

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

<http://www.parks.wa.gov/agency.asp>

Mission

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission acquires, operates, enhances and protects a diverse system of recreational, cultural, historical and natural sites. The Commission fosters outdoor recreation and education statewide to provide enjoyment and enrichment for all, and a valued legacy to future generations.

History

Established in 1913. For details: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/history.asp>

Budget

The Washington State Parks budget is approximately \$90 million, with approximately three-quarters of the money coming directly from the state legislature and about one-quarter coming from user fees. The money is primarily used for the day-to-day maintenance of the parks. For details: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/finance.asp>

Members

There are over 500 full-time employees, with most of those employees residing outside of the Puget Sound lowland.

Washington State Department of Ecology

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/ecyhome.html>

Mission

Ecology is Washington's principal environmental management agency. Our mission is to protect, preserve and enhance Washington's environment, and promote the wise management of our air, land and water for the benefit of current and future generations. Our goals are to prevent pollution, clean up pollution, and support sustainable communities and natural resources.

History

The Department of Ecology was established in 1970.

Budget

The department as whole takes in approximately \$323 million, with about one-quarter coming from state funds, one-quarter from the federal government and the rest from existing programs setup between the state and federal government and private industry. The Shorelands and Environmental Assistance program (the portion of DoE relevant to Cama Beach) has a budget of \$42 million, of which about half comes directly from the state legislature and one-quarter comes from the federal government. The remainder comes from existing state and federal programs (though mostly from the state).

Members

The Department has approximately 1500 full-time employees of which about 150 of those are involved in the Shorelands and Environmental Assistance program.

People For Puget Sound

<http://www.pugetsound.org/>

Mission:

People For Puget Sound is a regional citizen's organization founded in 1991 to educate and involve ordinary -- and extraordinary -- people in **protecting and restoring the land and waters of Puget Sound**.

We exist because our Inland Sea -- Puget Sound and the Northwest Straits -- is one of the wonders of the world. Its literally thousands of species of plants and animals rival the richness of any tropical rainforest. Its scenic beauty is unparalleled. And its health is key to our region's vitality. But Puget Sound is in trouble. Many of its creatures face possible extinction -- because of pollution, the loss of healthy habitat and the ever-present threat of an oil spill. Only we -- people who care -- can turn things around.

Since our founding, we have recruited thousands of members, volunteers, activists, and "Kids For Puget Sound." We have developed partnerships with hundreds of other organizations. We are a growing organization with activities, events and projects in nearly every corner of the Sound and the Northwest Straits. Our work ranges from hands-in-the-mud habitat restoration to advocacy for the Sound in the halls of the legislature.

People For Puget Sound's programs are based on partnerships and collaborations, scientific credibility, creative use of communications and technology, and a hands-on style. Our work is funded by thousands of people like you.

History

Founded in 1992.

Budget

\$1-1.5M/year

Funding is from (in order of importance):

Charitable organizations (Arthur Vining Davis, John T. and Catherine P. MacArthur, Rockefeller, Gates Foundations, etc.)

Individual households (members)

Federal and state agencies (Department of Ecology, NSF, etc.) for research purposes

Members

There are ~5000 members from throughout Puget Sound (every county is represented). Most members are from King County.

Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC)

<http://www.nwifc.wa.gov/aboutus/overview.asp>

Mission

We, the Indians of the Pacific Northwest, recognize that our fisheries are a basic and important natural resource and of vital concern to the Indians of this state, and that the conservation of this natural resource is dependent upon effective and progressive management. We further believe that by unity of action, we can best accomplish these things, not only for the benefit of our own people but for all of the people of the Pacific Northwest.

History

NWIFC was formed in 1974 after *U.S. vs. Washington* (the Boldt Decision), which established the tribes as co-managers of the resource entitled to 50 percent of the harvestable number of salmon returning to Washington waters. The organization assists the State of Washington in maintaining the quality of the various fisheries in Washington waters.

Budget

Unknown. However, NWIFC supports over 70 employees working towards proper management of Puget Sound's ecological health.

Members

There are a number of participating tribes: Lummi, Nooksack, Swinomish, Upper Skagit, Sauk-Suiattle, Stillaguamish, Tulalip, Muckleshoot, Puyallup, Nisqually, Squaxin Island, Skokomish, Suquamish, Port Gamble S'Klallam, Jamestown S'Klallam, Lower Elwha Klallam, Makah, Quileute and Quinault

Recreational Boating Association of Washington

<http://www.rbaw.org/>

Mission

A forum to bring together a common voice in the ideas, aims and objectives of Washington State Boaters.

History

Established in ~1970 as a non-profit organization to support boater's rights and boating access in Washington State

Budget

Unknown.

Members

Consists primarily of a loose association of ~60 yacht clubs throughout Washington State. Most of these clubs are located within central Puget Sound. In addition, there are >1000 individual members throughout the state.

Camano Coalition

Camano Action for a Rural Environment (CARE)

<http://www.camanocare.org/>

Mission

CARE is committed to and will work toward the preservation and protection of the rural character of Camano Island.

History

Founded by Phil Lewis in response to a series of clear-cuts on Camano Island by outside developers in the early 1990's.

Budget

Little to none. CARE is a small group of property owners on Camano Island that seek to halt unnecessary development on Camano Island. Their primary means to affect policy is through their personal tax dollars and votes.

Members

~6 permanent members, with a number of unregistered supporters.

Friends of Camano Island Parks

<http://www.whidbey.net/camparks/>

Mission

- to help promote preservation, and protection of the wildlife, and the scenic and recreational resources of State and County Parks and Washington State D.N.R. lands located on Camano Island.
- to assist with stewardship activities which would include implementation of park improvements, maintenance and educational programs compatible in a natural area.
- to advocate for acquisition of appropriate Camano Island property for the purpose of State, or County parks or DNR lands for trust/preserveswhichever shall maintain property for purposes stated above.

History

Established 1993

Budget

Small, but unknown – probably on the order of a few thousand dollars. Their means to affect policy is through their tax dollars and votes.

Members

20-30 active members, with a few hundred other citizens interested in issues related to FOCIP