

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



PUGET SOUNDKEEPER®

PROTECTING AND PRESERVING THE
WATERS OF PUGET SOUND

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Soundkeeper and Executive Director

Special thank you to our 2016-2017

AmeriCorps Volunteer **Kerry McGowan**

Welcome 2017-2018 AmeriCorps

Volunteer **Hillary Sanders**

Message from the Executive Director



On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Puget Soundkeeper, I'd like to thank you for helping us protect the waters of Puget Sound. Together we have accomplished so much, with hundreds of on-water patrols, citizen enforcement victories, precedent-setting policy leadership, thousands of volunteer stewardship hours and innovative educational projects – all to monitor, clean up and prevent pollution sources.

Last year, with your help, Soundkeeper:

- Monitored for pollution: Patrolled Puget Sound by boat and kayak, conducted field investigations to identify pollution problems and responded to pollution incidents.
- Cleaned up harmful marine debris: Removed thousands of pounds of marine debris with over 2,200 volunteers during cleanup events from Bellingham to Olympia, and expanded our role as Puget Sound Coordinator for the International Coastal Cleanup.
- Strengthened water protection policies: Soundkeeper and partners won a long-standing case to better protect fish consumers statewide, making our water quality standards 25-times stronger to limit toxic chemicals like PCBs and mercury.
- Stopped illegal pollution: Successfully resolved seven major citizen Clean Water Act cases, tackling persistent pollution sources with proven solutions, while directing over \$1 million to third-party environmental benefit projects to mitigate the damage.
- Moved forward on voluntary solutions: Certified the 75th Clean Marina through our award-winning statewide Clean Marina Washington program.

Puget Sound is a national treasure and we are united in our will to protect its waters. Although we have more work to do and the challenges ahead are great, thanks to you we are stronger than ever, with our largest, most talented staff yet and an engaged corps of volunteers. We could not do this without you. Thank you for your generous support of this critically important work.

Chris Wilke

Puget Soundkeeper and Executive Director

PS: Our work is local, but it goes beyond our shores. Puget Soundkeeper is helping to lead a network of 340 licensed Waterkeepers world-wide, each one passionately focused on protecting swimmable, drinkable and fishable waters in their local watershed.



Secured **8** enforceable Clean Water Act settlements holding polluters accountable for protecting our shared waterways

\$1,321,000 directed to environmental benefit projects to restore and mitigate damage from pollution

95 million gallons of industrial stormwater controlled

ENFORCING CLEAN WATER PROTECTIONS

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP OF OUR SHARED WATERS

2,303 volunteers working year-round to protect the Puget Sound watershed

52 community cleanups on water and on land

22,056 pounds of plastic and other marine trash removed from shorelines, streams, lakes and rivers around Puget Sound

99 boat, canoe and kayak patrols of Puget Sound waterways

306 sites observed for compliance with the Clean Water Act

74 pollution reports from community members reported, documented and resolved

SPOTTING AND STOPPING POLLUTION

2016 Highlights

"Our food and water must be safe and free of toxic chemicals that cause harm to our health." – Chris Wilke, Puget Soundkeeper



The Lummi Nation wins a tremendous victory for treaty rights and the Salish Sea as the Army Corps of Engineers denies a permit to build Gateway Pacific, the largest coal terminal in North America at Cherry Point just north of Bellingham.

Soundkeeper's members supported the Lummi by testifying and writing to senators and representatives to demand protection for our shared waters.



A federal judge agrees with Soundkeeper and other plaintiffs that the EPA was derelict in failing to finalize a revised fish consumption rate and new, more protective water quality standards for Washington State. **After more than six years of fighting for updated standards to protect public health and waterways,** Washington communities are now better protected against toxic pollution.



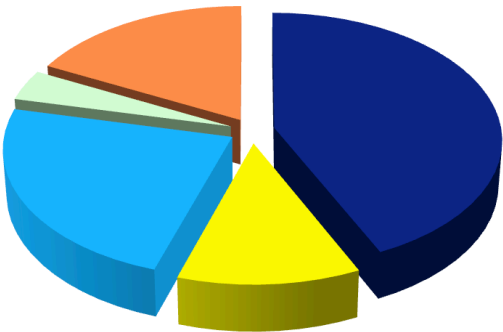
Soundkeeper Stewardship Manager Kathryn Davis facilitates over 25 cleanups as part of the International Coastal Cleanup. Soundkeeper works with the Ocean Conservancy every year to coordinate cleanups in the Puget Sound watershed as part of ICC, **the largest volunteer effort worldwide to remove marine debris from waterways.**



2016 Financials

Income	\$1,188,230
Program Expenses	\$812,440
Management and General Expenses	\$40,331
Fundraising Expenses	\$181,160
Net Assets	\$154,299

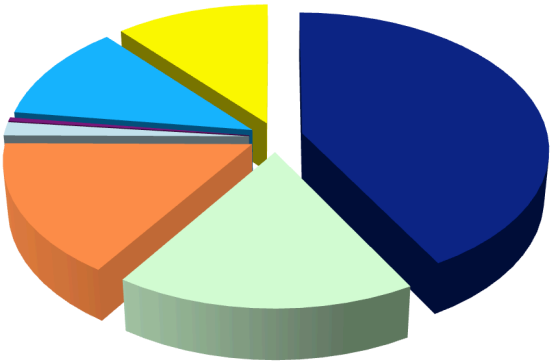
EXPENSES



- 43.1% Soundkeeper Program
- 11.8% Outreach Program
- 23.7% Pollution Prevention Program
- 3.9% Management and General
- 17.5% Fund Development

INCOME

- 41.9% Foundation Support
- 17.5% Business and Corporate Support
- 15.8% Individual Support
- 1.6% Government Grants
- 0.5% EarthShare Income
- 11.5% Special Events Net Income
- 11.3% Interest and Other Income



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