia River basin steelhead as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act in March of 1999.

A scientific and legal analysis by WEC determined that the diversions and water operations violated the ESA by "taking" (i.e., harming, harassing, killing, etc.) listed species. Consequently, WEC sent a draft 60-day intent to sue notice in February of 2001 informing the Manastash water users of the problems.

Importantly, along with the 60-day notice was a cover letter from WEC President Jay Manning stating our desire to avoid court and work

collaboratively toward restoring the creek. Following several tense meetings, the irrigators concluded that WEC was truly interested in solutions and the unique collaboration began.

"You've got to give the farmers a lot of credit for their willingness to work towards restoring fish in Manastash Creek," said John Arum, WEC's pro



JOHN ARUM

Prime habitat in the upper reach of Manastash Creek.

bono attorney on the project. "Through this process, we've realized that the farmers are interested in doing the right thing."

In the 2001 legislative session, WEC helped earmark \$300,000 in state funds to assess surface and groundwater interaction in the basin, that also would serve as the basis for an overall solution. Further work with resource agencies and the farmers has positioned the Manastash project to receive additional funds to implement solutions, such as fish ladders and screens for the diversions. Funds may also be needed to access groundwater for irrigation rather than surface water to offset the irrigation impacts during low flow periods. While a study needs to be completed to assess the environmental impacts of the latter idea, such approaches have been successful in other basins.

As embodied in the Manastash project, WEC believes that our approach to enforcement of the law—a commitment to compliance that's grounded in patience and creativity—is one that can result in "win-win" outcomes.



The goal of the Healthy Streams Campaign is to restore and maintain stream flows adequate to protect water quality, aquatic life and other instream values in Washington's rivers and streams.

Logging That Works

By **Blake Trask, WEC Intern**

Can the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) increase timber revenues on 2.1 million acres of state-owned forests and improve environmental protection at the same time? WEC thinks so as it heads towards the 2003 legislative session in support of DNR's proposed "contract harvesting" legislation.

These state-owned forest lands—an area twice the size of the Olympic National Park—generate revenue from logging for beneficiaries including K-12 schools, universities, counties, and the public.

DNR currently sells standing trees to timber purchasers who have several years to log and thus



PHOTO COURTESY OF DNR

can time the harvest to maximize their financial gains. Unfortunately, this method of timber sales prevents DNR from reaping the highest return for schools and counties who

receive state forest logging revenues. It increases pre-sale costs, reduces the chances of getting a premium price for the timber, and can also limit DNR's ability to ensure "quality control" of the logging operation because it does not hire the loggers directly.

Now DNR is proposing legislation to implement "contract harvesting" for up to 10% of the total annual timber volume offered for sale in the state forests. The legislation would allow DNR to contract for logging and sorting while retaining ownership of the timber until it is sold to a mill. By eliminating the middleman, directly overseeing the work of contractors, and timing the harvest to capture the highest market value, DNR's use of contract harvesting is a tool to

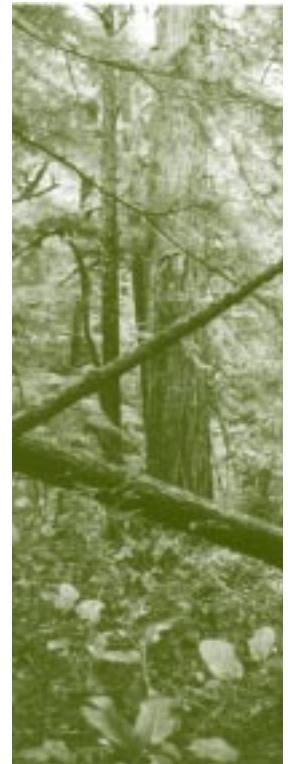
generate more money for beneficiaries and better protect the environment.

Since 1997, DNR has conducted 15 pilot contract harvests. In one test sale alone, DNR's revenues increased 18% above what would normally be forecasted. This legislation fits with the goals of WEC's Sustainable State Forests Campaign, by providing a means to increase needed revenues for beneficiaries, while also having environmental benefits. Becky Kelley, Policy Associate at WEC, commented, "This legislation does not attempt to answer the important question of how much timber should be cut, but it will begin to help ensure that beneficiaries get the best possible price for the timber that is cut. And that's something we all can agree on."

Contract harvesting also fits with WEC's goal of having state forests certified under the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). The FSC assessment of state forests recommends that DNR expand its use of contract harvesting, saying, "the trust beneficiaries will greatly benefit."

Additionally this legislation brings WEC together with the Washington Contract Loggers Association. Contract harvesting is appealing, explained George Kirkmire, Executive Assistant of the industry group, because "You know you [loggers] are going to get paid because it's DNR." Contract harvesting also improves accountability because DNR retains ownership and responsibility for the operation until the final sale.

Contract harvesting can bring disparate interests like loggers, DNR, and WEC together around creative solutions. "Contract harvesting," noted Mike Chandler, DNR Marketing Project Section Manager, "gives DNR an opportunity to succeed by both increasing our revenues and by helping the environment."



The goal of the Sustainable State Forests Campaign is to improve management of Washington's state forests, creating a model of sustainable forestry that protects the environment and benefits all citizens of the state.



VIM WRIGHT

DAVID ADAM EDELSTEIN

She stepped forward and stuck her neck out, just as she has for thirty-five years, to seek pathways that would allow committed people to walk together and meet on common ground. For the last seven years, Vim Wright's special effort has been nothing short of devotion: joining the interests of Washington's family farmers with those of advocates for a healthier environment. Observers and admirers call her a bridge builder.

also secured funding for research to be done at WSU that can help farmers be more economically viable and reduce stream pollution.

Vim genuinely has contributed to reconnecting farming and environmental stewardship and to parting the curtain of misunderstandings that hang on the Cascade Crest.

Special Thanks

WEC would like to extend its deep appreciation to the following businesses and individuals whose generosity and support of WEC helped to make the 2002 Heroes event possible:

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When Vim decided to bridge the gap, her first step was to gain an appointment to the Washington Conservation Commission. In doing so she became the first non-farmer, non-land owner to be appointed, openly bringing an environmental perspective to the Commission. In good humored, constructive, and practical fashion Vim started talking about protection of the environment in farm country. Through her work with the commission, she brought farming and environmental groups together to discuss a host of issues ranging from stream buffers to property tax issues. Her skill was acknowledged by her election—twice—as chair of the commission.

While serving on the Commission, Vim pioneered the Farming and the Environment Project as a way to increase cooperation between farmers and environmentalists. Joining Vim to guide the effort were rancher and WSU Regent, Dr. Peter Goldmark, and Skagitonians to Protect Farmland Director, Bob Rose. Committed to moving beyond misconceptions and myths, the Project garnered the support of the Bullitt and Kellogg Foundations as well as both farmers and environmentalists.

Agriculture is the largest private land use in Washington and responsible management of farms is fundamental to the health of our environment. The Farming and the Environment Project has resulted in an ongoing dialogue between farmers and environmentalists, helping to build trust and solve problems. The project

CELEBRATING ENVIRONMENTAL HEROES

ON FRIDAY NIGHT NOVEMBER 22, NEARLY 500 PEOPLE CELEBRATED ENVIRONMENTAL HEROES: RD GRUNBAUM AND LINDA ORGEL

The generosity of the crowd was evident that evening as the event raised \$60,000 for WEC environmental protection. A great way to launch the holiday season. We were all here because we all care so deeply about, has hundreds, if not thousands of people.

RD Grunbaum and Linda Orgel are tireless advocates for preserving the natural values, beautiful landscapes, and public health of Grays Harbor County. The couple's devotion to stewardship of the environment and sound natural resource-based enterprises in this coastal county make them worthy of a hero's salute.



RD GRUNBAUM & LINDA ORGEL

DAVID ADAM EDELSTEIN

RD and Linda are advocates for mindful, sensible development. They speak out and work for the environment often in the face of hostility. Involved in many of the land use battles in the area, they strive for solutions that make sense for the community and the environment.

One such battle was the Stafford Creek Correctional Center. RD and Linda worked with

re-scaling the proposal in hopes of meeting citizens' concerns.

Coastal erosion is an ever-present issue in Grays Harbor County and RD served as Friends of Grays Harbor representative on the Governor's Coastal Erosion Task Force, helping produce a report on erosion problems in the state. Though the report's recommendations have not been acted on by the state, the report is both a guidebook and beacon of hope for protecting coastal shoreline areas.

Many citizens in Grays Harbor County have come to learn that the talents and gifts of RD and Linda are freely given. They are authentic and committed people who advance their views with courage and conviction. Their presence has encouraged many others to speak up and seek better ways of developing rural communities that protect the environment.

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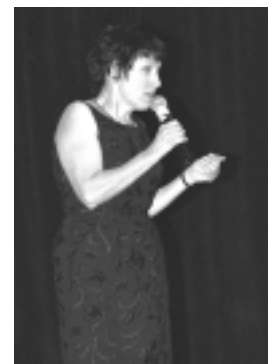
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Friends of Grays Harbor to file objections to the siting and construction plans for the prison. This led to a negotiated settlement allowing the prison to move forward, but in a manner that would protect public health and the environment. They remain vigilant about this public facility, holding it accountable to the permit conditions and its license to operate.

They also worked with the South Beach Citizens for Responsible Development in the Cohasset Beach area on the southern dunes of Westport. Their guidance helped citizens in the area articulate their concerns about a proposed 300-home development. As a result, the developer is

She has no pretensions, just incredible commitment to wise land use, conservation, and environmental protection. With consummate skill, a direct and engaging style, and passion, Maryanne Tagney-Jones blends the gifts of philanthropy, support for good environmental causes and politics, and her own activism to make a big difference in the landscapes and communities of Washington.



DAVID ADAMELSTEIN

**MARYANNE
TAGNEY-JONES**

As a reporter in the early 1980's living in the Snoqualmie River town of Preston, Maryanne covered the unfolding land use dilemmas of East King County and was particularly concerned about the area's unplanned growth. She knew something had to be done.

Recognizing that policy and politics are intimately connected, Maryanne teamed up with a WEnPAC, the Washington Environmental

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2002 ENVIRONMENTAL HEROES

Jurors & Nominees

2002 NOMINEES Environmental Heroes Awards

Lynn Bahrych
Shaw Island

Jerry Gorsline
Port Townsend

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Thompson**
Carbanado

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Marysville

Larry Warnberg
Nahcotta

Bill Weiler
Lyle

To serve as jurors, each year WEC recruits people who we believe have a strong sense of what it takes to be an effective environmental advocate. This year, our jury of five consisted of: Bill Bidstrup, a 2001 Environmental Hero; Helen Engle, an environmental activist and a past WEC President; Larry Harris, WEC's recent VP for Administration; State Representative Kelli Linville; and Steve Whitney, Program Officer at the Bullitt Foundation. We were honored to have such an esteemed panel of judges select our heroes.

Our special thanks and recognition goes out to the jury for having to select just four heroes. This year, the high quality and quantity of nominees made the selection process especially tough. Jurors commented on how difficult the selection process was, in part because of the

outstanding contribution all of the nominees have made and in part because of the differences in strategies and accomplishments.

WEC would like to recognize and thank all of the nominees and other unsung heroes. It is good to know that there are so many people throughout Washington working hard to protect our natural heritage.

Maryanne Tagney-Jones (cont'd. from p. 9)

Political Action Committee, now known as Washington Conservation Voters (WCV). Her intent was to gain the election of environmentally responsible leaders to office and hold them accountable. Maryanne organized the WCV King County chapter and chaired its board. She also joined the WCV state board, devoted herself to its work for the past decade and has been its chair for the last two years.

Achieving good environmental policy is one way to protect habitat. Buying habitat is another. Maryanne recognizes the importance of both strategies. She was a critical figure in development of the Cascade Land Conservancy's Snoqualmie Preservation Initiative, which will protect 9000 acres. Her contribution to the creation of the Evergreen Forest Initiative, a program featuring land purchases and selective logging to pay off debt, fits with Maryanne and her husband's strategic purchases of land in the Preston area.

Tallying her efforts on behalf of environmental stewardship and good policy-making is a monumental task. A partial list of her involvements over the past decade includes co-chairing the No on 48 Campaign, and participating on the boards of the Mountains to Sound Greenway, the Cascade Land Conservancy, and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition.

Hard work—most definitely. But her actions and personal relationships demonstrate that friendship, inventiveness and humor are the glue that hold organizations and people together. For many Maryanne has been a bottomless source of support and inspiration.

2002 ENVIRONMENTAL HEROES

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Washington Ski Touring Club

Washington Ski Touring Club (WSTC) began over thirty years ago with the purpose of providing information to local cross-country skiers that enables them to experience safe and fun ski outings.

WSTC sponsors a variety of group ski trips in the Pacific Northwest. These trips recognize the diversity of skiing abilities of the members from



the novice to the advanced. In addition, the trips also incorporate the different types of cross country skiing, track, skating, telemarking, and backcountry. There are even some “heretics” in the club that alpine ski and even snowshoe!

The ski outings range from day trips to Snoqualmie or Stevens Pass to weeklong backcountry trips in the Canadian Rockies. The

favorites are probably three and four day excursions to the Methow Valley and Winthrop over the holidays. Over the last several years members have also enjoyed late-season outings to Crystal Mountain and other areas in the middle of May, after the lifts are closed.

WSTC meetings are on the first Thursday of the month from October through May. The meetings are generally oriented to developing skills, safety, conditioning, or discussions about new equipment. On occasion they feature invited speakers, such as the members of the 10th Mountain Division—a ski-and-snow-trained division of the armed forces.

WSTC members participate in community service projects such as a weekend of Nordic Patrol at Paradise Lodge on Mt. Rainier. Members also benefit from group discounts on

equipment and ski passes, and through affiliation with the Alpine Club of Canada have access to back country huts in Canada.

The Washington Ski Touring Club has members who also support Washington Environmental Council, as both groups advocate being good stewards of the outdoors while enjoying it.

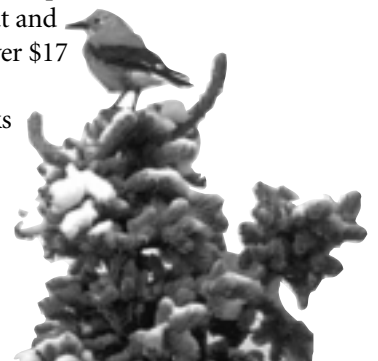
Tahoma Audubon Society

Tahoma Audubon Society (TAS) has been active in Pierce County since 1969. TAS’s mission is to conserve and restore ecosystems by focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and earth’s biological diversity. Its purpose is to increase the county residents’ knowledge and appreciation for the protection of natural landscapes and agricultural resources, as well as wildlife and wilderness.

From the original 150 members, TAS has grown to a total of 1,900 in Pierce County. In 1999, the organization moved to its current location, the 2.5-acre Adriana Hess Wetland Center in University Place. TAS’ office is run by two staff persons and volunteers and has nine committees within the organization responsible for publishing a monthly newsletter, designing and conducting education programs, field trips, and monthly membership forums.

The group has been instrumental in protecting over 5,500 acres of open space and habitat and helped secure over \$17 million for funding for parks and open space acquisition.

TAS works collaboratively with other organizations in



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many successful efforts to save threatened habitat in Pierce County. Currently, TAS is negotiating with the National Audubon Society and the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma to operate the 53-acre Tacoma Nature Center. Located in an urban area, this site expands TAS's ability to teach people of all ages the importance and value of natural ecosystems.

The Washington Environmental Council has been invaluable to Tahoma Audubon Society by helping track statewide issues. WEC is a crucial link for TAS to affect, understand, and react to policy decisions at the state level and their relationship to what TAS is doing in Pierce County. For example, with the help of the WEC staff, TAS is making positive changes in how Pierce County regulates development to protect critical fish and wildlife habitat.

NW Energy Coalition

The NW Energy Coalition, founded in 1981, advocates a clean and affordable energy future for the Pacific Northwest based on energy efficiency, renewable resources, low-income services, and restoration of fish and wildlife habitat. With 100 member groups in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho, the Coalition's membership includes environmental, consumer, low-income and good government advocates, labor unions, progressive utilities and clean energy businesses.

The Coalition began as the Northwest Conservation Act Coalition, during the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS)'s failed attempt to build five nuclear power plants. In successfully opposing the rush to nuclear power, the Coalition's founders forever changed the debate over how to meet new energy demands. The region embarked on a new course of investments in energy efficiency as a cost-effective alternative to more power plants.

Initially, the Coalition focused on regional energy issues, acting as a watchdog over the Northwest Power Planning Council and the Bonneville Power Administration. Then in the early 1990s, the Coalition increased its involvement in state and local utility level advocacy. At the state level, the Coalition and its members have secured significant investments in clean and affordable energy for Oregon and Montana, and are leading the charge for restoring those investments in Washington and Idaho.



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In the upcoming Washington legislative session, the Coalition will lead public interest groups and businesses to secure a statewide energy diversity standard for electric utilities. By diversifying our energy supply with renewable resources, along with cleaner air and water, utility customers will enjoy more affordable energy, a more dependable energy supply and a stronger economy.

The Coalition has enjoyed a strong relationship with Washington Environmental Council for many years. Most recently, the two organizations jointly intervened in the state siting process for the Sumas Energy 2 natural gas power plant. Together we ensured that the Sumas plant, if built, will mitigate a portion of its greenhouse gas emissions and we set the stage for a greenhouse gas mitigation standard to be consistently applied to future fossil fuel power plants.

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WEC was thrilled to have Linda Hamilton as a fall intern to help with communications and outreach materials. Linda is working on a Masters in Environmental Studies through Prescott College in Arizona, with an emphasis on environmental writing.

She has worked with Colorado State Parks as an interpreter and environmental educator and with National Wildlife Federation's Conservation Summits Program as a hike leader.

Linda came to us "to experience what is involved in developing publications for a state-wide environmental organization that has WEC's mission and direction". To help with this, Linda researched WEC's publications over the

years, tracking how the organization evolved to continue meeting the needs of our supporters and protecting the state's natural heritage.

Linda assisted with interviewing, compiling information, and editing for this issue of Voices. She has also been helping WEC produce the 2003 Environmental Briefing Book.

Linda's internship was especially well-timed because there was lots to do at WEC this fall. In addition to helping with our publications, she got caught up in the fun of WEC's annual Environmental Heroes event.

WEC Given 2002 Hood Canal Environmental Achievement Award

On December 4th, the Washington Environmental Council and Jefferson County were awarded the 2002 Hood Canal Environmental Achievement Award. The annual honor is given by the Hood Canal Coordinating Council, a watershed-based council of governments that includes Kitsap, Mason and Jefferson Counties, the Port Gamble S'Klallam and Skokomish Tribes, and State and Federal Agencies.

WEC is proud to receive this award and will continue our dedication to protecting the natural resources in Jefferson County and across the state.

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Jefferson County and WA Environmental Council are honored for their hard work and dedication to improving protections for fish and wildlife habitat. They worked to create a settlement agreement of an appeal of Jefferson County's regulations without causing unnecessary costs, time and resources in litigation. The agreement allowed resources to be focused on data collection, analysis and implementation. It is an excellent example of using land use protection tools, best available science, and voluntary approaches to comply with state law while protecting the unique character of Jefferson County.

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For more information, please contact Kathy Malley at 206-622-8103, or kathy@wecprotects.org.

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THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Attending WEC's annual Legislative Workshop is a great way to prepare. We'll hear from legislators, environmental lobbyists and others regarding some of the most pressing environmental issues of our time including: natural resources budgeting; mercury; transportation; and, water policy reform.

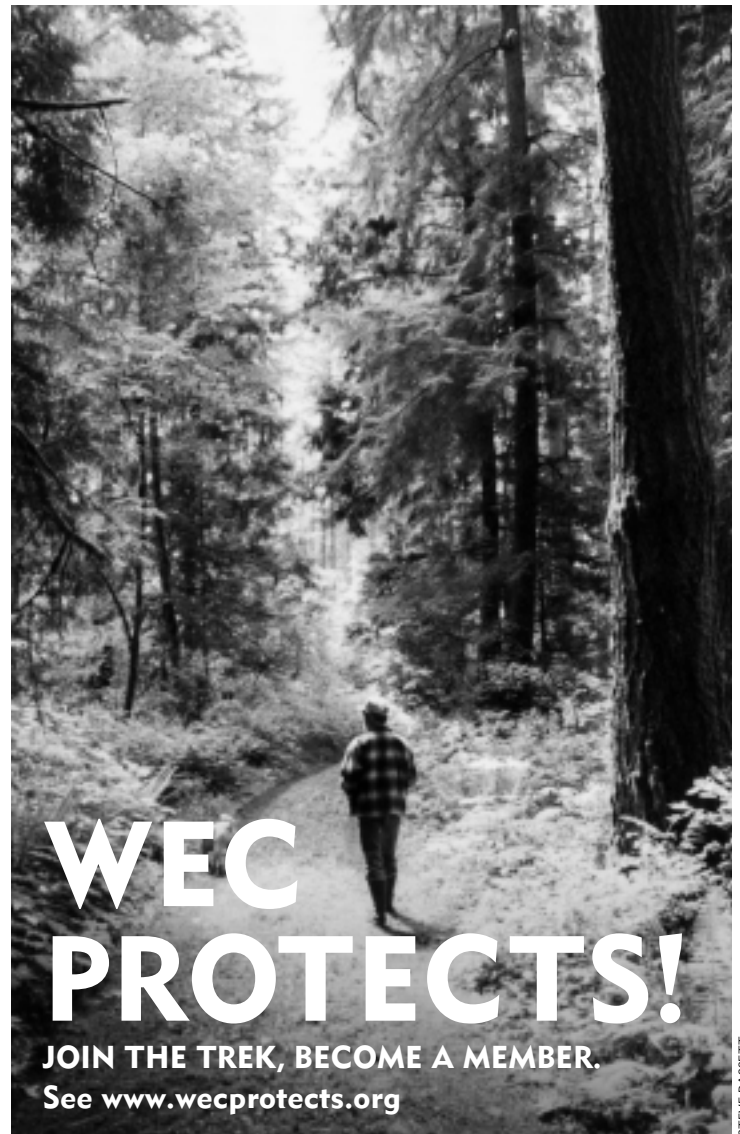
The workshop is FREE, but if you would like lunch and the 2003 Environmental Legislative Briefing Book there will be a cost. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Amy Zarrett, Environmental Organizer, at WEC, 206-622-8103, or amy@wecprotects.org.

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