



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:

Puget Soundkeeper's mission is to protect and enhance the waters of Puget Sound for the health and restoration of our aquatic ecosystems and the communities that depend on them. We monitor Puget Sound water quality, help set strong policies and regulations that protect our waterways and our health, enforce environmental regulations, engage citizens and businesses in waterway cleanups and recovery projects, educate and involve the public in local water pollution issues, and partner with local and regional groups to advance solutions that protect Puget Sound.

Date of Award:	Level:
2021 Q4	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Puget Soundkeeper.

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Puget Soundkeeper Grant Report to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions: Q4 2021 14.2

Grant Period: December 2021 - November 2022

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Total number of impacted: Puget Soundkeeper's mission benefits 4.4 million people in the greater Puget Sound community and watershed.

Puget Soundkeeper (Soundkeeper) is grateful to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions for the \$[REDACTED] grant received on 3/21/2022. The grant was used for general operating expenses.

Pollution Prevention Program Results and Highlights

Goal 1: Educate residents about water quality, increase understanding of the interconnectedness of watersheds and promote individual behavior change

During the grant period, staff conducted outreach at 225 events including volunteer events, public presentations, volunteer trainings, and tabling events, and have helped enrich Soundkeeper's online content and social media presence.

Through Soundkeeper's year-round Lost Urban Creeks Project, 50 youth interns were paid \$16.50/hour and trained in water quality monitoring, watershed ecology, pollution detection and reporting, and outreach. Youth interns also participated in cleanups, boat patrols, kayak patrols, outreach activities, lunch and learns and Springbrook Creek field investigations.

Soundkeeper staff partnered with teachers at the Maritime High School to teach the inaugural first-year class about marine debris, plastic pollution, and the legislative process.

Soundkeeper released in partnership with Washington Environmental Council, the third edition of [Nature's Scorecard](#), a report that provides the only publicly available, comprehensive database of Structural Stormwater Controls, or stormwater retrofits, implemented by municipalities.

Goal 2: Reduce marine debris in Puget Sound and increase public awareness about plastics in our environment

Puget Soundkeeper operates a marine debris program that involves over 2,500 volunteers annually. Cleanups have measurable impacts on habitat, water quality and community spaces. They are also great opportunities to introduce people to the water in a safe way and develop an ethic of environmental stewardship. From December 2021 - November 2022, 2,601 volunteers participated in 148 marine debris cleanups and removed 10,564 pounds of trash.

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Soundkeeper Program Results and Highlights

Goal 1 - Obtaining improved Pollution Discharge Permits

From December 2021 to November 2022, Soundkeeper:

- Provided leadership in key forums such as the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP), Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee, and Plastic Free Washington Coalition.
- Participated in 65 coalition, stakeholder, and advisory committee meetings designed to align advocacy efforts, inform the WA Department of Ecology and other agencies about pollution and water quality issues, and provide legal and technical comments on draft pollution discharge permits, regulations, and other water quality related programs with the goal of obtaining stronger protections for water quality in the Puget Sound basin.

Goal 2 - Increasing Compliance with Permits and Other Regulations

During the grant period, Soundkeeper resolved 1 legal case (Electron Hydro Dam) for its unpermitted discharges in the Puyallup River. A consent decree outlining the penalties and repair of the impacted waterway is forthcoming. Soundkeeper currently has 4 active Clean Water Act lawsuits.

Goal 3 – Improving Civic Engagement and Policies to Protect the Waters of Puget Sound

From December 2021 to November 2022, Soundkeeper:

- Submitted 39 comments (verbal and letters) to advocate for stronger Puget Sound protections.
- Obtained media coverage 20 times.
- Conducted 59 speaking events, reaching 1,239 people with water quality messages.

Goal 4 – Conduct On-water and monitoring and Field Investigations

- During this grant period, Soundkeeper conducted 51 patrols with 403 volunteers, documented and responded to 56 pollution hotline incidents.
- Soundkeeper contributed to the scientific understanding of toxic water pollution through monitoring projects such as pre-spawn mortality salmon surveys on Longfellow Creek (56 survey days in Fall 2021).

2021-2022 Photos: See below.





