



# Funds Distribution Report

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**Recipient Organization:**  
**Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition**

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Seattle, WA 98101

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<https://wildliferecreation.org>

**Organization's General Goals:**  
The Coalition is a nonprofit organization that leverages the voices of a large and diverse group of allied interests working together to obtain public funding for new local and state parks, wildlife habitat, and preservation of working farm and forest lands.

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<b>Date of Award:</b>	<b>Level:</b>
2019 Q3	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition.

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## Grant Report

### Grant Description

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**Project Dates:** 9/1/2019 to 8/31/2020

**Grant Amount:** \$ [REDACTED]

**Report Code:** Q3 2019 14.2

**Number of recipients impacted:** 7 million (approximate Washington State population)

**Photos:** See attached

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\*Deceased

August 31, 2020

Marilyn Sheldon, Director  
 Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions  
 8802 27th Ave NE  
 Tulalip, WA 98271

Dear Marilyn,

With generous support from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund, the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition was able to accomplish many of the goals we set out to achieve last year. But perhaps more importantly, your critical support allowed us to remain adaptable as we identified new ways to meet the needs of our outdoor community during this unprecedented and challenging year.

First, let's take a moment to reflect on our normal operations before we adjusted to operating during a global pandemic. In our request to you last year, we set some ambitious goals for our outreach work. Even with our fieldwork cut short this spring, we're proud to report some really amazing progress. Between September 2019 and March 2020, we conducted 31 outreach meetings in 11 counties all across Washington. From project tours and ribbon cuttings to trainings and workshops, we met with state legislators, tribal leaders, local elected officials, nonprofit partners, and countless other community leaders to help educate more communities on the important benefits of safe outdoor spaces.

In October, the Coalition traveled to Port Gamble, where we invited community members and nonprofit partners to tour the Port Gamble mill site and the new Kitsap Forest Ride Park, two WWRP project sites. Here, we heard from Chairman Jeromy Sullivan of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and representatives from Pope Resources and Forterra to learn how these collaborative projects are reshaping the health of the land and the people in the bay.

And in February, just before the pandemic changed our operations, we celebrated the opening of a new section of the Lake to Sound Trail in South King County. This section completed a 16-mile trail that now connects an existing regional trail system and provides access between Renton, Tukwila, Burien, Sea-Tac, and Des Moines. Though we didn't know it at the time, this trail, like so many others across the state, would become a critical recreation opportunity for so many in South Seattle as Washington residents were urged to recreate close to home to prevent the spread of COVID.

Of course, our programming took a drastic turn in early March with the state-wide shut down. And like so many others, our programs continue to look different than anticipated. Despite these unexpected circumstances, we remain committed to the education and advocacy that has driven our mission for more than 30 years. Our goals are to ensure that public funding for outdoor projects remains available, that funding sources adapt to best meet the needs of our communities today, and to adapt our strategies to help communities rise to the challenges they face.

Earlier this year, we advocated for changes to the WWRP grant process that extended the application deadline and reduced the matching funds requirements. We also conducted outreach to 19 under-served communities, offering resources and support make it possible for them to complete their WWRP grant applications in this difficult year. This work aimed to reduce the burden for communities completing a grant application while simultaneously dealing with COVID relief efforts.

We had also set the ambitious goal of expanding our network of pro-bono grant support in earnest this year. However, as we began to work with communities through this outreach, we quickly realized that our approach wasn't necessarily meeting needs in way that was helpful to communities. Like so many well-meaning organizations, we attempted to solve the problems as we saw them, rather than seeking direction from those on the frontlines. Inevitably, our offers for support were less impactful than we'd hoped. But rather than scrapping this project altogether, we've decided to take a step back and focus on listening, so that communities can identify their own barriers and guide us toward supporting what they see as the best solutions.

As we move forward into this space of learning, adapting, and growing, we are thankful for our dedicated partners like the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund. We realize that Washington's outdoor spaces need more attention and that we need to do more to address the inequities that plague our natural areas. Your support has allowed us to remain diligent and adapt to the new normal as we continue to move our mission forward. Attached are several photos from this year's outreach across the state, including our project tours in Port Gamble and South Seattle.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Washington's outdoors and for funding our work as we learn to better support all communities.

Sincerely,



Christine B Mahler  
Executive Director

