



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:
Puget Soundkeeper's mission is to protect and preserve the waters of Puget Sound.

Date of Award:	Level:
2017 Q4	\$2,501 to \$5,000

Specific Use for This Award:
This award was used for administrative and program expenses. 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 2017 14.2

Grant Period: December 2017 - November 2018

Website: www.pugetsoundkeeper.org

Total number of impacted: Puget Soundkeeper's mission benefits 4.2 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 4/10/2018. 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

In 2016, Soundkeeper hired a full time Science and Education Coordinator to develop new, relevant and consistent curricula to present across all programs and outreach activities. During the grant period, newly developed content and activities were presented at 194 outreach events including volunteer events, public presentations, volunteer trainings, and tabling events, and have helped enrich Soundkeeper's online content and social media presence.

Environmental justice is an important part of Soundkeeper's work. This grant period saw dramatic change in Soundkeeper's work around diversity, equity, and inclusion. In 2017, Soundkeeper's Pollution Prevention Program launched a pilot project with Unleash the Brilliance (UTB), a peer-to-peer paid mentorship program for at-risk youth. During the 10-week period from July-September 2018, 23 youth worked over 393 total hours for Soundkeeper. In 2018 Soundkeeper expanded its partnership to extend year-round beyond its summer program. Soundkeeper has continued to engage youth in the program into the fall with restoration and salmon spawning activities including a workshop and field days.

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 2,000 volunteers each year. 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 2017 - November 2018, 2,420 volunteers participated in 77 marine debris cleanups and removed 10,341 pounds of trash.

Goal 3: Certify Clean Marinas and reduce boater-generated pollution

Puget Soundkeeper coordinates the statewide Clean Marina Program. During this grant period, staff certified four new marinas, renewed the certifications of 14 marinas and distributed Clean Boating tools to thousands of boaters throughout Puget Sound.

Soundkeeper Program Results and Highlights

Goal 1 - Obtaining improved Pollution Discharge Permits

From December 2017 to November 2018, Soundkeeper:

1) Participated in 197 coalition and stakeholder meetings designed to align advocacy efforts, inform Ecology and other agencies about pollution and water quality issues and provide legal and technical comments on draft pollution discharge permits, and other water quality related regulations.

2) Moved forward on 5 existing appeals including three site-specific permits, the statewide Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) permit, and the appeal to defend and improve the Waters of the US Rule (WOTUS, which helps define waterways subject to federal protection), and nationwide cooling water intake structures permit. The US Supreme Court ruled in January 2018 that jurisdiction for the WOTUS rule challenge is proper in district courts, dismissing the 6th circuit US Court of Appeals consolidated appeals. Soundkeeper and others are pressing on with our lawsuit filed in 2015 in the US District Court for Western Washington. In August 2018, the WA Supreme Court ruled against Soundkeeper's argument for a stronger PCB lab method capable of detecting permit violations in its appeal of Seattle Iron & Metals' clean water act permit. In October 2018, the Pollution Control Hearings Board ruled against Soundkeeper and environmental appellants arguments for a stronger CAFO permit. Environmental appellants will appeal to Superior Court (and request review before Court of Appeals) at the end of November 2018.

3) Helped secure final approval for a Puget Sound-wide No Discharge Zone, which now prohibits discharge of all boat sewage, culminating a 6-year advocacy effort.

4) Helped secure a new law that bans any lease renewal for non-native finfish aquaculture (net pens) on state-owned aquatic lands.

Goal 2 - Increasing Compliance with Permits and Other Regulations

From December 2017 to November 2018, Soundkeeper settled 7 lawsuits, requiring the following corrective actions and \$675,500 in payments to third parties for restoration and environmental benefit projects in affected waterways.

- Cargill Inc. in Ferndale installed additional stormwater treatment and enhanced its existing system, increased its source control measures, and began monitoring for important nutrient pollutants including nitrogen, BOD and phosphorus.
- Snohomish County improved its stormwater management program, updated its municipal codes to require low impact development (LID), conducted a series of outreach events promoting LID and is in the process of planning \$1 million value retrofit projects in the Little Bear Creek watershed.
- Samson Tug & Barge in Seattle's South Park neighborhood installed stormwater treatment, improved source control measures and updated stormwater requirements. Another Samson facility in Seattle's Georgetown neighborhood improved stormwater controls and began monitoring and controlling polluted runoff from its pier.
- Alaskan Copper Works in Seattle's SODO neighborhood installed stormwater treatment, expanding its stormwater monitoring and improved onsite practices.
- Ace Metal in Mukilteo installed stormwater treatment and expanding its stormwater monitoring.

Soundkeeper currently has 8 active Clean Water Act lawsuits.

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

From December 2017 to November 2018, Soundkeeper engaged over 7,000 citizens and policy makers while increasing its participation in stakeholder processes and coalitions working on issues related to Puget Sound.

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

During this grant period, Soundkeeper conducted 72 patrols with over 400 volunteers; documented and responded to 65 pollution hotline incidents, and conducted 60 investigations and observed 142 for compliance. Eight Clean Water Act enforcement cases were supported by field investigations. The geographic range of water quality monitoring and field investigations included most watersheds from Port Angeles to Olympia and Bellingham to Tacoma.

Thank you for your support of Puget Soundkeeper’s mission to protect and preserve Puget Sound.





