



## HCCC Updates | Summer 2024



This newsletter shares information and resources to support the Hood Canal ecosystem recovery community. Know others who should receive it? Please share it around.

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## Around Hood Canal

Updates & Announcements

**HCCC work featured in Puget Sound Institute series and Salish Sea Currents article:**

- [Key job changes at Hood Canal Coordinating Council set the stage for summer chum delisting](#)
- [Hood Canal summer chum could be first-ever salmon removed from Endangered Species List](#)
- [Construction fees support local program that protects and restores rare habitats in Hood Canal](#)

**Hood Canal Summer Chum recovery supported by Seattle Times editorial board:** [Success](#)

[of Hood Canal summer chum gives hope for salmon recovery](#)

**South Hood Canal dissolved oxygen reaching dangerously low levels.** Nannoos' ORCA buoys at [Twanoh](#) and [Hoodsport](#) are showing hypoxic conditions near surface waters, earlier than normal for this time of year. South winds could bring fish kill events. Please document any observations you see. [More info on Hood canal dissolved oxygen.](#)

**Local Integrating Organization (LIO) On-site Septic Action Plans in development,** with \$183,000 newly awarded from EPA and the Puget Sound Partnership for implementation of a priority action in each LIO. Hood Canal's LIO OSS Action Plan will be finalized in Sep.

**Floodplains by Design Program updates:**

- Quilcene River salmon habitat restoration projects sponsored by the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group ranked #1 on the 2025-2027 funding list.
- Match requirement removed for 2025-2027 and onward.

**Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) Targeted Investment Program update:**

- Dewatto Estuary and Main Stem Protection Project, sponsored by Great Peninsula Conservancy, ranked #1 on the 2024/2025 funding list.

**Puget Sound Strategic Initiative Leads (SILs) release 2024 Investment Plan** - The investment priorities will be the focus of upcoming competitive RFPs to award EPA Puget Sound Geographic funds for investments across Puget Sound. [More info](#)

**Puget Sound Salmon Science Advisory Group call for nominees** - The sub-group of the Puget Sound Science Panel provides expertise to the Salmon Recovery Council and Puget Sound Partnership. [More info.](#)

**Puget Sound Stormwater Strategic Initiative Lead (SIL) resource to inform and help consumers reduce exposure to toxic chemicals** - Consumer document linked [here](#), and Public Stormwater Box folder with more information and resources linked [here](#).

**Climate Impacts Group release new report:** [Climate Adaptation Barriers and Needs Experienced by Northwest Coastal Tribes: Key Findings from Tribal Listening Sessions](#)

**WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Revising the state's Wildlife Action Plan.** Virtual public meeting on Aug 28. [More info.](#)

**Puget Sound Vital Sign Updates:**

- **Air Quality:** The exposure to impaired air quality indicator has "mixed results." [More info.](#)
- **Marine Water:** Marine Benthic Index indicator is "getting worse" ([more info](#)). Sediment Chemistry Index shows "no trend" ([more info](#)).

**Pacific Northwest Water Year Impacts Assessment Report for 2023 released:** A collaboration between the Office of the Washington State Climatologist, the Climate Impacts Group, Oregon Climate Service, Idaho Department of Water Resources and NOAA's National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS). [More info.](#)

**Puget Sound Partnership's Strategic Funding Team now has a website** - Find information on the team and how they can support your funding efforts. [More info.](#)

**Puget Sound Strategic Initiative Leads New Calendar of Events** - Find out about upcoming releases of RFPs, webinars, and advisory team and pod meetings. [More info.](#)

**Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP) released 2024-2028 Strategic Plan.** [More info.](#)

**WA Dept. of Ecology starting the rulemaking process to amend the Shoreline Management Act (SMA).** [More info.](#)

**FEMA released new National Resilience Guidance.** Webinar series in Sep and Oct; [Register here.](#)

## News

[WA nears a plan to remove key culverts](#); Seattle Times

[State sets new limits for toxic chemicals in water](#); WA Dept. of Ecology

[Resources for local habitat protection, monitoring, and adaptive management](#); Puget Sound Institute

[Science notebook: Winter studies of Puget Sound's threatened marbled murrelets](#); Puget Sound Institute, Salish Sea Currents

[Coast Guard launches traffic control – for whales in Puget Sound](#); Seattle Times

[Unknown volume of petroleum product spills at Bangor's shoreline](#); Kitsap Sun

[Southern resident orca numbers decline during census year; Bigg's orcas continue to expand.](#) Puget Sound Institute: Our Water Ways

[Rename the Hood Canal to reflect its true nature and splendor](#); Seattle Times editorial

## Events

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

## opportunities

**HCCC Board Meetings** - Sep 18, 1-4 pm; Oct 16, 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 are available one week before the meeting date.

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

- **Leadership Council** - Sep 11-12; Bellingham (in-person)
- **Ecosystem Coordination Board** - Nov 6; TBD
- **Salmon Recovery Council** - Sep 26; Tacoma (in-person)
- **Science Panel** - Oct 9-10; TBD

**Puget Sound Partnership Monthly Funding Update Calls** - Every 1st Monday of the month. These calls provide a forum to highlight current funding opportunities posted on [Puget Sound RAFT website](#)) and for partners to share funding needs, upcoming projects, collaborate, and ask questions. [Meeting Link](#). Meeting ID: 271 626 386 376; Passcode: tdQFWR.

**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee** - Sep 3, 6-8 pm; Hybrid meeting at WSU Classroom (97 Oak Bay Rd), and via Zoom. [More info](#).

**Puget Sound Institute Salish Sea Science Roundtable: Sea level rise resiliency** - Sep 3, 12:30-1:30 pm; Registration required. [More info](#).

**Shellfish Strategic Initiative Lead (SIL) RFP Applicant Webinar**: Sep 5, 10-11:30 am. [Zoom link](#). Learn about more applicant resources by visiting the [Shellfish RFP webpage](#).

**Coastal Quest Webinar: California State Water Quality Protection Area Assessment Tool**. Sep 5, 1-2 pm. [Register here](#).

**U.S. DOT Public Engagement Workshop** - Sep 9, 1 pm. This workshop is based on the [Transportation Decision-Making: A Guide to Getting Involved](#), which provides community leaders and the public with an overview of the transportation decision-making process and provides information about how to get involved to make a difference in transportation in your community. [Register here](#).

**CoSMoS Coastal Groundwater Hazards with Rising Seas Puget Sound Virtual Workshop** - Sep 12, 9-11:30 am. [Register here](#). [More info](#). The recording of the first of this two-part workshop is [available here](#).

**Coastal Hazards Resilience Network Lunch & Learn Series: CoSMoS Use Case: Whatcom/Bellingham**. Sep 17, 1-2 pm. [More info & registration](#).

**Washington Marine Debris Action Plan Workshop** – October 22-23; Port Angeles, WA. Registration will open in early September. [More info](#), or contact Andrew Mason



([Andrew.mason@noaa.gov](mailto:Andrew.mason@noaa.gov)), NOAA Marine Debris Program Pacific Northwest Regional Coordinator.

**Habitat Strategic Initiative Lead Fall Forum: Planning for sea level rise and climate related hazards to nearshore habitat in Puget Sound** - Oct 24-25; Lynwood, WA (tentative).

[Registration and more info.](#)

**Oil Spill Task Force Annual Meeting.** Dec 5; Salem, OR or virtual. More info coming soon.

#### **Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP) Meetings:**

- **Marine Birds Working Group:** Aug 29, 10am-1pm. Hybrid meeting. [More info.](#)
- **Salmonids Working Group:** Sep 5, 1-3pm. [More info.](#)
- **Stormwater Working Group:** Sep 11, 9am-12pm. [More info.](#)
- **Toxics Working Group:** Sep 12, 9:30am-4:30pm (hybrid meeting, in-person Duwamish River restoration tour). [More info.](#)
- **Human Wellbeing Dialogue Series:** National Estuary Programs + Other Organizations with Similar Efforts: Sep 17, 10am-12pm. [More Info and registration.](#)
- **Marine Waters Working Group:** Conditions Update: Sep 18, 10am-12pm. [More info.](#)

**NASA Invasive Species Monitoring with Remote Sensing Webinar Series, Pt. 3: Monitoring Invasive Grassland Species with Hyperspectral Remote Sensing;** Aug 28, 9-10:30 am (UTC-7:00). [More info & Registration.](#)

**Green Infrastructure Summit of the Salish Sea 2024** - Recordings available [here.](#)

## **Funding Opportunities**

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

#### **Puget Sound Strategic Initiative Lead (SIL) RFPs:**

- **Stormwater SIL**
  - Piloting Solutions to CECs in Wastewater. Closes Oct 22. [More info.](#)
- **Shellfish SIL:**
  - Increase Harvestable Shellfish Bed Acreage in Puget Sound. Closes Oct 23. [More info.](#)

**Water Quality Combined Funding Program (FY2026);** WA Dept. of Ecology. Closes Oct 15. [More info.](#)

**Killer Whale Conservation Program 2025 RFPs;** NFWF. Pre-proposal deadline: Sep 5. [More info.](#)

**Ensuring Environmental Justice, Human Wellbeing, and Ecosystem Recovery in Puget Sound;** EPA. Closes Sep 10. [More info.](#)

**Recreational Trails Program;** WA Recreation and Conservation Office. Closes Oct 31. [More info.](#)

**Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection and Restoration Competition;** NOAA. Closes Jan 9, 2025. [More info.](#)

**Revolutionizing Innovative, Visionary Environmental Health Research (RIVER);** National Institutes of Health. Closes Nov 1. [More info.](#)

**Northwest Environmental Justice Center lists state and federal funding opportunities.** [More info.](#)

**National Culvert Removal Replacement and Restoration Grant Program;** US Dept. of Transportation. Closes Sep 23. [More info.](#)

**Citizen Science for Improved Stock Assessments and Climate-Ready Fisheries Management;** NOAA. Closes Nov 4. [More info.](#)

**New: Air Quality in Overburdened Communities Grant Program;** WA Dept. of Ecology. Open Aug 29 - Oct 24. [More info.](#)

## Job Announcements

**North Olympic Development Coalition:** [Executive Director](#)

**Mason Conservation District:** [Habitat Restoration Biologist](#)

**Mason Conservation District:** [Field Crew Member](#)

**Mason County:** [Environmental Health Specialist](#)

**Mason County:** [Environmental Health Supervisor](#)

**Climate Impacts Group:** [Director](#)

**WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife:** [Compliance Division Manager \(Habitat Program\)](#)

**WA Dept. of Ecology:** [Oil Spill Preparedness Planner](#)

**WA Dept. of Ecology:** [Flood Control Assistance Account Program Planner](#)

**WA Dept. of Ecology:** [Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Policy Manager](#)

**Natural Systems Design + Coastal Geologic Services:** [Coastal Engineer/Coastal Scientist](#)

**WA Sea Grant:** [Resilience Fellowship Specialist](#)

**WA Sea Grant:** [Water Quality Specialist](#)

**Puget Sound Partnership:** [Puget Sound Recovery Strategist](#)



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