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# Funds Distribution Report

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**Organization's General Goals:**

The mission of the Northwest Maritime Center is to engage and educate people of all generations in traditional and contemporary maritime life, in a spirit of adventure and discovery.

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Marilyn Sheldon, Director  
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions  
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Dear Marilyn,

We are deeply grateful to the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions fund for your generous gift of \$ [REDACTED] to support our Salish Sea Expeditions program.

Salish Sea Expeditions' spring programming has officially lowered sail for the season... but what an incredible season it was! From March to June of this year, **572 students and 95 teachers joined** us aboard our program vessels—*Admiral Jack* and the *Schooner Zodiac*. This combined effort resulted in **19,406 hours spent outside** making deep connections.

On *Admiral Jack*, students and teachers spent a total of 13 days exploring the interconnected aquatic environments of the Duwamish River and Elliot Bay. During their marine pursuits, participants used plankton nets, Niskin bottles, secchi disks, microscopes, and charts to investigate scientific inquiries. This season we added a drop camera aboard *Admiral Jack*, which allowed students to visually venture below the surface and further explore the marine environment. Guided by our amazing staff, students were able to easily view the submarine scenes captured by the drop camera, as the images were live-streamed to the large monitors aboard the vessel. Equipped with curiosity and ID cards, students identified, counted, and discussed the importance of each species they saw.

Aboard the *Schooner Zodiac*, we welcomed 10 school groups which collectively spent a total of 41 days circumnavigating the San Juan Islands. During each journey, students collected, tested, and interpreted water quality and plankton samples, built onboard STEAM projects, explored the briny deep through the lens of an ROV, zipped ashore to explore the Islands, and ate perhaps the best food ever to be served aboard a ship. While students tacked, (control) jibed, and maneuvered their way through the Islands, they were greeted by an abundance of marine mammals. Aside from the ever-present and always exciting harbor seals, participants spotted over 20 orcas, 3 minke whales, 2 gray whales, and multiple superpods of harbor porpoise. In addition, one group even witnessed a stowaway otter that took it upon itself to climb into an inflatable and enjoy a plentiful Dungeness crab dinner. At the end of each trip, during the closing circle, students and teachers were asked to share both a trip highlight and something they will not soon forget. Here are some common answers: learning to sail; mastering their sailing station;

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steering the ship; raising the largest mainsail on the West Coast of North America with their classmates; bow watch; boat races; sweating/tailling; laying on the bowsprit while putting away the jib; the hikes on James, Sucia, and Stuart Island; taking plankton samples; building light traps; playing games like “fish bowl” and “scuttle hatch;” spending time on a boat laughing with their friends; seeing orcas; and of course.... the food! We had an unforgettable and very successful spring season, the joy, bonding, and growth that took place is hard to fathom and near impossible to put into words.

We are deeply grateful to the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Foundation for your support in making these experiences possible. Thank you so much for making this spring season one that each participant will remember for a lifetime. Our programmatic sails truly fill with pride when reflecting upon and looking forward to the partnership we have formed.

With gratitude,

*Elise Wright*

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