



Salish Sea Stewards - 2024 Training Schedule

Each session will meet at the training room at the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (10441 Bayview Edison Rd, Mount Vernon, WA 98273) from 1 pm – 5 pm on Tuesdays from February 6th to April 30th. There will be field trips on March 5th (bring a Discover Pass), April 2nd, and April 9th (bring a Discover Pass). We will not meet on March 12th and March 26th.

Please email your questions to salishseastewards@gmail.com or call 360-299-7990.

Training 1– February 6, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Theme: Welcome

Location: Padilla Bay (classroom)

Speakers:

- Welcome to Padilla Bay - Jude Apple, Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR)
- The Salish Sea – Rachel Benbrook, WA Department of Natural Resources
- Salish Sea Stewards Logistics and Brief History - Sara Brostrom and Erin Merklein, Padilla Bay NERR and members of the Salish Sea Stewards Advisory Committee
- Ecosystem Services - Jude Apple, Padilla Bay NERR
- Cultural resources and the Cultural Value of the Salish Sea - Todd Woodard, Samish Indian Nation

Optional Virtual Google Drive Training – February 12, 2024

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Theme: Google Drive and questions

Location: <https://waecy-wa.gov.zoom.us/j/88361406567?pwd=SkVFQk1MZ3JFYkMxUWpPWnZGdWq1Zz09>

Training 2– February 13, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Theme: Padilla Bay

Location: Padilla Bay (classroom)

Speakers:

- Introduction to the Northwest Straits Commission - Lucas Hart, Northwest Straits Commission
- Geology of the Beaches in Skagit – Scott Petersen, Geologist
- Eelgrass and Estuaries- Sylvia Yang, Padilla Bay NERR

Training 3– February 20, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Theme: Water Quality and Monitoring

Location: Padilla Bay (classroom)

Speakers:

- Water Quality and Water Pollution - Karen DuBose, Skagit County
- MyCoast App and Creosote Pilings - Christopher Robertson, Washington WA Department of Natural Resources
- Anacortes Stormwater Management Project - Tim Gohrke, Friends of Skagit Beaches
- Anacortes Raingarden Project – Diane Hennebert, City of Anacortes

Training 4– February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Theme: European Green Crab

Location: Padilla Bay (classroom and mudflat)

- European Green Crab with WA Sea Grant- Emily Grayson and Lisa Watkins, WA Sea Grant
- European Green Crab with NW Straits Commission– Allie Simpson and Leah Skare, Northwest Straits Commission
- Batillaria Overview and European Green Crab- Roger Fuller, Angelica Lucchetto, and Spencer Johnson, Padilla Bay NERR

Training 5– March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Theme: Beach Naturalist and Tide Pools

Location: Padilla Bay (classroom) and Deception Pass State Park (beach/bring a Discover Pass)

Speakers:

- Volunteering at Padilla Bay’s Aquarium and Touch Tank – Erin Merklein, Padilla Bay NERR
- Beach Naturalist Program- Joy Kacoroski, Deception Pass State Park
- Tide Pool Exploration at Deception Pass State Park– Padilla Bay Staff, Deception Pass State Park Staff, and Michelle Marquardt (Salish Sea Stewards and Beach Naturalists)

We will skip March 12th so you can attend the Beach Naturalists Program at Deception Pass State Park on March 12th, 13th, and 14th from 5:30 pm – 8 pm. Link to additional information:

<https://deceptionpassfoundation.org/get-involved-2/beach-naturalists/>

Training 6– March 19, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Theme: Organisms of the Salish Sea

Location: Padilla Bay (classroom)

Speakers:

- Native Oyster Restoration- Paul Dinnel, Skagit MRC
- Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team (COASST)- Julia Parrish, COASST / University of Washington
- Tribal Treaty Fishing Rights and Shellfish – Julie Barber, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

*We will skip March 26th so you can attend the Sea Grant European Green Crab training on March 26th.
Link to additional information: <https://wsq.washington.edu/crabteam/getinvolved/>*

Training 7– April 2, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Theme: Forage Fish

Location: Padilla Bay (classroom and mudflat)

Speakers:

- Forage Fish of the Salish Sea – Phill Dionne, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Forage Fish in the Field – Pete Haase, Salish Sea Steward
- Volgistics– Chandler Colahan, Padilla Bay NERR
- Mudflat Safari - Padilla Bay Education Team
- **Homework Assignment:** Please watch the following video in order to prepare for Plastics Monitoring with Hillary Burgess: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= glpNLEWhQ8>
Additionally, we encourage you to watch the training tutorials as well however this is optional: <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/monitoring/mdmap-tutorials>

Training 8– April 9, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Theme: Restoration and Monitoring

Location: Bowman Bay (beach/bring a Discover Pass), March’s Point, and Padilla Bay (classroom)

Speakers:

- Bowman Bay Restoration and Intertidal Monitoring- Lisa Kaufman and Jason Morgan, Northwest Straits Foundation
- Plastics Monitoring - Hillary Burgess, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- Aquatic Reserves Program and Intertidal Monitoring – Erica Bleke, WA Department of Natural Resources

Training 9– April 16, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Theme: Kelp and Salmon

Location: Padilla Bay (classroom)

Speakers:

- Kelp of the Salish Sea – Jeff Whitty, Northwest Straits Commission
- Skagit Bull Kelp Kayak Team – Lynne Wenberg, Salish Sea Stewards
- Plankton and Volgistics – Chandler Colahan, Padilla Bay NERR
- Salmon in Skagit County – Holli Watne, Skagit Watershed Council

Training 10– April 23, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Theme: Human impacts

Location: Padilla Bay (classroom) and March’s Point (beach)

Speakers:

- Ocean Acidification- Brooke Love, Western Washington University
- Derelict Fishing Gear – Jason Morgan, NW Straits Foundation
- Upland Restoration at Padilla Bay - Cori Gardner, Padilla Bay NERR

Training 11– April 30, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Theme: Communication and Celebration

Location: Padilla Bay (classroom)

Speakers:

- Informal Learning - Jude Apple, Padilla Bay NERR
- One Year as a Salish Sea Stewards – Ron Conte, Salish Sea Stewards
- Congratulations from the Salish Sea Stewards Advisory Committee - Salish Sea Stewards Advisory Committee
- Certificates and Celebrate- Salish Sea Stewards Advisory Committee