



TulalipCares.org

## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

**NAME OF AGENCY:** Washington Wildlife & Recreation Coalition

**DATE OF AWARD:** 2017 Q1

**ADDRESS:** 1402 Third Ave., Suite 507, Seattle, WA 98101

**CONTACT:** (206) 748-0082, <https://www.wildliferecreation.org>

**GENERAL GOALS:** The Coalition's mission is to ensure robust funding for Washington's great outdoors by unifying disparate voices through education and advocacy.

### SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award went towards programs and operational expenses.

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



Washington  
**Wildlife &  
Recreation**  
C O A L I T I O N

HONORARY FOUNDING

CO-CHAIRS

Gov. Daniel J. Evans

Gov. Mike Lowry\*

OFFICERS

*Chair*

Adrian Miller

*Vice Chair*

Steve Seward

*Secretary*

Lincoln Bormann

*Treasurer*

Paul Kundtz

*Board Affairs Chair*

Marc Berejka

*State Policy Chair*

Tom Bugert

*Philanthropy Chair*

Tom Reeve

DIRECTORS

Bob Bugert

Leda Chahim

Bill Chapman

Hannah Clark

Exec. Dow Constantine

Brenna Davis

Charley Dickey

Mark Doumit

Mark Eliassen

Kevin Godbout

Jon Hoekstra

Joe Hyer

Andrea Imler

Deborah Jensen

Hon. Pat Lantz

Martin LeBlanc

Kari Leitch

Mamie Marcuss

Wayne Marion

Elliot Marks

John McGlenn

Joe Mentor

Matt Ojala

Michael Orbino

David Patton

Lisa Pelly

Charlie Raines

Paul Simmons

Jon Soine

Wendy Tyner

Tom Vogl

Fred Wert

Christopher Williams

EX OFFICIO

Mark Clark

Kaleen Cottingham

Comm. Hilary Franz

Don Hoch

Rep. Drew MacEwen

Sen. Christine Rolfes

Sheida Sahandy

Joe Stohr

Rep. Steve Tharinger

Sen. Hans Zeiger

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Christine B. Mahler

Marilyn Sheldon

Director

Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions

8802 27<sup>th</sup> Ave NE

Tulalip, WA 98271

Dear Marilyn,

Thanks to the generous financial support of the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund, the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Coalition has expanded our education and advocacy efforts over the past year, growing and diversifying our membership while informing and mobilizing the public to ensure robust funding for local parks, trails, waterways, farms, and wildlife habitat.

Following the 2016 Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) statute changes, the Coalition committed to broadening and deepening the base of support for conservation and recreation funding. This hard work paid off in the 2017-18 legislative session with \$80 million committed to projects that preserve access to local parks, sporting fields, and to forests and open spaces for hiking, hunting, and recreating. This increase of \$25 million in funding over the previous biennium was in no small part thanks to the enhanced education and advocacy capacity of the Coalition.

The Coalition leveraged the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund support to identify opportunities to create new connections with WWRP stakeholders, including county commissioners, land trusts and Tribes in Eastern Washington.

Coalition staff played a critical role in expanding knowledge of the WWRP program, identifying traditionally underserved areas of the state and strategically targeting events and presentations to increase understanding and appreciation of the newly updated program. Staff participated in eight outdoor recreation events, including roundtables and presentations to community groups and Tribal leaders. Over the course of the past year, 23 county commissioners gained a deeper understanding of the benefits of the WWRP through 12 presentations to County Commissions. Staff also worked with local community groups to orchestrate 16 ribbon-cutting ceremonies celebrating WWRP-funded projects across the state, with over 1000 attendees learning about the critical role of WWRP funding in completing vital community projects.

Looking at the number of WWRP applications submitted, our outreach was successful, and something we will continue to build on in future years. Although applications are still in the initial stages of review, early indicators show that a total

*Unifying voices for Washington's great outdoors*

[WildlifeRecreation.org](http://WildlifeRecreation.org)

\*Deceased

of 273 applications requesting a total of \$197 million in funding this biennium—an increase of 35 applications and \$34 million in funding, even after the delays with the Capital Budget in Olympia in 2017-2018. A total of 55 projects applied for match reduction, indicating that they will serve our most needy communities across the state. Although the Puget Sound region remains heavily represented in applications, all but three counties (Garfield, Pend Oreille, and Wahkiakum) are represented. Additional analysis will be needed to look at the geographic diversity over time, as well as the number of new or infrequent applicants

This outreach and education also helped the Coalition grow its already substantial base of support, renewing the membership of 12 lapsed organizations and welcoming 30 new members to the Coalition, including local conservation groups, trail coalitions, and hunting and angling clubs from underserved areas of Eastern and Central Washington.

This expanded base of support helped make the 2018 Legislative Day one of the most successful in recent memory, with 100 public lands advocates holding over 100 meetings with Washington state legislators about the importance of robust funding for WWRP.

Thanks to the work of the Coalition and our partners, the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program is now accessible to more communities than ever. Our work in the past year to educate new and existing stakeholders about these exciting changes has already and will undoubtedly continue to lead to new project proposals from new and diverse communities. We will continue our efforts to raise awareness of these new opportunities in the coming years, ensuring that new and diverse applicants have the chance to participate in protecting our most treasured places for generations to come.

I have attached several photos from events we attended and projects we toured over the course of the last year—I hope you will find good use for them.

Thank you again for the support of Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund, and your investment in Washington's great outdoors!

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christine Mahler', with a stylized, flowing script.

Christine Mahler  
Executive Director



Washington  
**Wildlife &  
Recreation**  
C O A L I T I O N

## **Grant Report**

*Supporting education, outreach, and advocacy to promote robust funding for  
Washington's great outdoors*

### **Grant Description**

**Name of Organization:** Washington Wildlife & Recreation Coalition

**Mailing Address:** 1402 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Suite 507, Seattle, WA 98101

**Telephone Number:** (206) 748-0082

**Executive Director and Principal Contact:** Christine Mahler

**Principal Contact's Phone Number:** (206) 748-0082

**Principal Contact's Email Address:** [Christine@WildlifeRecreation.org](mailto:Christine@WildlifeRecreation.org)

**Project Dates:** 5/15/2017 to 5/15/2018

**Grant Amount:** [REDACTED]

**Report Code:** Q1 2017 14.2







