

SALMON SIGHTINGS AT HANSEN CREEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, NOON TO 3 PM

Northern State Recreation Area

Calling all friends of salmon! View migrating salmon in Hansen Creek with the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group! Hansen Creek is home to 4 species of Pacific salmon, and with luck, we can see them in action! Learn about the human and natural history of the site and the extensive salmon habitat restoration work over the past few decades. All ages welcome! For more information contact 336-0172 or email: ldgrace@skagitfisheries.org

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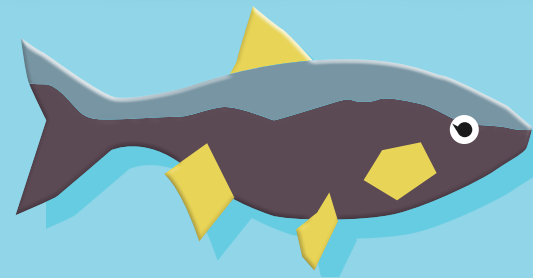
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SKAGIT WATER WEEKS

SEPTEMBER 1-30, 2017



Water is Life! Let's Celebrate it!



Skagit Water Weeks is a collection of free events hosted by local organizations and community residents that teach and celebrate one of our most treasured resources - water! Water is critical to our environment, economy and our cultural well-being. Without plenty of clean water, we stand to lose many of the things in life we value. We are pleased to present this slate of opportunities and events in celebration of Skagit Water Weeks and our precious water resources!

SKAGIT WATERSHED LETTERBOX TRAIL

SEPTEMBER 1ST - SEPTEMBER 30TH

www.skagitleanwater.org

Join SCEA along our Skagit Watershed Letterbox Trail! Follow the clues to find the letterboxes hidden throughout Skagit County to discover the treasures of the Skagit Watersheds. Download the clues at: letterboxing.org, atlasquest.com or through the app "Clue Tracker for Letterboxing". (Trail name: 2017 Skagit Watershed Trail) Clue Sheets can be found at: Skagit County Libraries & Padilla Bay Research Reserve.

ANACORTES LIBRARY WATER WEEKS DISPLAY

SEPTEMBER 1ST - SEPTEMBER 30TH

Anacortes Public Library, 1220 10th St., Anacortes

Celebrate Skagit Water Weeks by visiting the Anacortes Library, which will feature a display of related books.

JUNIOR ECOLOGISTS AT PADILLA BAY

(6 to 9 year olds)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST AND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 10:30 AM TO NOON

Padilla Bay Interpretive Center,
10441 Bay View Edison Road, Mount Vernon

The Padilla Bay interpretive center presents: Elegant Eelgrass—There's no plant we like more than eelgrass. And Padilla Bay is famous for our giant meadow. Dress for the beach and come explore the wonderful world of eelgrass. Science experiments, games, art projects, and

studying life in the bay - this program is guaranteed fun! Registration is required. Visit the website to register: www.padillabay.gov or call (360) 428-1558.

ALGER COMMUNITY FUN'RAISER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 10 AM TO 4 PM

Alger Community Hall, 18735 Parkview Lane,
Burlington (Alger)

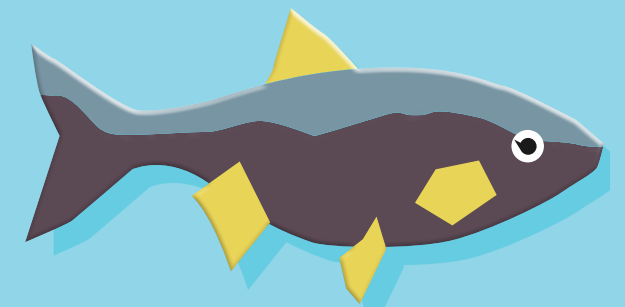
Everyone invited! Kids activities and games, food, crafts, bake sale, raffles and live music! Come and see what the Alger community has been doing to protect their neighborhood stream! Proceeds will help raise money for painting and maintenance projects.

CITIZEN SCIENCE: OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA COLLECTION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 9 AM TO 3:30 PM

Shannon Point Marine Center - WWU,
1900 Shannon Point Road, Anacortes

Observe and assist a Shannon Point Marine Center scientist in the collection of oceanographic data for long-term monitoring of the Salish Sea. Participants will spend the day aboard SPMC research vessel, Magister, and enjoy a lecture on oceanography by marine scientist Dr. Brady Olson. Pre-registration requested - visit: <https://ee.wvu.edu/professional-development/programs/citizen-science-oceanographic-data-collection>.



MINI EXPLORERS AT PADILLA BAY (3 to 5 year olds)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH AND THURSDAY, SEPT. 7TH, 10 AM AND 1 PM

Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, 10441 Bay View Edison Road, Mount Vernon

The Padilla Bay Interpretive Center presents “Life on a Rock” - Lots of plants and animals make their homes on rocks. We'll look closely at rocky homes in Padilla Bay to see who's hiding and hanging on tight. New topics presented each month with stories, games, hands-on observations, art projects, and plenty of action. Visit the website to register: www.padillabay.gov

JOIN THE SKAGIT STREAM TEAM

WED SEPT. 6TH 6 TO 8:30 PM; THURS SEPT. 7TH 6 TO 8:30 PM; AND SAT. SEPT 9TH 9 AM TO 2:30 PM

Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, 10441 Bay View Edison Road, Mount Vernon

Help protect our legacy of clean water by participating in the Skagit Stream Team program! Participants learn sampling and analytical techniques used by environmental professionals and are responsible for collecting and recording water quality data in the field or conducting testing in the lab on a monthly basis from October through June. New volunteers are required to attend the annual training. Pre-registration requested by Sept. 1st – by contacting Kristi @ 428-4313 or email: kristi@skagitcd.org.

SKAGIT RIVER SALMON FESTIVAL

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH, 10 AM TO 6 PM

Edgewater Park, Mount Vernon

A FREE, fun-filled festival experience for families. Located at Edgewater Park in

Mount Vernon, the banks of the Skagit River create an amazing setting to spend the day celebrating the mighty Skagit and return of the salmon! Enjoy a terrific lineup of activities and entertainment with something for everyone: Live music; Arts and crafts, and games for the whole family; Beer/wine garden; Tasty food options; Hunters of the Sky Raptor Shows; Amazing face painting artists and more! Visit the website for information: www.SkagitRiverFest.org.

CASCADE TRAIL FAMILY BIKE RIDE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 10 AM TO 1 PM

Cascade Trail to Minkler Lake

Join Skagit Land Trust (SLT) and Skagit Bicycle Club for a family ride on the Cascade Trail to Minkler Lake. SLT has protected 138 acres of the lake and wetlands that surround it. Once a busy millpond, restoration efforts have allowed fish and wildlife to return to the lake and thrive. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and explore this beautiful conservation area. RSVP online at skagitlandtrust.org

BOWMAN BAY RESTORATION PLANTING AND MONITORING EVENT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 10 AM

Bowman Bay, Deception Pass State Park

All ages welcome! Join NW Straits Foundation, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, and Skagit County Marine Resources Committee for a fun day assisting with weeding and watering, forage fish sampling, and post-restoration monitoring activities, including a beach seine to see what kind of fish are inhabiting the nearshore. Contact (360) 733-1725 or email: morgan@nwstraitsfoundation.org for more information.

TAYLOR SHELLFISH FARMS TOUR AND COOKING DEMONSTRATION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 5 PM TO 6 PM

Taylor Shellfish Farms, 2182 Chuckanut Drive, Bow

Enjoy an evening on beautiful Samish Bay! Come take a tour of Taylor Shellfish Farms and learn what it takes to grow these delicious bivalves. Tour will be followed by a cooking demonstration and samples. Anyone is invited to participate - children must be with an adult. Please RSVP to Nicoleg@taylorshellfish.com

SKAGIT WATERSHED COUNCIL 20TH ANNIVERSARY AND ANNUAL LUNCH CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 11:30 AM TO 2 PM

Skagit City School, 17508 Moore Road, Mount Vernon (on Fir Island)

Join the Skagit Watershed Council in celebrating their 20th anniversary. This luncheon event will include an update on salmon and habitat recovery and celebrate 20 years of progress. The public is invited. Registration fee and **RSVP required by September 12th** - contact: council@skagitwatershed.org or call 360-419-9326.

RAINWATER HARVESTING WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM

Alger Community Hall, 18735 Parkview Lane, Burlington (Alger)

Rainwater harvesting ranges from simple catchment devices, such as rain barrels, to more complex systems such as cisterns and storage tanks. Rainwater harvesting helps conserve water and reduce the amount of storm water runoff. At this workshop learn about rainwater harvesting options and the multiple benefits of capturing rainwater. Hosted by Friday

Creek Habitat Stewards and Skagit Conservation District. Pre-register by September 19th by contacting Kristi @ 428-4313 or email: kristi@skagitcd.org.

ASKING BIG QUESTIONS ABOUT LITTLE ORGANISMS PRESENTATION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM

Anacortes Senior Center, 1701 22nd St., Anacortes

Join Transition Fidalgo & Friends for a community supper and presentation: **Asking Big Questions about Little Organisms: the role of plankton in climate change, ocean acidification and marine food webs with Jude Apple, oceanographer, estuarine ecologist and Research Coordinator for the Padilla Bay Research Reserve.** Open to all – no reservations necessary. Suggested supper donation \$5/ adult; \$3/10 and under. Please bring your own place settings, or simply join for the presentation around 7:00. For more information, visit transitionfidalgo.org.

FALL 2017 WATERSHED MASTERS PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 6 PM TO 8:30 PM AND CONTINUING EVERY WEDNESDAY THRU NOV. 15TH

Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, 10441 Bay View Edison Road, Mount Vernon

Explore the wonders of Skagit County's watersheds! The Skagit Conservation District, in partnership with Skagit County, and the Cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Mount Vernon, and Sedro-Woolley are pleased to present the Fall 2017 Watershed Masters program. Participants attend 8 fun and informative evening sessions and 3 Saturday field days. The program is intended for community residents (age 17 and up) who are aspiring to increase their knowledge about local watersheds, water quality, and stream ecology (no previous experience required). Pre-register by September 23rd by contacting Kristi @ 428-4313 or email: kristi@skagitcd.org.