



## Snohomish Group of Washington

February 2018

***Explore, enjoy and protect the planet***

The Snohomish Group serves our members in two counties:  
Snohomish and Island (Whidbey and Camano Islands).

For upcoming outdoor and environmental activities, here's the calendar of Sierra Club events for Snohomish & Island County members.

We're local volunteers working on Snohomish and Island county issues. Our Conservation Committee would love your help. We're working on issues such as protecting the Skykomish River, protecting our communities and waterways from oil train spills and stopping dirty coal exports.

[www.SierraClub.org/Washington/Snohomish-Group](http://www.SierraClub.org/Washington/Snohomish-Group)

### **Volunteers Thursday Social**

Thur. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Port Gardner Bay Winery, 3006 Rucker Ave., Everett

Join us to socialize and meet other Sierra Club Volunteers. We are trying to restart Green Drinks Snohomish. Help us plan future events, including outings, climate action and political endorsements.

Contact Tom at [Tom.Crisp@Washington.SierraClub.org](mailto:Tom.Crisp@Washington.SierraClub.org)

### **Executive Committee Business Meeting**

Wed. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 pm to 8:45 pm.

Edmonds (For location, contact Marjie Fields: 206-240-1936)

An organizational meeting to work on our goals and planning.

(If you've never attended our business meetings, the Thursday social is the best way to get to know us).

## OUTINGS

### **Birding Walk near Conway**

Sat. Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2 to 6 pm

Snow Geese, Trumpeter Swans, Tundra Swans, Bald Eagles, Northern Harriers, and Red-tailed Hawks are the lure for this easy 3 mile river dike walk. We may drive to several nearby viewing spots. At sunset, large snow geese flocks often fly to nearby fields. Bring your camera and binoculars. Details and signup:

[www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Outings-Western-Washington/events/246392414](http://www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Outings-Western-Washington/events/246392414)

### **Train to be an Outings Leader**

Sat. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 12 pm

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Lead your own Sierra Club outings! Take this morning class and you'll be on your way. The course includes An Overview of Sierra Club Outings; Planning and Conducting an Outing; Group Management; Promoting Conservation; and Resources for Outings Leaders.

All the skills you need to conduct day hikes or car camping that result in safe, happy and inspired participants. [Click here for details and to sign-up.](#)

See our latest outings schedule anytime at our free Meetup site: [www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Outings-Western-Washington](http://www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Outings-Western-Washington).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Hearing in Tacoma**

Feb. 5th from 3 to 7 pm.

[Landmark Catering & Convention Center, 47 St. Helens Ave., Tacoma](#)

News conference: 1 pm to 2 pm

Rally: 5:30 pm

Trump's Department of the Interior proposed opening 90% of our coasts to offshore drilling from Maine to the Gulf, and from Alaska to Southern California. If Trump's plan becomes reality, spills will be inevitable and devastating. The Deepwater Horizon 2010 oil spill damaged 1,313 miles of coastline. Offshore oil spills happen frequently, devastating marine environments, commercial fishing industries, and tourism businesses.

Contact Victoria Leistman at [victoria.leistman@sierraclub.org](mailto:victoria.leistman@sierraclub.org)

[RSVP and we'll follow up with talking points and information about what to expect during the public meeting.](#)

## **National Forest Committee Meeting**

Wed. Feb. 7, from 7 to 9 pm.

Sierra Club Office, 180 Nickerson, Suite 202, Seattle.

Learn about and help save Washington's ancient forests, roadless areas, rare wildlife, and trails. Many volunteer opportunities available around the state, including protecting iconic places in local Wilderness campaigns, reconnecting wildlife habitat through the Cascade Checkerboard Project, and restoring trails in the North Cascades.

Contact: Harry Romberg [hbromberg@aol.com](mailto:hbromberg@aol.com)

## **Meaningful Movies: *An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power***

Sat. Feb. 10. Doors open at 6 pm, movie at 6:30 pm.

Sanctuary Covenant Church, 4502 Rucker Ave, Everett

Free film, refreshments & discussion. Co-sponsored by [Everett 350.org](http://Everett350.org).

A compelling look at how we can create a clean energy revolution.

In his follow-up to "*An Inconvenient Truth*," Al Gore travels the world educating climate activists and updates us on ongoing climate change (floods, rising tides, super storms, melting glaciers, and other extreme weather events). The seriousness and urgency of the climate change problem is balanced by optimism that by taking action now we can create a better future.

[www.meaningfulmovies.org/neighborhoods/everett](http://www.meaningfulmovies.org/neighborhoods/everett)

## **Our Coast Community Film Series**

Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee:

Free film series to focus on local and global marine shorelines

Includes discussions led by film directors and marine experts from around the northwest. Participants will learn how to monitor changes at local beaches through the MyCoast App. [www.snocomrc.org](http://www.snocomrc.org)

## ***Return of the King. Discovering the Olympic Coast:***

Wed. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, from 7 to 9 pm.

UW Bothell, North Creek Events Center

## ***Return of the River:***

Wed. Feb. 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Everett Community College, Jackson Conference Center.

Thurs. Mar. 1 from 7 to 9 pm.

UW Bothell, North Creek Events Center.

## **NEWS**

### **January Social Report:**

Our social at Salish Seas Brewery in Edmonds drew 29 members and guests who enjoyed and shared their thoughts and feelings with good company and refreshments. Future socials in Everett will be on even months, and Edmonds on odd months.

## Legislative Update: Important Bills to Watch

SB 6253: Accelerating 100% Fossil-Free Electricity to establish a clean, efficient, renewable energy standard.

Sponsors: Ranker, Carlyle, Palumbo, Keiser, Lias, Frockt, Kuderer, Chase, Hunt, and Saldaña.

SB 6203: Carbon Pricing, reducing carbon pollution by moving to a clean energy economy.

Sponsors: Carlyle, Ranker, Palumbo, Nelson, Pedersen, Frockt, Billig, Rolfes, McCoy, Keiser, Wellman, Lias, Hunt, Chase, Saldaña, Kuderer.

HB 2338: Low Carbon Standard, reducing GHG emissions associated with transportation fuels.

Sponsors: Fitzgibbon, Cody, Hudgins, Goodman, Tarleton, Santos, McBride, Stanford, Tharinger, Macri, Jinkins, Ormsby, Doglio.

SB 6086: Protecting the state's marine waters from the release of nonnative finfish from marine finfish aquaculture sites.

Sponsors: Ranker, Rolfes, Van De Wege, Chase, Carlyle, Saldaña, Dhingra, Darneille. Wellman, Keiser, Billig, Hunt, Conway, Palumbo, Kuderer, [View current bill status online](#)

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~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

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