

Spring 2009 WSU Beach Watchers Volunteer Training Schedule

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Tuesday, March 17

- 9-10:00am **INTRODUCTION & TRAINING PROGRAM OVERVIEW** – Adria Banks, WSU Extension / Skagit County
- 10:00-11:00am **IN-CLASS INTRODUCTIONS**
- 11:15-noon **PRE-TEST**
- 12:30-1:30pm **TASTE OF BEACH WATCHERS** – WSU Beach Watchers / Skagit County (Class of Fall, 2005 / 2006)
- 1:30-2:15pm **NAME GAME**
- 2:30 – 4:00pm **STATE OF THE SOUND** – Linda Lyshall, Puget Sound Partnership

Friday, March 20, Shannon Point Marine Center, Anacortes

- 9:00-10:30am **UNDERSTANDING TIDES & ZONATION** – Brian Bingham, Shannon Point Marine Center / WWU
- 10:45-noon **PUGET SOUND SEAWEEDS** – Kathy Van Alstyne, Shannon Point Marine Center / WWU
- 12:30-2:15pm **MARINE ORGANISMS: FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE STUDY** – Ivar Dolph, WSU Beach Watcher (Class of Fall, 2005)
- 2:30-4:00pm **OVERVIEW OF SPMC RESEARCH & VISIT TO SEA ROOM** – SPMC staff
Afternoon field trip: Shannon Point Marine Center Lab

Tuesday, March 24

- 9:00-12:00 **WATER QUALITY OVERVIEW** – Lin Folsom, WSU Beach Watchers / Skagit County (Class of Fall, 2005)
- 12:30-1:00pm **EXTENSION OVERVIEW** – Ned Zaugg, WSU Extension
- 1:00-2:15 pm **AGRICULTURE IN SKAGIT COUNTY** – Don McMoran, WSU Extension / Skagit County
- 2:30 – 4:00pm **MARINE MAMMALS** – Susan Berta, Orca Network

Friday, March 27, Samish Island Community Hall, Samish Island

- 9-12:30pm **COASTAL PROCESSES** – Jim Johannesen, Coastal Geologic Services
- 1:00-4:00pm **FORAGE FISH** – Dan Pentilla, Washington Department Fish and Wildlife
Morning field trip: Samish Island

Tuesday, March 31

- 9-11:30am **SKAGIT WATERSHED & SALMON LIFE HISTORY** – Kurt Buchanan, WSU Beach Watchers / Skagit County (Class of 2008)
- 11:30-12:30 **CREOSOTE REMOVAL IN PUGET SOUND** –Nathan Rice, Washington Department of Natural Resources
- 1:00-2:30pm **SALMON IN THE NEARSHORE** – Eric Beamer, Skagit River System Cooperative
- 2:45-4:00pm **TIME TRACKING AND PRESENTATION EXAMPLES** – Adria Banks, WSU Extension / Skagit County and WSU Beach Watchers / Skagit County (Class of 2005 / 2006 / 2008)

Friday, April 3

- 9:00-10:15am **WATER QUALITY STATUS OF SKAGIT COUNTY** – Rick Haley, Skagit County Public Works
- 10:30-noon **SEPTICS 101** – Steve Olsen, Skagit County Public Health Department
- 12:30-2:00pm **SHELLFISH AND AQUACULTURE** – Bill Dewey, Taylor Shellfish Industry
- 2:15-3:45pm **NATIVE OYSTERS** – Paul Dinnel, Western Washington University Shannon Point Marine Center and Skagit County MRC

Tuesday, April 7

- 9-11:00am **NOXIOUS WEEDS & SPARTINA**– Sonny Gohrman, Snohomish County Noxious Weeds
- 11:15 -12:30 **SKAGIT COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE (MRC)** – Neil Borman, Chair
- 1:00-4:00pm **COASTAL NATIVE PLANTS AND FIELD TRIP** – Holly Zox, WA Native Plant Society
Afternoon field trip to Skagit Bay Delta

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*Friday, April 10 – Short Day! Joint training with Snohomish County Beach Watcher class

10:00–12:30pm **ESTUARIES** – Glen “Alex” Alexander, Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

1:15–4:00pm **AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES** – Ann Eissing, Nahkeeta NW

Morning Field Trip: Padilla Bay

Tuesday, April 14

9:00–10:00am **PROJECT PLANNING & TEAM WORK** – Adria Banks, WSU Extension / Skagit County

10:15am–noon **PROJECT PLANNING PRACTICUM**

12:30-1:30pm **SHORELINE REGULATIONS** – Cyrilla Cook, People for Puget Sound

1:45-3:00pm **SEABIRD DECLINE** – Jane Dolliver, Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team

3:00-4:00pm **SALMON STREAM RESTORATION** – Perry Welch, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group

Friday, April 17

9-10:30am **CLIMATE CHANGE AND CLIMATE STEWARDS** – Betty Carteret, WSU Beach Watchers / Skagit County (Class of 2005)

10:45-12:00 **CITIZEN MONITORING** – Adria Banks, WSU Extension / Skagit County

12:30-1:45pm **TRIBAL CONNECTION TO NATURAL RESOURCES** – Christine Woodward, Samish Indian Nation, Environmental Director

2:00-4:00pm **RESTORATION FIELD TOUR** – Todd Mitchell, Swinomish Water Resources Manager

Field session: Lone Tree Pocket Estuary / Thousand Trails site

*Tuesday, April 21 – Short Day! Joint day with Snohomish County Beach Watcher class, Cougar Room

10:00am **WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS**

10:15-11:15am **ENDOCHRINE DISRUPTORS** - Jen Sevigny, Stillaguamish Tribe

11:15-12:15pm **DERELICT GEAR REMOVAL** – Simon Geerloffs, Northwest Straits Commission

12:45–2:15pm **OUTREACH TECHNIQUES AND TOOLS** – Dave Ward, Snohomish Co. Surface Water Management

2:15–3:15pm **PRACTICUM - Community Outreach**

3:15–3:30pm **WRAP-UP**

Friday, April 24

WSU-NWREC, Mt. Vernon

9-9:30am **ESCAPE CORD EDUCATION** – Tom Richards, WSU Beach Watchers / Class of 2008

9:45-11:15am **OIL SPILLS AND REPORTING** – Dick Walker, Washington Department of Ecology

11:30-12:30pm **LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT** – Kristi Carpenter, Skagit Conservation District

1:00-4:00pm **FOREST ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT** – Kevin Zobrist, WSU Extension / Skagit County

Afternoon Field trip: Big Lake area

Tuesday, April 28 – Joint day with Island County Beach Watcher class, Dewey Beach Fire Hall

9:00–10:30am **YOUTH EDUCATION TIPS** – William Freitas, WSU Extension / Skagit County

10:45–noon **PRACTICUM - Youth Education**

12:30-4pm **FIELD INTERPRETATION TECHNIQUES** – Doug Stark, RE Sources for Sustainable Communities & Adam Lorio, WA State Parks and Recreation

Afternoon Field trip: Rosario Beach

Friday, May 1

9:00–12:30pm **PRESENTATIONS BY CLASS OF 2009**

12:30–1:30pm **POTLUCK LUNCH**

1:30–2:15pm **POST TEST**

2:15–2:45pm **GROUP PROGRAM EVALUATION**

2:45–3:30pm **GRADUATION!!**