



## HCCC Updates | March 2024



Welcome to the [Hood Canal Coordinating Council](#)'s newsletter, where we share information and resources to support the Hood Canal ecosystem recovery community. Know others who should receive this newsletter? Please share it around.

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## Around Hood Canal

### Updates & Announcements

**HCCC's Scott Brewer transitions to new role** - With the hiring of David Dicks as HCCC's new Executive Director, Scott Brewer will now focus on summer chum salmon recovery as HCCC's Salmon Policy and Science Advisor. Scott will be responsible for developing the guidance and direction for the HCCC salmon program with a primary focus on Hood Canal and Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca Summer Chum salmon recovery. Working with HCCC staff, consultants, and

partners the position will develop the approach for the delisting and recovery of summer chum salmon. Scott will work closely with the Executive Director advising on matters of environmental science and policy issues.

**Puget Sound Strategic Initiative Leads RFP Schedule** - The Habitat Strategic Initiative Leads' (SILs) 2024 RFP schedule is now available. Additionally, Habitat and Stormwater Strategic Initiative Leads are collaborating on a new grant opportunity with the Department of Commerce to support salmon habitat. RFP schedule included in Funding Opportunities below. [More info](#).

**Puget Sound Partnership Monthly Funding Update Calls** - PSP Strategic Funding Team will provide an overview of the funding opportunities listed on [PS RAFT](#), and space to discuss upcoming projects and Q&A. The first call will be on Tuesday, March 5th. Thereafter, calls will be on the first Monday of the month, 9 - 10:00 am. [Click here to join the meeting](#); Meeting ID: 271 626 386 376; Passcode: tdQFWR.

**Puget Sound Partnership Land Use Action Agenda Progress Indicator Development** - Are you interested in how the Puget Sound region is tracking progress on land use goals? Register to attend a virtual workshop on April 4, 1:00 - 3:30 pm. [More info](#).

**Puget Sound Day on the Hill** - May 13-17, in Washington D.C. The annual event organized by the [Puget Sound Partnership](#) and the [Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission](#) advocates for effective policy and sustained federal investment in Puget Sound restoration and salmon recovery efforts. Partners are encouraged to join. [More info](#).

- **Sign on to the Puget Sound Partnership's priority appropriation letters to deliver to Congressional committees during Puget Sound Day on the Hill.** Signatures may be added until March 11. [More info](#).

**WA Dept. of Commerce survey on Incorporating Salmon Recovery into Local Planning Efforts.** The WA Dept. of Commerce received funds from the State Climate Commitment Act to launch a new grant program that incorporates salmon recovery efforts into local planning efforts. As Commerce develops this new program it is important that they hear about salmon recovery needs in your area. Your input will be incorporated into the design and implementation of the grant program. [Survey link](#).

**New report from Puget Sound Partnership and the OSU Human Dimensions Lab:** [Puget Sound Perceptions of Environmental Change](#).

**Mason Conservation District - District Elections** - The Mason Conservation District will be conducting an election for one Board position during Conservation Month on March 20, 2024. [More info](#).

**USGS Coastal Storm Modeling System (CoSMoS) page on CHRN website** - CoSMoS is the only modeling tool that makes coupled storm and sea level projections widely and freely available. Its use of future climate projections scaled down to predict local coastal hazards makes

the results directly applicable for localized planning and preparedness. [More info.](#)

**Dept. of Ecology proposes new and updated limits for toxics in water** - As part of the state's rules for how clean state waters need to be, the aquatic life toxics criteria are designed to protect aquatic life, such as fish and invertebrates, from the effects of toxic chemicals in the water. Comment period open through April 17, 2024. [More info.](#)

**New Coastal Quest funding database** - The database includes grant opportunities that support a wide range of coastal multi-benefit nature-based solutions, including disaster resilience, 30x30 protection, conservation, and restoration. [More info.](#)

**WA Dept. of Transportation Stormwater Retrofit Prioritization** -The [GIS prioritization](#) is meant to be an equitable, science-based planning tool to help WSDOT prioritize where to best invest stormwater retrofit funds. It includes the opportunity for interested parties to [provide feedback](#) on the prioritization and contribute suggested priority locations through WSDOT's [Survey123](#) for tribal, local agency, and other interested parties. For more information, including access to the Survey123, visit WSDOT's [Stormwater Retrofit Move Ahead Washington toolbox](#). [More info.](#)

## News

[They started building a bulkhead for a new home on Hood Canal. Then the feds found out;](#) Seattle Times, by Lynda Mapes.

[Hood Canal property owners fined more than \\$250K for illegally replacing bulkhead;](#) Kitsap Sun

[Shorelines: Landowners can help wildlife;](#) Seattle Times Opinion piece re: the Feb 12 Lynda Mapes article on the Hood Canal bulkhead project.

[The words 'in common with' were pivotal to Judge Boldt's ruling on Native American fishing rights;](#) Puget Sound Institute, by Chris Dunagan

[Fifty years on, a case to uphold Indigenous rights resonates in the US;](#) Al Jazeera, featuring Skokomish Tribe members.

[The pulse of the ocean - UW and Smithsonian researchers develop DNA identification methods for monitoring Salish Sea planktonic communities;](#) WA Sea Grant.

[Conservancy group buys 183 acres along Tahuya River for restoration, salmon habitat;](#) Kitsap Sun

## Events

HCCC events - Partner events around Hood Canal & Puget Sound - Education & training

**HCCC Board Meeting** - March 20, 1-4 pm; Virtual and in-person at HCCC's office in Poulsbo. Visit [HCCC's calendar](#) to view all board meeting dates. Details and materials will be available one week before the meeting date.

**Puget Sound Partnership Management Conference Boards** -Upcoming and past meeting [information and materials](#).

- **Leadership Council** - March 14; Pt. Townsend
- **Ecosystem Coordination Board** - May 9; Location/Format TBD
- **Salmon Recovery Council** - March 28; Virtual
- **Science Panel** - April 11; Virtual

**Puget Sound Partnership Legislative Update Call** - Every Friday during the legislative session, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. From January 5 -March 15, 2024; [Sign up and other resources](#) to track the 2024 session.

**Puget Sound Partnership Monthly Funding Update Call** - March 5, 9-10 am; April 1, 9-10 am (and every 1st Monday of the month thereafter). [Meeting Link](#). Meeting ID: 271 626 386 376; Passcode: tdQFWR

**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee** - March 5, 6-8pm; WSU Classroom (97 Oak Bay Rd) in Port Hadlock, and via Zoom. [More info](#).

**Puget Sound Institute Salish Sea Science Roundtable:** Author talk will counter “climate doomism,” Dr. Elin Kelsey - March 5, 12:30-1:30pm. Registration required. [More info](#).

**Habitat Strategic Initiative Lead Virtual Subrecipient Summit** -The Habitat Strategic Initiative Lead (HSIL) Subrecipient Summit brings together HSIL-funded project leads, HSIL staff, Habitat Strategic Initiative Advisory Team, and partners to enhance connections across the diverse and critical work to implement the Habitat Implementation Strategies. March 7, 9-12pm. [Join Zoom meeting](#).

**Coastal Hazards Resilience Network (CHRN) Annual Meeting** - Save the date: May 21st. WA Department of Ecology in Lacey, WA. [Subscribe to the CHRN mailing list](#) to get notified of event updates. Visit this [link to a brief survey](#) to gather input on the meeting.

**CHRN Lunch & Learn: Indigenous community resilience and adaptation**, with Jamie Donatuto (Swinomish Tribe). March 7, 12-12:50. [Register here](#).

**Coastal Quest - Accelerating Multi-Benefit Coastal Nature-Based Solutions Part 2: Launching Early Stage Multi-Benefit Nature Based Solutions**. March 14; 11 am - 12:30 pm. [Register here](#).



**Pacific Estuarine Research Society: 46th Annual Conference - From Local to Transboundary: Approaches to Estuarine Research Stewardship.** Nanaimo, BC, April 18-20. [More info.](#)

**Restore America's Estuaries 2024 Coastal & Estuarine Summit** - Save the date for October 6-10, Washington, D.C. The premier event for coastal restoration policy makers, practitioners, and managers in the United States. [Learn more here.](#)

**South Sound Science Symposium** - October 16, 2024. Located at the Little Creek Casino Resort in Shelton. Visit [southsoundscience.org](https://southsoundscience.org) for updates.

**Kitsap County Public Hearings on Preferred Alternative for Comprehensive Plan Update:**

- Thursday, Feb. 22, 6:00 p.m.: Staff will host an in-person public open house on the draft plan documents at the [Kitsap County Administration Building](#) in Port Orchard. At this meeting, you can engage directly with staff regarding plan policies, maps, development regulations, and other points of interest.
- Tuesday, Mar. 5 at 5:30 p.m.: The Planning Commission will host a public hearing at the [Kitsap County Administration Building](#) and virtually via Zoom. This hybrid hearing allows for testimony from both in-person attendees and online participants via Zoom.
- Monday, Apr. 8 at 5:30 p.m.: The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the plan at the [Kitsap County Administration Building](#). Testimony will be accepted in-person and via Zoom.
- Written comments also accepted
- [More info](#)

**Puget Sound Partnership Land Use Progress Indicator Showcase** -Thursday Apr 4, 1:00-3:30 pm. (virtual). [More info and registration.](#)

## Funding Opportunities

Check out [PS RAFT](#) for all current Puget Sound-related grants and [Coastal Quest](#) for national funding opportunities

**Upcoming [Puget Sound Strategic Initiative Lead \(SIL\) RFPs](#):**

- Habitat SIL Investment Priorities:
  - To be released March 25:
    - (A) Increase capacity and workforce development to meet Puget Sound habitat recovery goals.
    - (C) New science, synthesis, and analysis for improved protection and restoration of kelp and eelgrass in Puget Sound.
    - Save the date for informational webinar April 3, 2024.
  - To be released April 2024:

- (B)Local support for habitat protection, monitoring, and adaptive management; in collaboration with the Department of Commerce’s Salmon Recovery Grant Program.This will also include investments from the [Stormwater SIL](#) on Sound Choices Comprehensive Planning.
  - To be released late May/early June 2024:
    - (D)Restoration effectiveness of soft shore alternatives to hard armor.
    - (E1)Understanding and planning for sea level rise and climate related hazards to shorelines in Puget Sound.
- Stormwater SIL Investment Priorities:
  - Opens March 15, 2024:
    - Innovative BMP Installations in Toxic Hotspots and Transportation Areas

**SeaDoc Society 2024 grant opportunities** - At least \$250,000 available, \$50,000 per project, with a goal to support science that results in positive conservation outcomes for pressing environmental issues facing the Salish Sea. Letters of Intent due March 15. [More info](#).

## Job Announcements

### Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group internships:

- [Salmon & Steelhead Research Intern](#); Closes March 8
- [Students in the Watershed Internship](#); Due ASAP
- [Stream Team Intern Program](#); Due March 29
- [Summer Riparian Restoration Technician](#); Open until filled
- [Sustainable Farm Intern](#)

### Mason Conservation District:

- [Forester - Resource Technician III](#); Closes March 15
- [Engineering Technician](#)

**Puget Sound Partnership:** [Boards Program Coordinator](#); Closes March 7

**Puget Sound Partnership:** [Puget Sound Recovery Strategist](#); Closes March 12

**WDFW:** [Hydraulic Project Approval \(HPA\) Compliance Section Manager](#). Closes Mar 11

**National Ocean Service (NOS),Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS):** [Education and Outreach Coordinator](#)

**Climate Impacts Group:** [Research Scientist and Engineer 2](#) to support climate justice research and outreach; Applicant screening begins Mar 25



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