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Elwha River Restoration: New Waves on the Horizon

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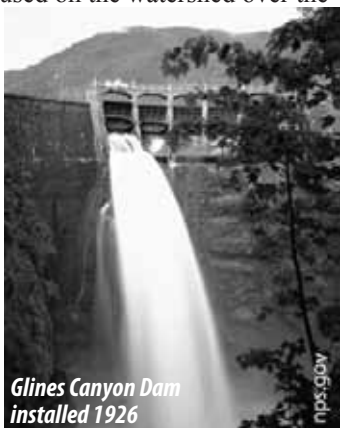
After nearly 20 years of environmental review and project development, contracts worth almost \$27 million with Barnard Construction Company of Bozeman, Montana, have been signed to



Elwha River Mouth 2010

deconstruct the two Elwha dams; the first step to a new day of waves at the Elwha River. Dam removal is slated to begin on September 17, 2011, and is anticipated to take more than three years to complete. The Elwha River Restoration Act, signed into law in 1992, is the basis for the restoration project and is intended to restore the fisheries and ecosystem of the Elwha River. While much work has focused on the watershed over the

last 20 years, the restoration project is expected to be very important to the marine environment as well. Removing the dams will release almost 100 years of stored sediment (estimated to be approximately eight million cubic meters) to the sediment starved Elwha shoreline within five years of dam removal. Researchers, managers and citizens, including the Clallam County Marine Resources Committee and the Olympic Peninsula Chapter of Surfrider, been working as members of the Elwha Nearshore Consortium (ENC) to understand and promote the nearshore restoration of the dam removal project.



Glines Canyon Dam installed 1926

Research by the University of Washington (UW), United States Geological Survey (USGS), Washington Department of Natural



Elwha Dam installed 1913

Resources, Coastal Watershed Institute, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and others has revealed that the Elwha shoreline is complex, sediment starved, and currently functioning at a lower ecological

level for fish relative to areas with intact sediment processes. Despite the degraded state of the Elwha's nearshore, which includes around 11 linear miles of shoreline, it is critical habitat that supports numerous federally listed species of salmon, including Puget Sound Chinook, chum,



Surfers walk down Place Road dike along the Elwha River

bull trout, and forage fish species including eulachon, surf smelt, and sand lance. It's difficult to predict how much nearshore restoration will occur due to dam removals, considering the Elwha nearshore is also significantly impacted by shoreline armoring, lower river diking (including the Place Road dike which provides surfer access) and ever-increasing shoreline development.

Scientists anticipate that the physical nearshore restoration will be only partial and occur in two phases. The first will be associated with the delivery of the 100 years of sediment stored in the reservoirs. This should cause the river bed to rise and the river mouth to move north from its current location. Then the sediment will likely move east and rebuild a portion of Angeles Point. The second phase will be the ongoing riverine sediment delivery from the restored river processes.

The UW and Army Corps of Engineers, in collaboration with Scripps Institute of Oceanography and USGS are currently conducting and proposing studies to define current and future wave and swell dynamics of the Elwha nearshore. The Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation continues to contribute to the ENC work by assisting with field research, sponsoring Sanicans for public use (which are getting more and more use by school groups and researchers alike as public awareness and monitoring efforts increase) and trail maintenance. It's an exciting time to be a part of this great team.

Visit: www.elwhainfo.org for info on the Elwha dam removal. For Olympic Peninsula Surfrider Chapter visit: www.surfrider.org/olympicpeninsula. For Elwha Nearshore Consortium info, contact Anne Shaffer, at the Coastal Watershed Institute: anne.shaffer@coastalwatershedinstitute.org.



Map courtesy of USGS

Ban the Bag Oregon!

by Gus Gates

Building upon the great efforts led by the Portland Chapter over the past three years to ban single-use plastic checkout bags, the issue is going statewide with a bill that will be heard during the 2011 legislative session. **Senate Bill 536** is about to get its moment in the sun, and the Newport & Siuslaw Chapters, along with North Coast Organizers are chiming in with their support. Since Portland passed the first resolution in the summer to support statewide legislation to ban the bag, several other local governments have also stepped up to cast their support. Lake Oswego, Newport, Cannon Beach, Beaverton and the Metro Regional Government have all passed resolutions recently. Surfrider volunteers have been there supporting the whole way.



Oregon Surfrider at the capitol in Salem

On December 15, an interim committee hearing in the Senate Environment and Natural Resources committee was held, where several volunteers came from all three Oregon Chapters. Portland Chapter Chair, **Nastassja Pace**, provided excellent testimony on behalf of the Oregon Chapters asking for support on a comprehensive, statewide policy to ban single-use plastic bags and instate a small disincentive on paper bags. "We believe [this policy] will be the most effective way to eliminate unnecessary plastic waste in our oceans and encourage consumers to shift towards reusables," Pace stated. After the hearing, chapter members met with their legislators in constituent meetings to educate them on the environmental and economic impacts that single-use plastic bags are creating, and asked for their support on the bill.

Oregon has the opportunity to be the first state in the nation to ban single-use plastic bags and there are many opportunities to help support the effort. In fact, we can't do this without each and every one of you. It can be as simple as sharing the petition with your friends at www.surfrider.org/banthebag or reaching out to local businesses to ask for their official support; send their contact info to Charlie Plybon at cplybon@surfrider.org. But the best thing you can do is take a few minutes and contact your state legislator via email or phone and let them know that you support this issue, and ask for their support. To find out whom your Representative and Senator are visit: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/>. To attend an upcoming hearing/meeting with your legislators in Salem, contact Gus at ggates@surfrider.org. BAN THE BAG OREGON!!!

China Beach Gets Some Love

by Danny Amato

On January 9, Vancouver British Columbia's South Island Chapter gathered at China Beach for a gorgeous sunny winter day with little waves and lots of love for the beach. China Beach is in the Juan de Fuca Provincial Park and is surrounded by waterfalls, waves and wonderful trees. Fourteen volunteers, including SBC Surf Editor, **Malcom Johnson**, turned out



and half a dozen canines. Also in attendance were **Evan Bongaerts, Jer Klass, Marc Alonzo, Bree Haire, Kate Goodman**, and other rock star volunteers.

Many types of marine debris were removed from the beach including the occasional odd items which were mostly brought by visitors: a tent, rubber dinghy, body board, tarps, mattresses, lawn chair, fishing rope, pots and pans, plastic bottles, Styrofoam, beer cans and even three toy airplanes. Campers are reminded to pack out what they pack in and leave merely footprints.

Be Fantastic and Ditch Plastic!

by Tricia Ratliff

A team of youth volunteers from the Oregon Coast Aquarium have come together this winter to show their friends it's cool to "be fantastic and ditch the plastic!" The students have been working with **Beth Hawkyard** of the Newport Chapter since September on a project that will show the benefits of using reusable water bottles instead of single-use plastic bottles by educating and challenging their



friends at their respective schools. Each youth volunteer will get their school involved by setting up an education booth and encouraging their friends to take the "Rise Above Plastics" pledge. They are also organizing a weeklong challenge to see which graduating class can collect and recycle the most single-use plastic bottles and gather the most pledges. The collection site, located in the main lobby of their school next to the education booth, demonstrates how many single-use bottles could be replaced by a reusable bottle. Working together, six students are impacting hundreds of their peers through their various schools! The project culminates at the end of the spring when the students will be formally presenting their project efforts at the Aquarium to peers and decision makers.

Forts

by Matt Love



Whenever I ramble the beach and encounter a good supply of driftwood, I immediately size up the potential for a good fort. Not that I build one, but I like to imagine what my friends and I would have constructed in our youth.

Forts excited our passion. We built them anywhere and everywhere. I remember the summer days of riding our bicycles (without a helmet) to the woods near the edge of Oregon City (without bottled water, a cell phone or music). There we played war. It was always World War II, never Vietnam, an epic catastrophe then about to crawl into the light at the end of the tunnel.

We fought the Nazis and Japanese and dug trenches and bunkers. We built forts so tight they could have withstood a bazooka round. We executed basic squad tactics and stole butter knives from home to affix as bayonets on our toy M-1s and lied to our mothers about inexplicably missing tableware. Somehow, we all owned entrenching tools and canteens.

There was never an adult around to supervise. We came home at dusk, starving, exhausted. Then we'd get up in the morning, throw down some sugary cereal, improvise a sack lunch, ride out and do it all over again.

Those summer days came rushing back to me recently after discovering a fort on one of my regular beach rambles. It's truly a rare thing to see one these days. I could count on one hand the forts I've come across on Oregon's ocean beaches since I moved here in 1997. It's not like there's a lack of driftwood and kids either. What's going on with that?

I cruised the sandy berm of my local beach and saw in the distance what looked like some kind of structure. I walked toward it and soon recognized the bleached façade of a somewhat circular fort. From the outside I could tell it was solidly built, logs sunk deep into the sand. Built smartly too, because the creators situated it well above the wrack line so conceivably it could last well into the late fall.

Next I went inside and made my inspection: a fire ring, benches, seaweed, shell, rope and feather decorations, alternating planks, pallets and logs, a rectangular window, more like a slat, with an ocean view. It then hit me like a blow from a skillet—an advanced aesthetic was at work, or should I say tease, here.

The window beckoned me. I noticed an etched sign resting at an angle on some ancient logs. It read: "Fort Sex."

Ohhhh, the kids these days. Make Love Not War it is.

Support the No New Drilling Act

by Pete Stauffer

On January 11, Representative Frank Pallone (NJ) reintroduced the No New Drilling Act (HR 261) in Congress. The bill would amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit new offshore exploration, development, or production of oil and gas. The proposed legislation is currently the only bill in Congress that would ban all new offshore drilling in the United States.

As the BP spill in the Gulf of Mexico demonstrated, offshore drilling is an inherently risky activity that can devastate the health of our coastlines. The Presidential Oil Spill Commission recently reported that the BP disaster was not a freak accident but rather a product of systemic failure of both industry and government. For these and other reasons, our nation must transition away from offshore drilling and embrace conservation and cleaner sources of energy.

If you haven't already, please participate in Surfrider's action alert on the No New Drilling Act (www.surfrider.org/action.asp) and tell your representative to protect our oceans and coasts from drilling. Please also call your congressman and ask them to co-sponsor the No New Drilling Act. Calling your representative is the most effective way to have your voice heard and help advance this legislation. There are a number of other bills proposed in Congress that would also strengthen regulations and/or restrict new drilling activities. Please visit the forum on chapternet for more information and discussion.

Our nation's coasts provide billions of dollars in revenue—not to mention major stake—through recreation, tourism, and healthy seafood. Let's protect our coastlines through reinstating the federal moratorium on new offshore drilling!



Beachapedia and State of the Beach

by Charlie Plybon

Big props to our Assistant Environmental Director, **Mark Rauscher**, whose been leading the charge with State of the Beach Author and Coastal Management Coordinator, **Rick Wilson**, on our newly launched Beachapedia site. The main site is now up to almost 250 pages with definitions of coastal terms or fully developed articles on important topics, all categorized by subject matter. We're constantly coming across little tidbits to add to articles, and I hope that you all will help us continue to grow and improve what we think is the world's largest collection of coastal environmental information. Please take a few minutes to visit www.beachapedia.org. We also have now integrated the entire *State of the Beach Report* into *Beachapedia*. The Report has its own section with specialized navigation to help you find all the info you need about your state's coastal management program. Easily get to your state's pages from the front of the site. Please check out the site and let us know your thoughts or register to start contributing!



Ocean Friendly Gardens Take Root in Washington

by Bay Renaud and Shannon Gerritzen

The Northwest Straits Chapter of Surfrider Foundation in Bellingham has partnered with Plantas Nativa, LLC, and others, to create an Ocean Friendly Garden (OFG) at its native plant nursery in downtown Bellingham. The garden will provide an example of how to reduce the impact on the ocean by changing how we garden. Details are still in the works, but the project hopes to include interpretive signage, a rain garden and other examples of how our gardens can result in lower amounts of pollution being discharged into Bellingham Bay. Virtually all of Bellingham's stormwater ends up in Puget Sound and the goal is for it all to be pre-treated and reused with Ocean Friendly Gardening techniques. Stay tuned for more information. The target completion date is slated for April 2011.

Also jumping on the OFG band wagon is the Capitol Organizing Committee which will be unveiling their first OFG this spring. The group will be partnering with a local youth swim team to beautify the Evergreen Community Garden. They have a space reserved and will break ground in March. The goal is to create a hands-on program that will continually engage community youth and educate them on the connection between the cycle of water and how upstream gardening practices impact the ocean.



A Measure of Success

by Charlie Plybon



Oregon's only dedicated funding source for beaches, rivers, streams, parks and wildlife habitat was set to expire in 2014. But this past election year in Oregon, voters overwhelmingly passed ballot measure 76 dedicating 15% of Oregon Lottery proceeds to our parks and fish and wildlife habitats. For the year 2011, this means something like 87 million dollars. Oregon beaches are unique coastal environments with ecological, recreational, and economic value. Our coast is a public resource, and in Oregon, it all belongs to every one of us. All 362 miles of our Oregon beaches are maintained and protected by the Oregon Parks system. Responsible coastal management requires sustainable, long-term planning and preservation of beach environments including public access to them. This is why the Oregon Chapters of the Surfrider Foundation enthusiastically supported by turning out and voting yes on Measure 76.

With all of your support and the many other organizations and coalition members, we directly supported the beaches where we surf, fly a kite or simply spend time with our families. Our beaches depend not only on preserving our coasts and nearshore habitat, but also on the quality of the water that feeds into our ocean. Oregon's beaches, marshes, estuaries and the ocean depend on clean water. Measure 76 continues crucial funding to ensure continued and expanded coastal access and recreational enjoyment of some of Oregon's most special places, for today and beyond. This funding also helps to restore our watersheds and protect and improve water quality.

No One is Born an Activist

by Jim Moriarty

I think about this subject almost every day. Why is "so-and-so" an activist? Why isn't "so-and-so" engaged more, don't they care?

People aren't born activists.

Events in their lives shape them and push them to a point where they feel like they MUST engage. This is illustrated so well right now in Egypt. The hundreds of thousands—the millions—of people in the streets were not activists last year. Listen to their stories; we're seeing activism being born right in front of our eyes. Some have pushed the value of democracy into a category more important than their lives.

When I think of every activist I know, when I think back on the nearly 100 podcasts I've recorded with activists, what rings true is that none are born activists; events around them shape them into becoming one.

The logical question for all of us is: "What do we value so highly that will we stand up to defend it?"



Coastal Current is Going Paperless

That's right! Over the coming months, Coastal Current will be transitioning to a digital format. This exciting change means that you can look forward to a fresh new design with content in color and you'll have one less thing to toss into the recycle bin after reading. As an environmental organization, we strive to preserve and conserve natural resources and saving paper, toner and fossil fuels to deliver to your door is an important step. We know you'll agree that it's the right thing to do and we hope that you'll continue to enjoy Coastal Current in its new online format.

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<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5MHYCLR>



Converting Friends to Advocates

by Jim Moriarty

Think about your friends. They include people you used to work with, people you spend time with on weekends; it's a diverse group. We all know some friends are closer than others. Some will listen to you and spend time to hear what's on your mind. If you're doing a walk to raise money for breast cancer, they'll listen.

Now think about those that do more. These are people that will not only invest the time to hear you, they will come alongside you. They'll adopt the issue you care about as their own. They'll become an advocate for that cause.

Converting friends to advocates isn't easy. In fact, it's hard. It's hard because there are a plethora of subjects and causes competing for our collective attention and resources. Yet converting friends to advocates is exactly what we try to do. If we care about an issue enough to invest ourselves in it AND we have friends that are really close to us, it is natural for us to want to share our passion with them.

If a single word could capture Surfrider's focus in 2011 it is "conversion."

We have, literally, hundreds of thousands of friends. These are people that follow us on Twitter, Soup (our digital newsletter), Facebook, etc. This isn't a group of anonymous people, we know who they are. They spend about 20 minutes a month with us. They... listen to us.

And, like you, we have a smaller group that is closer. We have tens of thousands of advocates. These are people that engage in our mission at a deeper level. That may be by joining as a member, coming to chapter events or participating in one of our 100+ coastal environmental campaigns.

We love our friends.

But if we're honest, we love our closest friends more. We love them more because they invest in us at a deeper level. They not only learn what we care about, they come alongside us. If we're going to walk to raise funds for breast cancer, they'll donate. They may even walk the miles with us.

Let's be intentional about the conversion process. Let's help our friends do more than just listen to us about the problems with single-use plastics. Let's ask them to come alongside us and refuse plastic bags at the grocery. Let's work together to make the group of ocean advocates as large as it possibly can be and let's do so for our oceans, waves and beaches.

Friends will listen to what you care about.

Advocates come alongside and engage with what you care about.

Coastal Current Chapter News

Northwest Straits Chapter

The Northwest Straits Chapter EC Members met in Glacier, WA, for their annual planning meeting on January 22 and 23 and spent what began as a challenging Saturday in the "Trabin," with no cell service or WiFi, but after a little analog adjustment, the group remembered how to look each other in the face rather than through reflections off phone or laptop screens. Fueled on coffee, organic blueberry gummi-pandas, and chocolate covered ginger, they managed to rip through a hefty morning agenda that included goals for projects, campaigns, events and chapter needs. The focus for the year will be threefold: rekindle the Snowrider Project in Feb/March, launch the Ocean Friendly Gardens campaign in the spring (which will dovetail the Lake Whatcom watershed protection work being done by City of Bellingham and Whatcom County), and "Know Your H2O" through summer and fall. The schedule is topped off with "Soundwaves" the NWS annual fundraiser bash then the winter months of RAP/Snowrider Project will start again—much like the water cycle.

Additionally, the chapter plans to help increase awareness of the proposed open top coal transport from Montana to Cherry Point, where the low-grade coal will be shipped to China. NWS Chapter will be teaming up with ReSources of Bellingham to help bring this matter to greater public awareness.

Clatsop County Organizers

The Clatsop County Organizing Committee has been making steady organizing progress and finally got some movement on their Ecola Court stormwater pollution issue. After years of monitoring and documenting high levels of bacteria at the beach, and duplicate monitoring by Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Cannon Beach, the city has finally agreed to an increased budget and formal effort for further investigating sewer and stormwater lines. By using smoke and dye testing infrastructure and utilizing additional indicators, the city will be searching for cross connections and problem areas that may be contributing to the high bacteria levels. On the Rise Above Plastics front, massive kudos to local organizing volunteer, **Mike Manzulli**, for leading the effort to successfully pass a resolution by the city of Cannon Beach in favor of the bag ban bill.

Curry County Organizers

The Curry Organizing Committee has been working with local partners to help advance policy and stewardship discussions around the Port Orford Stewardship Area and the Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve. The stewardship area encompasses 1,320 sq. miles of ocean and adjacent terrestrial habitat and was created by the local fishing fleet and community stakeholders as a community and area-based approach to protecting marine resources while allowing sustainable use of these resources to continue. The Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve is a fully protected reserve designated within the stewardship area. From marine spatial planning workshops to the Land-Sea Connection Workshop, local members and partner organizations are working closely to share the vision of maintaining healthy ocean ecosystems and nearshore watersheds while protecting and managing its use for future generations.

Portland Chapter

The Portland Chapter is in full swing with the Rise Above Plastics advocacy efforts. Leading the efforts statewide, the chapter recently wrapped up a favorable run of the film *Bag It* at local theatres turning out hundreds in support of the Rise Above Plastics efforts. Chapter execs **Lisa Lynch** and **Tristan Fields** spearheaded the charge for north coast zones in the Seaside area as part of the annual statewide spring cleanup event. This year's event in Seaside turned out more cleanup volunteers than anywhere else in the state! And wrapping up a great year of Tele-Tuesday events, the Snowrider Project continues its successful outreach and education on the impacts of mountain pollution and litter to the watershed and the ocean environment. Finally, major thanks and shout out to Bamboo Sushi, the first and only sustainable sushi restaurant in Oregon. Bamboo Sushi donated 10% of purchases throughout a week in February to the Portland Chapter's Ban the Bag campaign efforts. Major karma points are also due to chapter chair **Staj Pace** for organizing this great opportunity.

Newport Chapter

The Newport Chapter recently elected a new executive council and we welcome aboard new leaders **Matt Hawkyard**, **Beth Hawkyard**, **Frank De Filippis**, **Stacy Polkowske**, **Tricia Ratliff** and **Steve Snow**. Ending the year with success passing a City of Newport resolution in favor of the plastic bag ban, the chapter continued its momentum for rise above plastics, canvassing and gaining individual and business endorsements. And on a rainy Saturday morning at the Bijou Theatre, chapter event organizer, **Ken Wilson**, put on a great series of his recent local films from *Awesome Surf Videos* as a fundraiser for the chapter. Ken's film motto, "bros not pros," always gets a good crowd of rowdy locals stoked to cough up for a Surfrider fundraiser. Over 100 folks showed up and helped raise important funds for the chapter's water quality program. Newly elected Blue Water Task Force Coordinator, Frank De Filippis has also been volunteering his time to start up a Newport High School youth volunteer program/chapter. We expect to have some links between the High School program and the current Aquarium youth volunteer blue water program, but for now the kids are in the driver's seat, learning the Surfrider ropes and figuring out where they want to focus their efforts.

Siuslaw Chapter

The Siuslaw Chapter has been gearing up for the spring with highway and beach cleanups, surf movie night events and rallying for the ban the bag campaign. Chapter members traveled to Eugene this January to help host a town hall and panel discussion on the proposed legislation. County commissioners, environmental groups, recyclers and waste managers all took part in the panel discussion and presentations. Chapter members are gearing up for organizing and participating in the 4th Annual Ocean Issues Forum, put on by the Siuslaw Watershed Council. It's a one of a kind event for a watershed council; once a year the group hosts a themed panel and full day of tables, displays, keynote speaker and presentations linking their watershed issues with those of the ocean.

South Sound Chapter

The South Sound Chapter is launching their new education campaign, Tacoma's PSEED, to promote awareness of stormwater pollution in the Puget Sound basin. The acronym stands for Puget Sound Stormwater Education & Defense and it will be introduced through social media and guerilla sticker tactics. The group is currently developing a logo and informational handouts for their outreach efforts. This campaign will be the highlight of the upcoming 2nd Annual Great Place Paddle Race to be held at Tacoma's Owens Beach on March 20. Preparations for this event are currently underway and the course length has been extended from last year. In addition to the sprint race, the event will include a short children's race, raffle and beach cleanup.

The Executive Committee met in early December to plan a full 2011 event calendar. In addition to the usual cadre of annual Surfrider events, South Sound is bringing on some new stuff with a fall Art Auction, Yoga for Surfers (February 26), and startup Snowrider Project work. Arrangements are in the works to hold a spring tabling event and a summer cleanup at local Crystal Mountain. The Blue Water Task Force project has reached its one year anniversary and is moving along swimmingly. The Science and Math Institute (SAMI) students continue to manage the samples and are working to partner with the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium to increase capacity for expanding the program to more sites. So far, neither of our two sites has exceeded the marine bacteria standards. This semester, students will post results on the web and introduce successive students to the program.

Capitol Organizers

The Capitol Chapter's executive board is happy to report a completed strategic plan for 2011 and beyond, packed full of fun events and important advocacy for us water lovers. The chapter will be teaming up with neighbors to the north, South Sound Chapter, to support a regional campaign called PSEED: the Puget Sound Stormwater Education & Defense campaign. Stormwater runoff is the number one threat to our inland waters—it's like a slow oil spill occurring every day. There will be lots of opportunities to volunteer and contribute to this new campaign, from legislative advocacy, to business partnerships, to ocean friendly gardening. More details to come at the next monthly meeting, Feb. 24. The chapter calendar continues to fill in with many great events, such as kids surf clinics, paddle outs and beach cleanups with our friends at West Bay Paddleboards. So come join us the fourth Thursday night of the month, at The Mark Restaurant in Olympia.

Upcoming Events Around the Pacific Northwest

FEBRUARY:

- 2/2 - Siuslaw Chapter Meeting - Bromley Room, Siuslaw Public Library, 9th Street, Florence, Oregon - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 2/6 - South Island Beach Cleanup - Port Renfrew - Rivermouth Campground - 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 2/8 - Portland Chapter Meeting - Backstage Bar and Grill, 3702 Southeast Hawthorne Boulevard, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
- 2/9 - GP Task Force Meeting - City of Newport, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/11 - Port Orford Stewardship Area - Land Sea Connection Workshop-Community Building, Port Orford, OR
- 2/11-13 - NWS Chapter Tabling and Fundraiser - Banked Slalom - Mt. Baker
- 2/12 - NWS Chapter Ocean Friendly Garden (OFG)/Native Plant Restoration, Padden Lagoon, Bellingham, 1:00-3:30 p.m.
- 2/14 - Olympic Peninsula Chapter Elwha Conversations, Peninsula College, Port Angeles - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/15 - Environmental Lobby Day - Olympia - RSVP <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/144327> 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- 2/17 - Newport Chapter Meeting -Newport Visual Arts Center, 777 NW Beach Dr., Newport, OR 97365, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 2/17 - Vancouver Chapter Tabling - Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival, Centennial Theater, Vancouver, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 2/24 - Technical task force Newport- Newport City Hall, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/25-27 - Olympic Peninsula Chapter Tabling - La Push Pummel, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Friday and All Day Sat. & Sun.
- 2/25-27 - Newport Seafood and Wine Festival- Newport, Portland, and Siuslaw Chapters team up with Barefoot Wine and Bubbly for a great weekend fundraiser! Volunteer contact beth_hawkyard@peacemail.com
- 2/26 - South Sound Chapter - Yoga for Surfers and Surf Movie Night - Serenity Spa on Market St., Tacoma, 6:00 p.m.

MARCH:

- 3/2 - Siuslaw Chapter Meeting - Bromley Room, Siuslaw Public Library, 9th Street, Florence, Oregon - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 3/2 - OPC-Chapter meeting - Westside Pizza, Port Angeles, 6:30 p.m. (1st Wednesday of each month)
- 3/4 - Newport Movie Night: Sprout- Visual Arts Center, 6 - 7 p.m., upstairs west entrance, FREE admission and raffle ticket with entry. Lots of cool prizes! Contact Mark Pearson at aramid49@hotmail.com
- 3/4 -10 "BAG IT" Documentary Screening- Hollywood Theater, 4122 NE Sandy Blvd. Portland, Times vary. \$7 (seniors and kids \$4)
- 3/5 - OPC- Work Party - La Push; Time TBA
- 3/8 - Portland Chapter Meeting - Backstage Bar and Grill, 3702 Southeast Hawthorne Boulevard, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
- 3/10-South Sound Chapter Meeting - Farrelli's Pizza on 6th Ave, Tacoma, 6:45 p.m. (2nd Thursday of each month)
- 3/10-NWS Snowrider Project Fundraiser at Boundary Bay in Bellingham 7 p.m.
- 3/15 - Seattle Chapter Meeting - Pyramid Alehouse, 1201 1st Ave. S, Seattle, 6:45 p.m. (3rd Tuesday of each month)

MARCH:

- 3/17 - Newport Chapter Meeting - Newport Visual Arts Center, 777 NW Beach Dr., Newport, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 3/20 - South Sound Chapter's 2nd Annual Great Place Paddle Race - Owens Beach, Point Defiance Park, Tacoma. Registration online www.surfrider.org/southsound or at 8 a.m. that morning
- 3/22 - World Water Day
- 3/24 - Capitol Organizing Committee Meeting - The Mark in Olympia 7 p.m. (4th Thursday of each month)
- 3/25 - People for Puget Sound's Storming the South Sound
- 3/26 - Annual Spring Beach Cleanup- 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. We typically captain 5-10 sites Register at http://www.solv.org/programs/spring_beach_cleanup.asp
- 3/26 - Seattle Chapter Beach Clean @ TBA
- 3/26-27 - Northwest Straits Chapter Tabling at Split Fest on Mt Baker
- 3/28 - Northwest Straits Chapter Meeting @ TBA and Speaking at City Council on Rise Above Plastics

APRIL:

- 4/1 - NWS - *Bag It* Movie Premiere - TBA
- 4/2 - Capitol Organizing Committee Ocean Friendly Garden Ground Breaking at Evergreen Community Garden 11 a.m.
- 4/6 - OPC-Chapter meeting - Westside Pizza, Port Angeles, 6:30 p.m. (1st Wednesday of each month)
- 4/6 - Siuslaw Chapter Meeting - Bromley Room, Siuslaw Public Library, 9th Street, Florence, Oregon - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 4/8-10 - South Sound and Capitol Chapters Tabling at the NW Dive Expo - Tacoma Convention Center
- 4/9 - Living Greener Summit - Beaverton City Library, 12375 SW 5th St, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 4/12 - Portland Chapter Meeting - Backstage Bar and Grill, 3702 Southeast Hawthorne Boulevard, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
- 4/14 - South Sound Chapter Meeting - Farrelli's Pizza on 6th Ave, Tacoma, 6:45 p.m. (2nd Thursday of each month)
- 4/15 - WF Keynote Address and Welcome Reception-Port Orford Community Building, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.
- 4/15 - Port Orford Water Festival
- 4/17 - Hobuck Kids Camp - Hobuck Beach 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. email sserrano@surfrider.org for more info and to volunteer
- 4/19 - Seattle Chapter Meeting - Pyramid Alehouse, 1201 1st Ave. S, Seattle, 6:45 p.m. (3rd Tuesday of each month)
- 4/21 - Newport Chapter Meeting - Newport Visual Arts Center, 777 NW Beach Dr., Newport, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 4/23 - Washington Coast Cleanup: www.coastsavers.org to register for your fave beach
- 4/26 - Children's Clean Water Festival- PCC Sylvania, 12000 Southwest 49th Avenue, Portland, OR
- 4/28 - Capitol Organizing Committee Meeting - The Mark in Olympia 7 p.m. (4th Thursday of each month)

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