



Hood Canal Coordinating Council

Hood Canal Environmental Achievement Awards -Award Recipients-

1988

Celia and Gary Parrott

Founded the Hood Canal Land Trust

1989

Al Adams

Leadership of Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group

1992

North Mason School District

Environmental education at the Hood Canal Project Center

Judy Likkel

Founded State of the Oyster Study

The Sun Newspaper

Hood Canal - Splendor and Risk publication depicting the Hood Canal environment

Skokomish Estuary Management Program

Restoring Skokomish River Delta

1993

Al Starcevich

Olympic View Environmental Review Council (OVER-C)

Karen Lippy

Teaching Students to take action in Natural Resources Protection

Union River Basin Protection Association

Water Quality Protection Citizen Volunteers

North Canal Shellfish Coalition

Advocate for Shellfish and Clean Water

Hood Canal Aquanauts

Touch Tank Project for public and youth presentations

1994 – 1995

Guy Parsons

Protecting Water Quality and Natural Resources in the Skokomish Valley

Washington Scuba Alliance

Educational/Interpretive Signage Project for Underwater Preserves

Tom and Irene Davis

Transferred 140 acres of land into a Conservation Easement

Quilcene-Snow Restoration Team

Displaced Timber Workers Restore Salmon Habitat

1996

Lisa Lewis

Leadership in projects to restore and protect fish habitat in the Skokomish River Basin

Northwest Renewable Resource Center

Improved tribal/county relationships at the HCCC

Jon Day

Teaching the values of the natural areas and protecting open spaces in Kitsap County

Kitsap County Surface and Stormwater Management Program

Funding and coordinating strategies for county programs to protect water quality.

Olympic National Forest

Implementing the President's Forest Plan

Brinnon/Quilcene Schools Shellfish Science Club

Educating students and community about importance of protecting water quality through shellfish farming.

1997

Michelle Benedict

Poulsbo Marine Science Center, gray whale restoration

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group

Chinook conservation, school education, and Salmon Day Camp

Hood Canal Salmon Sanctuary

Ten-year acquisition and stewardship campaign to salmon habitat.

1999

Taylor Shellfish Farms

Water quality education and protection measures

Circle and Square Global Car Service

Business practices that consider the importance of protecting the environment

Washington St. Dept. of Natural Resources

Students in the Watershed support and development arena

2000

Washington Sea Grant Program

Provided 30 years of education and outreach to Hood Canal residents

Ron Gold

RG Forestry for improving the art of conduction restoration

The Palmer Family

Salmon recovery with the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group

WSDOT, Shelton Maintenance Crew

Protected Hood Canal from infiltration from landslides

Bill Wilson/Klahowya Secondary School

Involved students in research studies and projects in Hood Canal streams

Laurie Byrd/Hood Canal School

Riparian Enhancement Project in the Skokomish Watershed

2001

Jerry Zumdieck

Alki Salmon Team

Jerry Gorsline

Hood Canal Natural Resource planner/educator

Whitney Gardens Nursery

Promote use of native plants, restoration at nursery

Lazelle Nature Photography

Captures beauty of Hood Canal through photographs

Pat McCullough (2001)

ESA contractor volunteered engineering designs for 40 projects

Lower Hood Canal Watershed Implementation Committee

Citizen watershed committee work

Madrona Beach

Community septic system

Chumsortium, Chimacum

Protect and improve salmon and wildlife habitat

2002

Katherine Baril

Committed natural resource educator, facilitator, and planner

Jefferson County and WA Environmental Council

Dedication to improving protections for fish and wildlife habitat

Sara Mall Johani and Tom Jay

Creating celebrations, jewelry, sculptures, etc. for the preservation of salmon

Ron Hirschi and Nick Holm

Preservation of 35 acres of 1,000 ft of waterfront at Seabeck Bay

Shannon Kirby

Skokomish Valley landowner restoration and protection program

Lige and Kay Christian

Chimacum Creek landowner dedicated to salmon habitat recovery

2003

Kim Lincoln

Chosen for building relationships and identifying pollution sources in lower Hood Canal.

Neil Werner

Successfully oversees salmon restoration projects in Hood Canal as executive director of the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group.

U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks

Championed numerous efforts on behalf of the Hood Canal watershed environment.

Constance Ibsen

Constance dedicated many hours to pollution cleanup program on the Lower Hood Canal Watershed Implementation Committee.

Eleanor Stopps

Eleanor was the founder of Admiralty Audubon, instrumental in designating Protection Island as a national wildlife refuge.

Jodie Holdcroft

Jodie was the water quality and education expert working in the Union River.

Kitsap County Health District

Completion of a successful Pollution Identification and Correction Program (PIC).

2004

Bob Hager

Co-chair of Lower Hood Canal Implementation Committee, coordinated low dissolved oxygen effort.

Teri King

Teri, University of Washington Sea Grant Program, coordinated education and outreach effort in Hood Canal.

Friends of Guillemot Cove

Volunteers maintaining Kitsap County Park's property.

Lynch Cove Community

Completed the restoration project on marine shoreline park.

Skokomish Tribe

Successfully made changes to harvest practices of Summer Chum salmon.

2005

Dr. Jan Newton

Jan, scientist with the University of Washington, researched the low dissolved oxygen issue in the Hood Canal and gave educational presentations to politicians, agencies and members of the community.

Arpad Masley

Master Gardener, Arpad developed the Theler Wetland Native Plant Demonstration Garden.

Laurie Usher

Laurie worked on Hood Canal Summit and many years providing environmental education.

2006

Omroa Bhagwandin and Kelly Heintz

Department of Natural Resources land acquisition at Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area--the 320-acre Seibu Hawaii property that protects high quality instream, riparian and wetland habitat.

Deborah Peterson, Lisa Lantz, Doug Hinton, Joel Pillers, Troy Fitzsimmons

Staff of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission leading by example to protect and restore fish and wildlife habitats on state lands at the Belfair and Dosewallips State Parks.

Janis McNeal

Jan and Teri King, Washington Sea Grant Program, kayaked Hood Canal on weekends to distribute sink screens to homeowners enjoying the Canal on their patios; thinking out of the box to find new ways to reach unserved populations.

Fred Seminara

Volunteer member of the Hood Canal Pledge Program, disseminate pledge materials to neighbors and friends, display at the Alderbrook Pro-Shop, and helped at several community events.

2007

Ginna Correa

Ginna, working for the Washington Department of Wildlife, secured nearly \$4 million stewardship funding through the Washington Landowner Incentive Program that benefit species at risk.

Patty Stone and Terry Mills

Chose to rebuild their home with great consideration for the environment where they plan to recycle their old home, replace an old septic system, restore native vegetation, create on-site bioswales, dispersal trenches, rain gardens and provide pervious surfaces for driveways, walkways, decking.

Chris Drivdahl

At the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office, Chris worked tirelessly with tribes, federal agencies, state and local partners to help complete the Hood Canal Summer chum salmon recovery plan.

Jefferson County Public Health

For proactive role to improve the conditions of the Canal's watersheds and marine environments with new solid waste ordinance, successful education and enforcement against illegal dumping and junk vehicles.

2008

Duane Fagergren

Duane was one of the driving forces behind the Puget Sound Action Team's "Pollution Assessment and Corrective Actions" document that was a great starting point in addressing Hood Canal's low dissolved oxygen issues.

Christine Daniel

Christine, working with the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group, developed outstanding educational events, including Environmental Explorations and the Adventure Salmon Camps. She was also major contributor to the highly successful, Students in the Watershed Program.

Water Resource Inventory Area 16 (Skokomish – Dosewallips) Planning Unit

The group consists of representatives from counties, Tribes, PUDs, the shellfish industry, local agriculture, local environmental groups, the Port of Hoodport and the community at large.

David Nash

David contributed to a variety of projects that have allowed regulators, the public, elected officials and non-profit groups to better understand their place within the landscapes and waterscapes of Hood Canal.

Raymond and Ann Morris (2008)

Ann and Raymond re-acquired Hood Canal shoreline property at Beacon Point that had long been in Ann's family. For nearly four decades, the pair has protected nearly 1,600 feet of pristine beach and harvested its oysters. When they were provided information about the Hood Canal Regional Septic Loan Program to distribute to neighbors, they immediately stepped forward to invest in an upgrade of their own older system.

Larry and Arlene Schinke

Larry and Arlene are honored for their extraordinary efforts for the restoration of their land. The Schinke Estuarine Wetlands Restoration Project will return 38 acres of coastal wetland habitats to properly functioning conditions for the benefit of numerous healthy and imperiled fish and wildlife.

Randy Johnson

For his contributions to the protection and restoration of Hood Canal. Spent countless hours in the field over his three decades as a habitat biologist with Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife. He was likely to be seen in recent years translating his decades of experience with rivers and estuaries into exceptional slide show presentations.

2009

Bruce Macdonald

His areas of interest and leadership skills with Great Peninsula Conservancy included building relationships with the business community, identifying mutually beneficial partnerships, and developing marketing strategies.

Gary Cunningham

Founding member of Kitsap Land Trust and led the merger process with Hood Canal Land Trust that created Great Peninsula Conservancy in 2000 and volunteered countless hours to meet with landowners, walk properties, and negotiate many complex land deals.

Jefferson Land Trust

The list of contributions of the Jefferson Land Trust toward the health of the Canal and the region is exhaustive. The Jefferson Land Trust has established numerous conservation easements and protections to the watershed of the Hood Canal.

Phil Best

Co-founder and the first president of Hood Canal Environmental Council. He was also a founder and first president of Kitsap Land Trust and has served on the Great Peninsula Conservancy board since its beginning in 2000.

Washington Onsite Sewage Association

Educates homeowners with their community outreach radio talk show, "Septic Solutions." The show reaches current and future on-site users, while creating an opportunity for education and "myth busting" and enabling listeners to call in with comments and questions.

Rick Fackler (posthumous)

In 1996 Rick came to work for Kitsap County as the coordinator of the county's Open Space Program. In 2007, Rick joined the Great Peninsula Conservancy and provided his tremendous expertise in land conservation, extensive personal contacts with GPC partners, and a passion for land conservation.

Dean Renner

Dean, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, has vast and competent experience in River Engineering and his attention to details during the design review process by NRCS is admirable. He provided the design review engineering for the Little Quilcene River Restoration Project and Klingel Wetlands and Shine Estuary Restoration Projects.

Leslie Banigan

Lead the Kitsap County Health District pollution identification and correction project along the Hood Canal shoreline. Thirty-one failing septic systems have been identified and corrected along 33 miles of shoreline with determination and professionalism.

Peter Goldmark

As new Commissioner of Public Lands, approved the proposal for expanding the Dabob Bay Natural Area Preserve from 350 acres to over 3,600 acres. This award is a tribute to his leadership and in recognition of the DNR staff and many organizations, shellfish growers, and landowners that helped make it possible.

Robin Stoddard, Olympic National Forest

Largely due to Robin's exceptional skill and determination, the Forest Service has successfully accomplished, on schedule and within budget, a phenomenal amount of restoration work in the S. Fork Skokomish River watershed. Robin's energy and enthusiasm has inspired key stakeholders to work together for the good of the river.

2010

Gold Coast Oyster Company

Scott Grout has been instrumental in documenting and lobbying the true causes of contamination and shellfish closure in Hood Canal for the last three years. He has also fought to establish a strategic plan to provide sanitation facilities at ALL public access areas on the Canal from Union to Brinnon. He and Bill Allen, worked to establish compliance with agronomic biosolid application at the Webb Hill biosolids facility.

Colony Surf Community

The Colony Surf Board of Trustees led by resident, Tudi Whitright, transformed their community boat launch and public space along Hood Canal for people and wildlife. This project started with a native plant workshop given by the Mason Conservation District. With many hours of hard work by community members, this site will not only improve habitat along Hood Canal but also will serve as a community place for recreation for the entire Colony Surf community.

Rick Endicott

As an employee of Long Live the Kings, he manages the Lilliwaup Hatchery located near the mouth of Lilliwaup Creek. In 1993, he was a key person in bringing about the purchase of the property and the building of the conservation hatchery. Since 1998 Rick has staffed the influential Hamma Hamma Winter Steelhead Project, which resulted in the return of a Steelhead run that was imperiled just 10 years ago and led to basin-wide expansion of that project.

Rich Geiger

Rich played a key role in many projects that help restore the health of the Skokomish River and Hood Canal. He has worked closely with the Skokomish Tribe to design and implement both phases of the Skokomish Estuary Project, which is being successfully completed this year and is working on the next phase of restoration.

Nora Moloney

Nora and the Hood Canal Watershed Education Network ECO Net worked tirelessly to create the “Do Some Good for the Hood” events that were funded to support the “Puget Sound Starts Here” Campaign. Not only did this campaign raise awareness, but also it resulted in coordinated volunteer events on the Hood Canal, creating lasting useful products to reach new audiences in a short timeframe due to Nora’s exceptional coordination and leadership skills.

Mike Sharar (*posthumous*)

As Director of ESA Adolphson’s Olympia office, Mike was revered by all who worked with him. His dedication, intelligence, and positive spirit lives on as we get the four advanced wastewater facilities in Lower Hood Canal up and running. His ability to bring people together, to set a clear goal, to articulate facts in every-day terms and funny anecdotes, and do it with humility and a sense of humor is nothing short of amazing.

Ron and Bernadette Olson

Donated a conservation easement over seven acres of their Tekiu Point shoreline property on Hood Canal, which provides permanent protection to the land. The easement also protects 400 feet of natural shoreline and almost three acres of productive tidelands where the Olson’s harvest a variety of oysters, mussels and clams.

Tom Ammeter

Tom served on the North Olympic Salmon Coalition board for 19 years and president for 15. He’s been a part of the organization’s growth and continuation as it has evolved from an all-volunteer organization taking care of Summer Chum in Chimacum Creek to one that has five staff members and manages million dollar projects across the entire North Olympic Peninsula region. Tom hosted the Chimacum Creek hatchery on his property.

Judith Rubin

As Stewardship Director of the Northwest Watershed Institute, she has taken a leadership role in founding and coordinating a remarkable community tradition. For 12 years she’s worked behind the scenes at NWI designing planting plans for hundreds of acres of riparian reforestation projects for conservation of Tarboo Watershed and Dabob Bay. Developed “Plant-A-Thon,” a fundraiser involving 250 people, raising \$30,000 annually for five schools.

2011

Bill Allen

Concentrated on improving water quality in Hood Canal. His first initiative was to help mitigate the processes involved in the Webb Hill Biosolids facility. The result was a successful resolution with the Department of Ecology to use agronomic application methods. He has been consistently involved with projects that decrease human impacts on the canal with public access, such as the installation of restroom facilities on three populated sites.

Al Latham

Dedicated his career to salmon restoration and water quality improvements while working as District Manager at the Jefferson County Conservation District. Served as an active member and volunteered on the board of Wild Olympic Salmon throughout its existence as a non-profit environmental organization that spearheaded the effort to revitalize the Summer Chum in Snow/Salmon Creeks and reintroduce them to Chimacum Creek.

Becky Mars

Went the extra mile to learn about their land, Stavis Bay, and how they fit into the Hood Canal eco-system. Worked with Hood Canal Coordinating Council and Washington Sea Grant staff to reduce stormwater run-off and human-caused erosion of her bluff, planting over 600 trees and shrubs across her land.

Cindy Sund

Captain for the MS Lady Alderbrook and manager of the Hood Canal Marina, she enthusiastically shares her knowledge with her many tour groups and boating clients. "I can't think of a better way to share the history, beauty and uniqueness of Hood Canal than by being out on it. It has been my dream that if people experience the canal, they will appreciate its special quality and want to help preserve this wonderful place."

Sue Texeira

Worked with the HCCC since 1998 in outreach and education and supported the very successful Community Nearshore Restoration Program and Marine Riparian Initiative and made a significant contribution to the Hood Canal Community to "Do Some Good for the Hood." Sue's concern and awareness of Hood Canal, its people, places and future is what made her so valuable.

Chris Weller

Stepped up as the Senior ESA Management Biologist and continued to provide advice on a number of issues involving all four member tribes throughout Hood Canal and the Strait, coordinating many successful grants and projects from which the fisheries continue to benefit to this day. He effectively communicated the importance of incorporating harvest, hatchery and habitat needs and efforts, thereby bridging the gap of understanding among people.

Phil Wiatrak

Represented the Department of Ecology as the Watershed Lead for both WRIA 16/14b and 17 from 2001 to 2010 while he tirelessly advocated for the Hood Canal watershed. Phil had a solid understanding of the agency, laws, and policies governing watershed planning. He also assisted in securing funding for numerous projects around Hood Canal.

2012

Congressman Norm Dicks

The Hood Canal Coordinating Council Board of Directors honored Rep. Dicks, prior to his retirement in 2012, as the sole award recipient for his achievements. Rep. Dicks brought assistance to address the listings of threatened salmon runs; wrote a landmark bill that created a new federal commitment to preserving threatened parklands and protecting wildlife; secured federal resources to protect the Hood Canal ecosystem; and was instrumental in increasing funding for cleanup and remediation ensuring that the Puget Sound remains the centerpiece of Western Washington.

2013

Adam and Lissa James, Hama Hama Oyster Company

The James' are committed to healthy water, upstream and downstream. Today The Hama Hama Oyster Company is both a community and a business that affects many lives. Their shared mission is to manage resources that are sustainable for current and future generations through restorative stewardship.

Lynn Wall, CIV, NAVFAC Northwest (2013)

Lynn Wall, Naval Base Kitsap Community Planning Liaison, has provided extraordinary support to the HCC and its partners and has use her considerable experience to support HCCC in its efforts to develop and deploy a ground-breaking In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program that allowed the US Navy to maintain its construction schedule while ensuring that local decisions would be made about how to invest those resources so that they provide the most benefit to Hood Canal.

Ben Cope Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 AND Mindy Roberts Environmental Assessment Program, Washington State Department of Ecology

Ben Cope, EPA, and Mindy Roberts, Dept. of Ecology, are awarded for their work in preparing the report Review and Synthesis of Available Information to Estimate Human Impacts to Dissolved Oxygen in Hood Canal. This professional summary of the available scientific information on the source of nitrogen in the canal is now the best source of information for determining whether action is required (or even possible) to prevent future fish kills.

Tami Pokorny, Jefferson County Staff

Tami is recognized for her dedicated passion for conservation and preservation. For the last nine years, Tami's leadership in Jefferson County has protected and preserved Hood Canal and its watershed for the future. Tami has many accomplishments in the Hood Canal water system through her work with the Conservation Futures, WRIA 16, HCCC, field work, education materials, committee and board work.

Connie and J.D. Gallant of Greenfleet Monitoring Expeditions

Connie and J.D. tirelessly collect samples and record data in their boat, in all kinds of weather, to document a variety of issues related to water quality, particularly in the two estuaries of Quilcene Bay and Dabob Bay of Hood Canal. Their efforts to photograph wildlife and surface conditions while educating others on stewardship practices, exemplify how citizens can bring about change toward protecting the Hood Canal environment.

Rebecca Benjamin, North Olympic Salmon Coalition (NOSC)

Rebecca is recognized for her dedication to the conservation and protection of wild salmon stocks. As Executive Director of NOSC, she continually goes above and beyond to further their mission by actively working to increase the effectiveness of partners and salmon recovery in the state. She leads staff as they take on the challenges of bigger restoration projects that affect ecosystems with lasting impacts.

Kitsap Forest and Bay Coalition

The Coalition is a collaboration of community and business organizations mobilized to advance the Kitsap Forest & Bay Project (KFBP), an effort to conserve forestland and shoreline surrounding the Port Gamble Bay. Coalition members work together in cooperation to educate the public and promote the project with government agencies.

Bill and Judy Matchett

The Matchett's are passionate and tireless advocates for Hood Canal. As board members of the all-volunteer Hood Canal Environmental Council (HCEC), Bill served as president from the mid-1980s to 2012. Judy served for 16 years on the Kitsap County Open Space Committee and its successor, the Kitsap County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board--a huge commitment of time and effort.

2014

Cammy Mills

She is a long-time member and leader in the Hood Canal Watershed Education Network and has brought together members, advanced skills and resource sharing resulting in accomplishing a series of collaborative projects. Cammy's effort is an excellent fit for the very nature of ECO Networks--fostering collaboration, communication and relationships. Her responsiveness and ability to communicate and relate to a wide-range of people made her very effective in gaining support and trust to help protect and promote Hood Canal.

Hood Canal Watershed Education Network (HCWEN)

The strength of HCWEN comes from its member organizations which stems from its 20-year history of collaboration to keep education and outreach professionals connected with each other and to communicate the most current science so that its educators can accurately and effectively work to bring the highest quality environmental programs to Hood Canal residents. HCWEN helps the public understand the complex issues and scientific findings through programs such as "Do Some Good for the Hood" and many other efforts.

North Mason Regional Fire Authority (NMRFA) Crews Engine 21, Engine 27 and Brush 21 Firefighters Daniel Baker, Ryan Burke, John Craig, Joshua Hasbrook, Evan Hohmann, and Michael Wessen, and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fire Forester North (South Puget Sound Region) Jesse Abrahamson's Engine Crew, including Firefighters Daniel Fikse and Katelin Gregory.

NMRFA is recognized for their efforts on August 9, 2014 to extinguish fires on a 70-acre mature conifer forest on the 140-acre Davis Farm in Belfair (protected in perpetuity by a conservation easement held by Great Peninsula Conservancy). A complex of springs in the forest is the water source for Hudson Creek, which flows into the lower Union River on the Davis Farm. Fire fighters minimized disturbance to the forest helping to protect the water quality in the lower Union River, just prior to the annual spawning run of federally protected summer chum.

DNR also assisted the effort and installed an effective handline to control the fire and ruled out the use of foam once they learned that the fire was above the local water source. They opted to establish a no-work zone instead of removing two hazardous trees to ensure safety while respecting the landowner's desire to minimize damage.

WSU Extension Shore Stewards Program

This educational program is offered by WSU Extension in Jefferson, Kitsap and Mason counties designed for people who need valuable information and resources on stewardship practices. Participation includes hundreds of Hood Canal region homeowners, renters and residents, as well as farmers and forest owners, parks, port districts, cities and businesses with land along shores and streams. By understanding and applying a few habitat-friendly concepts they create healthier waters and shores for birds, fish and wildlife. The program also includes a publication focusing on 10 habitat-friendly guidelines, Guide for Shoreline Living.

2015

Beards Cove Community Organization (BCCO)

This organization represents over 500 property owners on the north shore of Hood Canal who addressed concerns over the health of Hood Canal by working with the Great Peninsula Conservancy and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to explore ways to improve water quality and fish habitat. Discussions led to the Beards Cove Restoration Project that will soon return the Union River estuary shoreline to its original historic conditions and the focus of three decades of conservation work by land trusts and agencies, adding up to over 700 acres of preserved shoreline, marsh, and forest.

Newberry Hill Heritage Park (NHHP) Stewards Volunteers

Volunteers support restoration in the Little Anderson Creek watershed that drains into the Hood Canal. They collaborated with many interest groups, business and the community to replace culverts blocking salmonids on Newberry Hill Road and Seabeck Highway to allow a continuous, protected path for Coho to thrive in healthy spawning grounds. They educated themselves to stay current on the science and have crafted the first version of a forestry management plan adopted by Kitsap County as a template for other parks. Their restoration forestry program is a model for other agencies dealing with disturbed woodlands and monoculture issues.