



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:
2020 Q4	\$2,501 to \$5,000

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

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Puget Soundkeeper Grant Report to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions: Q4 2020

Grant Period: December 2020 - November 2021

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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 3/31/2021. 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 200 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, 24 youth interns were paid \$15/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.

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 typically 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. Due to Covid-19, Puget Soundkeeper hosted smaller volunteer groups beginning in late 2020. From December 2020 - November 2021, 1,730 volunteers participated in 117 marine debris cleanups and removed 7,804 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 three new marinas, renewed the certifications of 23 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 2020 to November 2021, Soundkeeper:

- Provided leadership in key forums such as the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP), Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee, and Plastic Free Washington Coalition. Introduced important water protection measures to the Orca Recovery Task Force. Executive Director Sean Dixon was appointed as an environmental community representative on the PSP's Ecosystem Coordination Board.
- Participated in 72 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.
- Worked with EarthJustice to identify potential defendant stormwater permittees (such as the Washington State Department of Transportation) who have violated their stormwater permits by not dealing with Coho Pre-spawn Mortality Syndrome.

Goal 2 - Increasing Compliance with Permits and Other Regulations

During the grant term, Soundkeeper settled 5 lawsuits, requiring the following corrective actions and \$895,000 in payments to third parties for restoration and environmental benefit projects in affected waterways:

- Seattle Iron & Metals, Duwamish River (increased air monitoring, new dust control deadlines, \$90,000 to Rose Foundation).
- Lineage Logistics, Duwamish River (increased housekeeping, improved stormwater plan, employee training, and \$90,000 to Rose Foundation).
- Transportation, Hylebos Waterway (stormwater treatment to be installed in Dec 2021, site improvements, and \$325,000 to Rose Foundation).
- Pacific Coast Coal Company, Green River (permanent closure of the John Henry Coal Mine, site remediation, and \$5,000 to Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group for a vital Soos Creek restoration project).
- Ardagh Glass, Duwamish River (installation of advanced stormwater treatment, pollutant assessment and control, enhanced sampling and system performance assessment, and \$400,000 to support the Gateway Park North Revitalization Project to provide important habitat restoration and public access to Duwamish River for Georgetown residents).

Soundkeeper currently has 6 active Clean Water Act lawsuits.

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

From December 2020 to November 2021, Soundkeeper:

- Engaged policy makers by providing oral testimony 8 times.
- Engaged policy makers by submitting written testimony or comments 50 times.
- Mobilized electronic advocacy via 4 Action Alerts to members and supporters providing awareness-building details and opportunities for action. Issues included single use plastics and the nutrient general permit.
- Obtained media coverage 44 times.
- Grew its social media engagement to 30,409 visits and fostered its web community with 46,617 website visits.

- Conducted 55 virtual speaking events, reaching 1,524 people with water quality messages.

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

During this grant period, Soundkeeper conducted 57 patrols with 249 volunteers, documented and responded to 44 pollution hotline incidents and conducted 7 field investigations.



Photo caption: Long Fellow Creek cleanup conducted during October 2021. Over 365 lbs. of debris were collected by volunteers.



Photo caption: Lost Urban Creek Youth participate in Soundkeeper kayak patrol in Lake Union during August 2021.