



Audubon Council of Washington Annual Meeting 2018: Through a Local Lens

Saturday, October 13, 2018
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Brightwater Center
22505 State Route 9 SE | Woodinville, WA

AGENDA

WHEN	WHAT	WHO
7:30 AM	Morning Walk & Tour of the Brightwater Treatment	Kristen Covey
8:30	Name tag pick up, late registration	
9:00	Welcome and Volunteer of the Year Award	Eastside Audubon
9:15	Washington's Role in National Strategic Priorities — Overview of national priorities — How statewide and chapter efforts contribute to goals	Gail Gatton, Executive Director Audubon Washington
9:35	Building a Strong, Cohesive Audubon Network — National policy agenda (MBTA, LWCF, etc) — Developing volunteer leaders — Preview of the 2019 Audubon Convention	Loren Smith, Director, Network Development and Strategy National Audubon Society
	5 Minute Success Story – Admiralty Audubon: Native Plant Program Soars to New Level	Rick Jahnke, Admiralty Audubon
10:30	BREAK	
10:45	The Future of Birds in National Parks — A look at the science behind the latest birds & climate report from National Audubon — What can we expect at North Cascades, Olympic and Rainier National Parks — How can we use this information to protect public lands	Chad Wilsey, Vice President Conservation Science National Audubon Society
	5 Minute Success Story – Vashon-Maury Audubon: Lobby Day Experience Deepens Chapter Leader Engagement	Julie Burman, Vashon-Maury Audubon
11:45	LUNCH	
12:30 PM	Panel Discussion: Climate Action in Washington 2018-2019 — Governor Inslee's Climate and Sustainability Policy Agenda — Putting a Price on Carbon: I-1631 Carbon Fee Initiative	Reed Schuler, Senior Policy Advisor for Climate and Sustainability Office of Governor Jay Inslee Vlad Gutman-Britten, WA Director, Climate Solutions

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 100% Clean Energy Standard: Moving to a Clean Energy Future in WA by 2045 — Low Carbon Fuel Standard: Joining Other West Coast States to Reduce Transportation Pollution 	<p>Rep. Beth Doglio, 22nd LD</p> <p>Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon, 34th LD</p>
1:45	<p>Overview of What’s Happening Around the Network in Washington to Build a Broader Base of People Who Care about Birds and Want to Protect Them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Attracting and engaging young professionals — Pride Month: Let’s Go Birding Together (LGBT) — Trying to engage college students — Serving as a convener in the urban environment <p>ACTION ITEM: Identify small ad hoc group to develop code of conduct for the listservs</p>	<p>Charley Wilkinson, Seward Park Audubon Center</p> <p>Pam Borso, North Cascades Audubon</p> <p>Lori Nelson, Lower Columbia Basin Audubon</p> <p>John Brosnan, Seattle Audubon</p>
2:40	<p>5 Minute Success Story – North Cascades Audubon: Stopping ORVS in their Tracks</p>	<p>Robert Kaye, North Cascades Audubon</p>
2:45	<p>BREAK: Crowdsourcing Chapter Bests Please be prepared to share your chapter’s best programs, speakers, and photographers (paper and markers provided). The list will be compiled and sent out after the meeting.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
3:00	<p>Concurrent Sessions – Who Does It Best: Small Group Discussions Highlighting Chapter Expertise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Shoreline Management Plans: Elizabeth Rodrick (Black Hills) — Local Land Use Decision Making: Judy Hallisey & Barry Brunson (Kittitas), Tim Manns (Skagit), Kristin Kelly (Pilchuck) — Voluntary Stewardship Plans (Lori Nelson, LCBAS) — Site Stewardship around IBAs: Paul Woodcock (North Cascade), Gene Bullock (Kitsap) — Bird Fests as Outreach & Engagement: Richard Scranton (North Central), Ken Wiersema (Olympic Peninsula) 	<p>Chapter Leaders</p> <p>Facilitator: John Brosnan, Seattle Audubon</p> <p>Facilitator: Julie Burman, Vashon-Maury Audubon</p> <p>Facilitator: Heather Gibson, Rainier Audubon</p>
4:15	<p>Wrap Up and Next Steps</p>	<p>Gail Gatton</p>
4:30	<p>ADJOURN & RECEPTION</p>	

POST-MEETING RECEPTION

Wine, beer & appetizers hosted by Audubon Washington
Catered by [Mother’s Roots](#)

Location: Brightwater Center, 22505 State Route 9 SE | Woodinville, WA

BIOGRAPHIES

Loren Smith – Loren is the Director of Network Development and Strategy at National Audubon Society. A native of Western New York, Loren served as the executive director of Buffalo Audubon Society for seven years prior to joining National Audubon in 2018. He has a PhD in Organismic and Evolutionary Biology (Paleontology). He is interested in nature education, stewardship of the natural world, and environmental advocacy, especially with respect to birds.

Chad Wilsey – Chad is the Vice President of Conservation Science for the National Audubon Society. With a PhD in Landscape Ecology and Master of Science in Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development, Chad engages in a wide variety of spatial and non-spatial analyses across the Audubon network. His team provides science support for major conservation initiatives, especially the original science supporting the Climate Initiative. Chad uses spatial data and analysis tools, such as remote sensing and computer modeling, to address the potential impacts of development and climate-change on bird and wildlife populations.

Reed Schuler – Reed Schuler is a Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Jay Inslee of Washington State, where he focuses on climate change issues. Previously, Reed served at the U.S. Department of State as a U.S. negotiator for the Paris Agreement on climate change and then on Secretary of State John Kerry's Policy Planning Staff, the Secretary's independent policy and strategy office. As a Paris Agreement negotiator, he managed the U.S. diplomatic effort to galvanize all countries in the world to submit ambitious climate action targets, and led the U.S. technical group to analyze these targets. Reed has conducted research in urban development, transportation, and sustainability as a Fulbright Fellow in Shanghai, China, led an energy efficiency and renewable energy strategy initiative with Mass Audubon and the social impact consulting group New Sector Alliance, and started and managed an innovative, cross-sector community engagement and energy efficiency program for the Baltimore Office of Sustainability and the Baltimore Community Foundation.

Representative Beth Doglio – in addition to serving as a state representative from the 22nd legislative district (Olympia), Beth serves as the campaign director at Climate Solutions, a Northwest-based clean energy economy nonprofit. She also served as the regional co-director for the Power Past Coal campaign. Beth was the founding executive director of Washington Conservation Voters in the early 1990s and a campaign organizer and later the development director for Audubon Washington. Beth has worked in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, and has served in leadership staff positions in numerous political campaigns.

Representative Joe Fitzgibbon – As a state representative from the 34th legislative district, Joe serves as the Chair of the Environment Committee. He also serves on the Appropriations and Agriculture & Natural Resources committees. Joe has worked to expand transit, and to make walking and bicycling safer. He has successfully passed into law environmental reforms that improve the functioning of those laws without compromising environmental protections. He is a strong advocate for cleaning up Puget Sound, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, protecting and improving Washington's land-use laws, and expanding access to the electoral process for historically disenfranchised populations like low-income people and youth. Prior to his election, Joe served as a legislative staffer in state and local government and as the Chair of the Burien Planning Commission.

Vlad Guttman-Britten – Vlad is the Washington State Director for Climate Solutions, an organization that works to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis. He is responsible for guiding policy development and building an integrated communications, advocacy, and government affairs strategy to foster a clean energy economy in Washington. Before coming to Climate Solutions, Vlad was Senior Policy Director for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition, where he successfully secured tens of millions of dollars in state investment in habitat and recreation lands. A veteran campaign operative, he has run congressional and state legislative campaigns and worked on races ranging from mayoral to presidential.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY FIELD TRIPS

What: Morning Walk & Tour of the Brightwater Treatment

Date: Saturday, October 13th **Time:** 7:30 – 8:30 am

Meeting Location: Env Education & Community Center [22505 State Route 9 SE | Woodinville, WA](#)

Details: The Brightwater Center, where we will be holding our ACOW meeting includes 70 acres of public open space with three miles of walking trails and 40 acres of natural habitat. It also includes King County's state of the art wastewater treatment plant. Start your day with a brief tour led by Kristin Covey, Brightwater's Education and Outreach Coordinator and learn about this amazing water system. The plant design integrates landscape, architecture, wildlife habitat, engineering, art, and education. **25 participant maximum**

What: Informational Tour of the Weyerhaeuser Campus

Date: Sunday, October 14th **Time:** 8:30 – 11:00 am

Meeting Location: Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden parking lot in Federal Way. [2525 S 336th St, Federal Way, WA 98003](#). About a 50 minute drive from the Brightwater Center in Woodinville. Restrooms may not be available until 10:00 am, so please plan accordingly. Rainier Audubon will have two vans at the parking lot to shuttle participants around campus.

Details: Weyerhaeuser Campus is a 425-acre historical and environmental gem. The property boasts over 7 miles of forest and meadow trails, the longest undeveloped lakefront shoreline in South King County, and the head waters of the main branch of the salmon bearing East Hylebos which drains into Commencement Bay. This urban nature getaway is home to a diverse habitat that includes over 120 bird species. The campus is a hotspot in Rainier Audubon's territory—well known for its waterfowl including Redheads, Ruddy Duck and even Trumpeter Swan. In 2016, the campus sold to an out of state developer with plans to develop much of the forest and meadow into large scale warehouses. Rainier Audubon has worked in coalition to preserve, protect and maintain the unique nature of this suburban oasis. The tour will include a walk along the 54-acre North Lake shoreline conservation piece and a rare "behind the scenes look" at conservation work being done at the world-renowned Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden led by curator Steve Hootman. An added bonus is free access to the Pacific Bonsai Museum after the tour. **20 participant maximum**

What: Birding at Juanita Bay

Date: Sunday, October 14th

Time: 8:00 – 11:00 am (1-3 hours depending on birds; or leave anytime you prefer)

Meeting Location: Juanita Bay Park, 2201 Market Street, Kirkland. Meet at the kiosk by the parking lot.

Details: Juanita Bay Park is a primary birding hot spot on the east side of Lake Washington. It offers variety of habitats for birds, waterfowl, raptors, shorebirds, amphibians, turtles, beavers and other small animals. Three elevated board trails provide access to the lake for close views of waterfowl. The wooded area along the trail offers many opportunities to spot songbirds, woodpeckers and raptors. In collaboration with the City of Kirkland, Eastside Audubon offers weekly bird walks, helps with restoration, and participates in annual events such as Migration Day and Earth Day. In mid-October there are 137 species recorded for the past 10 years. Expect to see migrants such as Bufflehead, Green-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Canvasback, Ring-necked Duck, both the Golden and Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Varied Thrush, Yellow-rumped Warbler and Northern Pintail. Residents such as Woodduck, Marsh Wren, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Bald Eagle, Cooper's Hawk, Band-tailed Pigeon, and Chestnut-backed Chickadee are likely. You might be lucky enough to spot Hermit Thrush, Pileated Woodpecker, Purple Finch, Sora, Virginia Rail, and Eurasian Wigeon. **20 participant maximum**