

2017 GRATITUDE REPORT



PUGET SOUNDKEEPER®

PROTECTING AND PRESERVING THE
WATERS OF PUGET SOUND

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Message from the Executive Director and Board President



Dear supporter of Puget Sound,

Thank you for making 2017 a monumental year for protecting Puget Sound! Your generous contributions of time, energy and resources helped us conduct hundreds of on-water patrols and field investigations, achieve major clean water victories and clean up thousands of pounds of marine debris from our shorelines and waterways.

Together, we mobilized thousands of people to take urgent action to ensure safe, healthy waterways for everyone. Together we took action to safeguard the Clean Water Act and other laws against a reckless federal administration bent on eviscerating our bedrock environmental protections.

We grew community involvement through a new partnership with Unleash the Brilliance, an at-risk youth leadership program, that involved 23 youth mentors in Puget Soundkeeper activities like on-water monitoring, community outreach, advocacy and watershed stewardship projects.

We held polluters accountable, settling six Clean Water Act cases including a landmark case against BNSF Railway for the illegal discharge of coal from rail cars into dozens of lakes, rivers and bays in our state. The multi-million dollar settlement will fund pollution mitigation and cleanup of the most affected waterways.

Lastly, we are very thankful to you. Thank you for joining us in protecting and preserving the waters of Puget Sound. Although the challenges ahead are great, with your support we are making a difference and we are stronger than ever.



Chris Wilke, Puget Soundkeeper & Executive Director

Denis Cook, Board President

PS: Our work is local, but it goes beyond our shores. Puget Soundkeeper is helping to lead a network of 340 licensed Waterkeepers worldwide, each one passionately focused on protecting communities' rights to clean water.



Won **6** successful fights to enforce the Clean Water Act, holding polluters accountable for illegal discharge

Directed **\$622,500** to projects to restore and mitigate damage from pollution

Leveraged over **1,400** community voices in testimony for increased protection of our waterways

PROTECTING CLEAN WATER

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP OF OUR SHARED WATERS

Over **4,880** volunteer hours spent working year-round to protect the Puget Sound watershed

69 community cleanups on water and on land

15,048 pounds of plastic and other marine debris removed from shorelines, streams, lakes and rivers around Puget Sound

93 boat, canoe and kayak patrols of Puget Sound waterways

291 sites observed for compliance with the Clean Water Act

111 pollution incidents documented, reported and resolved

MONITORING WATERWAYS AND DOCUMENTING POLLUTION

2017 Highlights

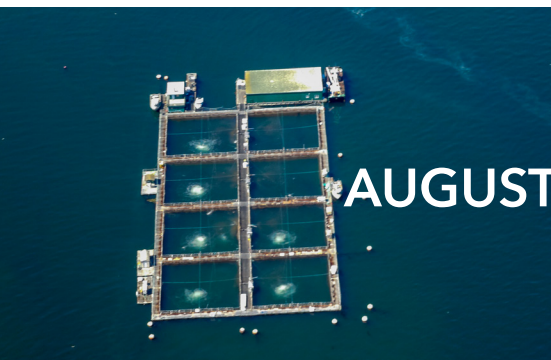
“Change is effective when communities of all types come together and make their voices heard.”

–Dennis McLerran, former EPA Region 10 Administrator



Defending against Federal Rollbacks

Soundkeeper and our members fought back against federal rollbacks to clean water protections and cuts to Puget Sound funding. **Members wrote to senators and representatives to demand protection for our shared waters, and public comments helped to preserve essential funding.**



Responding to Net Pen Disaster

Soundkeeper helped to lead the Our Sound, Our Salmon coalition to fight against Atlantic salmon net pens in **Washington State waters**, after a net pen failure in the San Juan Islands released over 300,000 non-native Atlantic salmon into Puget Sound waters.



Releasing Groundbreaking Stormwater Scorecard

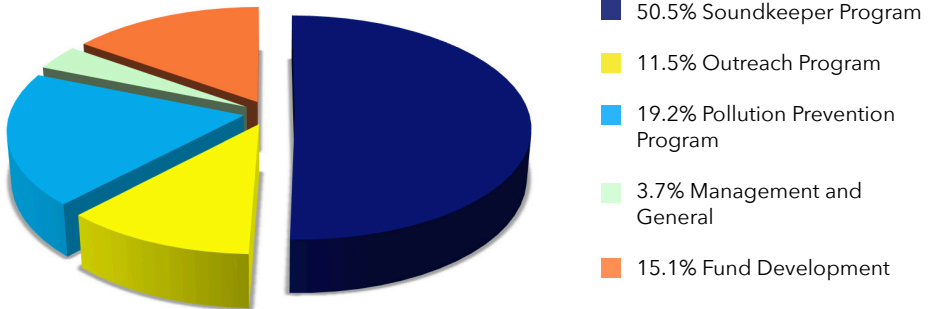
Soundkeeper and Washington Environmental Council released **Nature's Scorecard**, a tool to keep cities and counties in the Puget Sound region accountable for protecting public **waterways**. Nature's Scorecard recognizes municipalities that went above and beyond and calls out those failing to meet statewide standards for stormwater management.



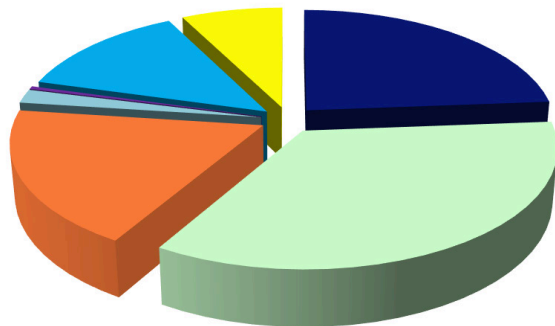
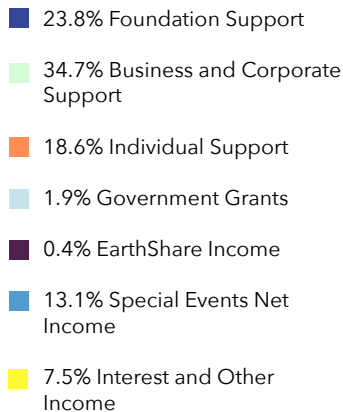
2017 Financials

Income	\$1,246,527
Program Expenses	\$1,056,571
Management and General Expenses	\$47,786
Fundraising Expenses	\$196,469
Net Assets	\$870,863

EXPENSES



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