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March 2020 Natural Resources Newsletter

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Announcements

Island County Surface Water Runoff 5k and Kids Fun Run



Island County DNR is putting together a 5K run called the Surface Water Run-off. It will be held May 16 in Coupeville and will include a one-mile fun-run for kids under 10. Please contact Mallory Palatucci at m.palatucci@islandcountywa.gov or 360-678-7915 if you have questions.

Funding Opportunities

The Washington Department of Ecology is currently soliciting proposals for National Coastal Wetlands Conservation grants. [Contact Ecology](#) now with pre-proposals.

The Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) has announced their [Request for Project Proposals](#) for Puget Sound nearshore ecosystem restoration and protection projects. They are hosting a [webinar](#) on March 24 from 11am-12:30 pm. Pre-proposals are due in PRISM on April 1.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has announced the [National Coastal Resilience Fund Request for Proposals](#) for 2020. [Register](#) for the pre-proposal webinar on Thursday, March 12 from 12pm-1pm. Pre-proposals are due April 8th!

The [National Fish Habitat Partnership](#) has announced a new Small Grants Program for 2020, thanks to a \$50,000 contribution from Bass Pro Shops. All 20 Fish Habitat Partnerships under the National Fish Habitat Partnership are eligible to apply. Submit a project application to Ryan Roberts at roberts@fishwildlife.org by 5pm on April 16.

Check out this [tool](#) from Washington Fund Directory! It's a one-stop funding directory for local governments looking for state funding.

Puget Sound Info has a list of [funding sources](#) for Puget Sound recovery activities.

Programmatic Updates

Island Local Integrating Organization (ILIO)

The next ILIO Technical Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10 from 1pm-3pm at the Island County Natural Resources office, 504 Haller Street, Coupeville.

The [Puget Sound Partnership](#) staff will give a presentation on the 2019 State of the Sound report at the next ILIO Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 25 from 10am-11am in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 1 NE 6th Street, Courthouse Annex Building, Room B-102, Coupeville.

The EPA is increasing the LIO capacity grants by \$50,000 per year to support an enhanced role in local/regional collaboration for ecosystem recovery planning in Puget Sound.

The Stormwater Strategic Implementation Lead (SIL), in conjunction with its Advisory Team (SIAT), is hosting a workshop on April 29 for rural jurisdictions. It's designed to produce detailed strategies for stormwater management needs (what, who, where, when, how and why). The workshop will address planning, staffing, access to needed tools and research, and the unique conditions that face our communities. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lori Clark at l.clark@islandcountywa.gov or 360-679-7352.

ILIO Technical Committee members attended a Structured Decision-Making/DASEES Workshop on Thursday, February 20. DASEES is a structured risk-based and decision focused tool for understanding and addressing complicated decisions involving environmental, economic, and social issues.

Be sure to check [ILIO's website](#) for upcoming meeting agendas and minutes!

[Marine Resources Committee \(MRC\)](#)

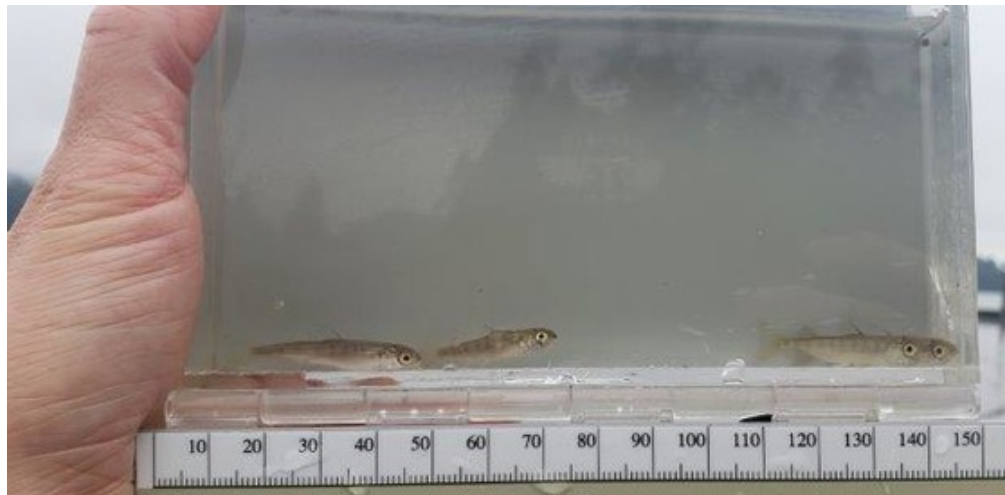
The MRC and [Island Transit](#) have teamed up to host a [Rain Garden Tour](#) on Friday, April 3, starting at Greenbank Farm. Celebrate Earth and Ocean Month by visiting rain gardens with experts from the MRC. Learn about Low Impact Development strategies to naturally filter storm water pollutants. Seats fill up fast, so RSVP or get a detailed route and itinerary by contacting Island Transit at 360-678-9536 or travel@islandtransit.org.

The next MRC meeting will be held Tuesday, April 7 from 3pm-5pm at the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 1 NE 6th Street, Courthouse Annex Building, Room #B102, Coupeville.

Check out [this link](#) from our neighboring MRC! It highlights the history of San Juan MRC and County stewardship efforts related to our southern resident orcas.

Be sure to check [MRC's website](#) for upcoming meeting agendas and minutes.

Big thanks to MRC's seining team! The pinks and Chinook (see photo below) are coming in.



Salmon Recovery

The Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee (SRTCC) is hosting a public meeting for 2020 Projects on Wednesday, March 18 from 12pm-3pm at Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, 10441 Bayview Edison Rd, Mount Vernon.

Be sure to check out the [Salmon Recovery website](#) for upcoming meeting agendas and minutes!

Resources and Interesting Reads

Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Blue-Ribbon Program Report: [This report](#) is a compilation of recommendations designed to help west coast states develop and implement comprehensive programs to address the growing threat of commercial and recreational ADVs.

[Check out this](#) tsunami wave simulation for Washington State from a hypothetical magnitude 9.0 earthquake scenario on the Cascadia subduction zone!

Washington state's Department of Ecology and Washington Sea Grant collaborated with partners to launch a new [Coastal Hazards Resilience Network \(CHRN\) website](#). The portal provides a pathway to avoiding disasters by orienting users to coastal hazards

science, providing examples of how communities across Washington are responding, and offering connections to important resources and people who can provide assistance.

Check out the documentary [Lifeblood](#). It explores how four groups of people - anglers, indigenous tribes, farmers, and scientists - are moving beyond mistrust to find ways to come together for a better future in the Pacific Northwest.

The Stormwater Strategic Initiative has released the *Protect and Restore Stream Health* Stormwater Implementation Strategy for public comment. The objective of this strategy is to advance the Freshwater Quality Vital Sign by protecting streams that are in excellent condition and restoring streams in fair condition to good condition. Please [click here](#) for the public review draft and instructions for providing comments. Comments can be submitted until March 27.

Upcoming Events

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| Tuesday, March 10 | The next ILIO Technical Committee meeting will be held from 1pm-3pm at the Island County Law and Justice Building, 101 6th St NE, Room 131, Coupeville. |
| Thursday, March 12 | The Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, OR is hosting a seminar: Reconnecting Estuarine Wetlands and Salmon Life Histories with Dan Bottom, formally with NOAA Northwest Fisheries Science Center. The live broadcast will be from 3:30pm-4:30pm. |
| Wednesday, March 18 | SRTCC is hosting a public meeting for 2020 Projects from 12pm-3pm at Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, 10441 Bayview Edison Rd, Mount Vernon. |
| Wednesday, March 18 | The Planning Commission is holding a special session: there will be a presentation by University of Washington graduate students on the sea level rise guidance they have produced for Island County shoreline residents as a component of the County's Shoreline Master Program periodic review and update. It will take place at 3:30 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 1 NE 6 th Street, Courthouse Annex Building, Room B-102, Coupeville. |
| Monday, March 23 | The 9th annual Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program's (PSEMP) Marine Waters Workshop is from 8:30am-5:15pm at the |

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| | Mountaineers Seattle Program Center, 7700 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Please RSVP by Friday, March 13th. |
| Wednesday, March 25 | The Puget Sound Partnership staff will give a presentation on the 2019 State of the Sound report at the next ILIO Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 25 from 10am-11am in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 1 NE 6 th Street, Courthouse Annex Building, Room B-102, Coupeville. |
| Wednesday, March 25 | Humpback Whales of the Salish Sea: Past, Present, and Future with Erin Gless . Free event from 7pm-8:30pm at the Camano Public Library, 848 N Sunrise Blvd, Camano Island. Click the link to register. |
| Saturday, March 28 | Wildlife Volunteer HAZWOPER Training: Free training from 8am-5pm at Everett Community College, Jackson Conference Center, 2000 Tower Street, Everett. Registration Required . |
| Friday, April 3 | Raingarden Tour with Island Transit : Free tour! RSVP or get a detailed route and itinerary by calling 360-678-9536 or travel@islandtransit.org . |
| Tuesday, April 7 | The next MRC meeting will be held from 3pm-5pm at the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 1 NE 6th Street, Courthouse Annex Building, Room #B102, Coupeville. |
| Tuesday & Wednesday, April 28 & 29 | Puget Sound Day on the Hill - Travel to Washington, D.C! Those who attend will meet with key decision makers to let them know the benefits a healthy Puget Sound brings to the entire nation, as well as to our region. Last year's efforts resulted in an increase in funding for regional recovery efforts. |
| Wednesday, April 29 | Call for LIO representatives, members, and collaborators to attend a workshop about small jurisdiction stormwater needs hosted by Stormwater Strategic Implementation Lead and its Advisory Committee, SIAT. The workshop will be at Edmond Center for the Arts, 410 4th Ave N, Edmonds. Contact Lori Clark for details. |
| Wednesday, April 29 | From Island to Tidal Marsh: The Leque Island Estuary Restoration Project with Loren Brokaw of WDFW. It begins at 7 pm at Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd, Camano Island. |
| Saturday, May 16 | Stormwater Run-off: 5k and one mile fun run for kids under 10 on May 16 in Coupeville. More details to come! |

Thanks for your interest in [Island County Natural Resources](#).

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