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PILCHUCK AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 29th, SATURDAY

Leaders: Keith and Nancy Lehn (337-0485). Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the lower parking lot of Everett Community College (1000 block of Broadway, Everett) or at 9:00 a.m. at the bank building at Smokey Point, exit 206 off I-5. A visit to a cliff sheltered, secluded sand beach on the west side of Whidbey Island. Keith and Nancy find this a very special place and have seen osprey, whimbrels, harlequin ducks, hooded mergansers, many varieties of shorebirds, and much more. We will stop along the way to visit March Point. Lots of shorebirds are migrating through at this time of year; it should be a great day. Bring warm cloths (the beach is breezy), lunch, binoculars (better yet, a spotting scope).

FIELD TRIP: WHIDBEY IS. BEACH WALK

OCTOBER 6th & 7th, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

For RESERVATIONS call Marianne McKnight (337-4777).

FIELD TRIP: OVERNIGHT TO DUNGENESS SPIT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

OCTOBER 9th, TUESDAY

Red Cross Building, 26th and Lombard, Everett at 7:30 p.m. in the Boeing room. Use the 26th Street entrance and follow the "Audubon" signs. "WOLFHAVEN" - - - Stephen Kuntz will give us a look at this non-profit organization dedicated to the care and protection of wolves. Wolfhaven is the only sanctuary for these highly intelligent creatures west of the Mississippi. Stephen will share with us the trials and tribulations of feeding and caring for his family of wolves. He'll even bring a few "pups" along for us to enjoy. Don't miss your chance for a personal look at these fascinating animals.

MONTHLY PROGRAM MEETING

OCTOBER 13th, SATURDAY

Leader: Susie Schaefer (771-8165). Sorry, this trip is filled.

FIELD TRIP: SEA KAYAKING, ORCAS IS.

OCTOBER 26th, FRIDAY

Red Cross Building, 26th and Lombard, Everett at 7:30 p.m. in the Boeing room. Use the 26th Street entrance and follow the "Audubon" signs. "AN AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE" --- Glen Threlfo, naturalist of the Lamington National Park, Australia, will narrate a film and slide show of Australian wilderness and wildlife. Come meet the man and his photographs. More information on page 4.

MONTHLY PROGRAM MEETING

OCTOBER 27th, SATURDAY

Leader: Terri Spencer (435-8602). Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the bank building at Smokey Point, exit 206 off I-5. This will be mainly a driving tour, although we will do some walking. At March Point, we will see Brant and, perhaps, yellow-billed loons. Washington Park will offer harlequin ducks, black oystercatchers, and other saltwater birds. We will be in the Olympic rain shadow, so we hope for good weather and great views of the San Juan Islands. Bring warm clothes, binoculars and lunch.

FIELD TRIP: MARCH POINT, WASHINGTON PARK

Additional field trips on page 3.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Curt Howard

Like last month, this is a report to you of PAS' summertime activities.

As promised, Gino Lucchetti, Fisheries Biologist for the Tulalip Tribes, took a number of people to examine the Deer Creek Mud Slide. These people, contacted by PAS, represented, the Washington Environmental Council, PAS, Black Hills Audubon, and the Snohomish County Extension Service.

The slide is a sight. Truly impressive and unbelievable. The absolute cause of the slide and when it occurred is not agreed upon, but most experts who have examined the slide admit unstable glacial till and poor forest practices, including improper road-building into the area, have played a major role. The area of the slide is owned by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Georgia Pacific and the U.S. Forest Service are other owners in the area and some of their land shows signs of imminent slides and other evidences of the same poor forest practices which led to the massive slide on DNR land.

The slide has brought 500,000 cubic yards of sand, clay and silt into DeForest Creek near its convergence to Deer Creek. These materials flowed into Deer Creek, thence to the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River and down into Puget Sound. One of the major threats of this slide is the obliteration of the summer-run steelhead in Deer Creek.

A report from DNR tries to address the cause and suggests some remedial action. Evidence of three of these actions are: (1) Channelizing the flood plain to provide settling ponds for turbid water; (2) Setting out of cottonwood or poplar cuttings in the mud plain; and (3) Sowing of grass. Only three or four of the tree cuttings are still alive. An unknown amount of area was seeded. Small areas of new grass are visible at the higher elevations and grass seed and fertilizer are visible on the muddy fan-shaped alluvial plain. Because of an extremely low rate of water retention and absorption of this silty, clayey plain, it appears that most seed and fertilizer will be washed away by the first heavy rain this fall. We will keep you informed about this slide.

Some of us also met with gubernatorial candidate Booth Gardner to press our environmental concerns.

PAS is still providing testimony to the Marysville Planning Commission regarding environmental damage to the Snohomish River

Estuary. This potential damage rises from two pending permits on North Ebby Island, one for a cement batch plant and one for, in essence, an interior dike through a wetlands. It is an uphill battle in spite of overwhelming documentation ranging from the Tulalip Tribes to the Washington State Supreme Court. We need your help. See or call Anne Grubb.

We need your help in other ways, too. If you see an article in your paper about conservation or the environment, please clip it and send or give it to one of the Board members. Please search for them and send them, no matter how brief or unrelated they may seem.

I remind you again of the Special Program meeting October 26th on Australian wildlife. Bring your friends.

In this issue of the "Profile" is a questionnaire designed to help your Board to offer to you the activities you want. These questionnaires basically ask what we can do for you and what you want to do for us (PAS). Be sure to send yours in or bring it to the next program meeting. The last questionnaire was sent out two years ago. I appreciate the great response. Even if you sent one in before, we need the new one too! We cannot always match your skills with the activities we do, but we will try. We are doing more now and are involved in a wider range of activities, so we do need your skills.

Pilchuck Audubon made a contribution to the Nature Conservancy for its Pierce Island Fund. Pierce Island is "one of the most important natural areas of the Columbia River Gorge".

The second contribution that was approved by your Board this summer was for \$100 for the Snohomish County Evergreen Coalition. A long article explaining the function of this organization appeared in last month's Profile. We consider this an organization with a great deal of potential. If you would like to help in any way, call Anne Grubb.

I would ask all of you to search your mind and house for material that should be in our library. Just recently we were given three documents, long lost to us, which helped us in our presentation to the Marysville Planning Commission. If you have PAS material, please let us know.

LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOPS

Want to start an environmental tradition? Come to the Environmental Lobby's State Legislative Workshops and play OLYPOLY :

THE BOARD GAME OF OLYMPIA. With this specially created board game, we will take a look at how a bill really becomes a law, how chance and other unknown factors aid or impede a bill's progress, how 'Do not pass the House, Do not collect 200 votes' or 'Go directly to Rules' can pop up at the most inconvenient times!

You will learn about upcoming state issues from citizen experts. These volunteers will teach you about issues ranging from Puget Sound Pollution to The Columbia Basin Irrigation Project, hazardous wastes to worker right to know, wetlands protection to fisheries enhancement, and acid rain to noxious weed control.

Legislators and the press will be on hand to help you learn effective legislative communication skills. Come! Have fun and learn new issues and skills. Help set the Legislative priorities for 1985. Two workshops held in our area will be in Seattle on December 1st and Bellingham on December 2nd. For more information, contact Pam Crocker-Davis, Environmental Lobby, P.O. Box 462, Olympia, WA 98507. If you are planning to attend, let Pam know soon as she is in the process of making the arrangements now.

BIRD SIGHTINGS

July 14 Two SPOTTED SANDPIPERS were in a large puddle near the Everett Sewage Lagoon. (Terri Spencer)

Aug 25 A DIPPER was seen on the Little Mashel River near Eatonville. (Jason Rider)

Aug 25 A COOPER'S HAWK was seen three times in the forest near Curt and Bonnie Howard's home.

Aug 28 An ALBINO SWALLOW was seen flying with a group of swallows. (Carl Franz)

Aug 29 Approximately 100 CANADA GEESE flew over I-5 just north of the Everett Sewage Lagoon. (Terri Spencer)

Aug 30 A BALD EAGLE was seen flying near Steamboat Slough. (Lorena Havens)

Sept 1 Three WILSON'S PHALAROPES in summer plumage were seen swimming in the Snohomish Sewage Lagoon. (Fred Bird)

Sept 2 Two RED-NECKED PHALAROPES were on the Snohomish Sewage Lagoon. (Joyce Kelley)

Sept 3 Two RED-NECKED PHALAROPES in winter plumage were swimming in the Snohomish Sewage Lagoon. (Fred Bird)

Sept 8 RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHS and BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEES have been visiting Jason Rider's home.

On September 2nd Terri Spencer, Steven Howard and Allen Spencer hiked about three miles of the Pacific Crest Trail near Harts Pass above Mazama. The scenery was quite beautiful, just like the weather. We saw 4 COOPERS HAWKS, 3 RED-TAILED HAWKS, an AMERICAN KESTREL, a SHARP-SHINNED HAWK, 2 unidentified ACCIPITERS, 2 unidentified BUTEOS, a PRAIRIE FALCON, and 2 possible NORTHERN GOSHAWKS on our half day hike. By watching, identifying and counting the hawks, migratory routes can be established. The Harts Pass area is thought to be a major migratory route for Coopers hawks. Butterflies abounded and if we would have been a month or so earlier I'm sure we would have been overcome with wildflowers.

SEND YOUR SIGHTINGS TO

Terri Spencer/Steven Howard
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Arlington, WA 98223

CALL BIRD SIGHTINGS TO

Terri Spencer/Steven Howard 435-8602
Marianne McKnight 337-4777

HELP FOR INJURED WILDLIFE

Wildlife Care Center of Everett
Dr. Yearout, D.V.M. 353-3814
Kaye Bailey 337-6900
WSP (report injured wildlife) 259-8585

STOP POACHING HOTLINE 1-800-562-5626
WASHINGTON STATE PATROL (WSP) 259-8585

NOVEMBER 3rd, SATURDAY

Leaders: Stirling and Judi Lantz (745-3235). Details in next issue of the Profile.

FIELD TRIP: SALMON HATCHERY TOUR JOINT WITH SNOHOMISH CO. EXTENSION

NOVEMBER 17th, SATURDAY

Leaders: Bonnie Phillips-Howard (652-9619) and Terri Spencer (435-8602). Details in next issue of the Profile.

FIELD TRIP: GEORGE C. REIFFEL GAME REFUGE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS

"Endangered, Threatened and Sensitive Vascular Plants of Washington," (29 pages, unillustrated lists), may be ordered free from the Washington Natural Heritage Program c/o Department of Natural Resources, Mail Stop EX-12, Olympia 98504.

For a free copy of "Washington's Threatened and Endangered Wildlife," (14 pages, illustrated), write the Nongame Wildlife Program c/o Department of Game, 600 North Capitol Way, Olympia 98504.

WASHINGTON STATE AUDUBON FALL COUNCIL

The Washington State Audubon Fall Council will be held October 19th - 21st at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. The theme is "Environmental Issues and Answers". The keynote address on the Condor Project will be presented by Dr. John Bornemann.

There will be several speeches on the East Columbia Basin Irrigation Project by various people such as representatives of the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Game, and a W.S.U. agricultural economist. Later they will participate in a panel discussion/question and answer session.

Pam Crocker-Davis will give a legislative update and our own Curt Howard will speak on the Snohomish River Estuary. There will also be sessions on small Hydroelectric Projects, Spotted Owls, and Peregrine Falcons, among others.

The registration deadline is October 9th. There is a \$4.10 per day conference fee. There are also meal and lodging packages available which range from \$17.85 to \$42.50 per person. For more information on registration contact Curt Howard (652-9619) or Marianne McKnight (337-4777).

OIL RECYCLING

From Snohomish County Public Works
Division of Surface Water Management
"Enhancement Newsletter"

Over one million gallons of used motor oil is dumped each year into Washington's environment. Many people put oil in the garbage, bury it in yards, or dump it into storm drains and roadside ditches. Contamination of ground water, streams and lakes often results.

Recently, under the direction of the Division of Surface Water Management, 24 young adults from the Youth Service Corps set out to correct this problem. They

contacted all service stations in Snohomish County with a request that they provide the public with locations to recycle used oil. Thanks to that effort there are now over 85 oil recycling locations in Snohomish County.

To find the location nearest you, call 1-800-RECYCLE.

AN AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

A narrated film and slide show of Australian wilderness and wildlife will be presented October 26th as a joint effort by the Pilchuck Audubon Society, the Snohomish County Extension Service and the Everett Parks Department.

The film shows parts of Australia, from the Lamington National Park to Kakadu in the Northern Territory. Scenery, birdlife and animal life will be featured. Slides will also show bird and animal life, such as the Lotus and Satin Bower birds.

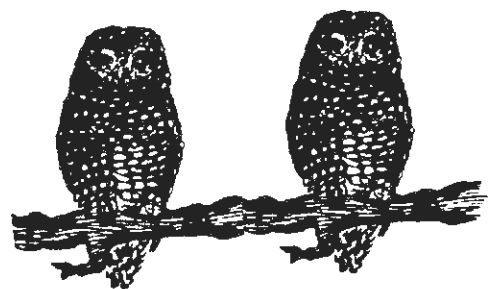
This program will be given by Glen Threlfo, a 39-year old naturalist of the Lamington National Park. Glen is a man whose deep love of nature radiates from both him and his photographs, which are superlative images of seldom photographed flora and fauna.

His exquisite talent and great sensitivity has produced an ever-widening audience throughout his native land. His works are used to illustrate national magazines. His book, "Sharing a Dream" is an exquisite example of his experience and sensitivity.

Come meet the man and his photographs!

ANOTHER EVENT IN OCTOBER

Endangered Flora and Fauna slide show on Tuesday, October 16th at 7:30 p.m. Free. Mark Sheehan of the Washington Natural Heritage Program and Betty Rodrick of the Nongame Wildlife Program will present a slide show on the plants and animals of our state in need of protection. The presentation will be made at the University Friends Center, 4001 Ninth Avenue NE, Seattle.



THE EVERGREEN COALITION

By Anne Grubb
Conservation Chair

Responses to the first two Evergreen Coalition newsletters have been overwhelming and highly complimentary for the most part. We have received comments from a diversity of people: concerned citizens, officers and members of other environmental groups and, finally from public officials from both city and county.

Comments from this last group are perhaps the most pleasing. It shows that elected officials are reading and thinking about the issues discussed in the newsletter. Many have commented that they had been previously unaware of 1) the particular situation at all, 2) the magnitude of the situation from an environmental point of view and 3) the number of groups and individuals who are getting together as a cohesive body to monitor and participate in county-wide environmental decisions.

Our sincere personal thanks to ALL for ideas, comments, support and enthusiasm.

However, and here comes the CRUNCH, the Coalition cannot continue to provide in-depth study and information to the public without more funding. We are just "scraping by" to get each month's newsletter printed and mailed, with many expenses being met "out of pocket". Obviously, the more financial resources we have, the more we can continue to provide.

The yearly subscription rate is \$10.00 and a contributing membership is \$25.00. Checks should be made to the Evergreen Coalition and mailed to Bonnie Phillips-Howard, 7207 Lakewood Road, Stanwood, WA 98292.

RECYCLING FORUM

By Nancy Salvadalena

This is the first edition of a new monthly column. It is a place where we can share ideas on recycling and conservation of our natural resources.

Why should we bother to recycle? Reusing materials means 1) fewer disposal problem (land fills, etc.); 2) fewer natural resources used (trees, mines, etc.); 3) less energy needed for production of new materials; 4) less water and air pollution.

How to start: Set up a recycling center in a corner of your kitchen with containers for each type of item ("tin" cans, aluminum cans, glass, cardboard, newspapers, etc.) and extra storage in the garage or basement. Then, once a month or so, when you're heading past your local recycling center, load up the car. Check the yellow pages or call 1-800-RECYCLE for the center nearest you and call ahead to find out which items they will take. In Everett, I prefer the Washington Recyclers because they will usually accept the greatest variety of items.

Tips of the month: "Tin" cans should be washed, dried, labels removed, both ends removed and flattened. Glass should be washed and metal caps and rings removed. There is no need to remove labels. Do not break.

In the months to come we will discuss everything from composting to thrift stores. Where is your favorite recycler? What do you do with plastic jugs? What about old bicycle frames? This is your column so please call (337-7458) or write with your tips and questions to Nancy Salvadalena, 2227 Burley Dr., Everett, WA 98204.

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* Includes National Audubon's bimonthly magazine AUDUBON and Pilchuck Audubon's monthly *
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* NAME _____ PHONE _____ Check type of membership *
* ADDRESS _____ desired. Mail application *
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* Audubon Society, PO Box 1618, *
* Everett, WA 98206. *

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* For additional help or Membership information contact Virginia Clark at 435-3750, evening *

SHORELINE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

By Margo Shepard

Shoreline Conservation Chair

The Pilchuck Audubon Shoreline Conservation Sub-committee held its first meeting August 15th. During this meeting the following objectives were identified:

To understand and be able to apply the State Shoreline Management Act and Master Programs.

To evaluate and monitor shoreline projects for environmental impacts, and to insure enforcement of environmental legislation.

To work with all levels of government and environmental organizations on shoreline issues to identify problems and find solutions.

To become a county-wide resource on shoreline preservation issues.

To inform the public on shoreline related issues through publication of articles in the Audubon Profile and other environmental organization newsletters, as well as through local newspapers.

In order to accomplish these objectives we need the assistance of numerous individuals who are willing to give their time to write letters, make phone calls, and/or become familiar with the Shoreline Management Act and other environmental legislation aimed at protecting shorelines. If you are interested in working on this sub-committee or if you would like additional information please contact me at 258-5823 (days) or 355-7239 (evenings). Remember this isn't just hard work, we have a good time too!

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***** PILCHUCK AUDUBON SOCIETY QUESTIONNAIRE *****

Please fill out this questionnaire. Your answers will be used to gain insight into our member's wishes and to develop future programs and activities. We want you to get from Pilchuck Audubon whatever we can offer. Your answers will help us and you will not be obligated in any way. Please either check your replies or write a longer answer, whatever is appropriate for each question.

NAME _____ TEL. NO. (HOME) _____
STREET _____ TEL. NO. (WORK) _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

1. In what areas should PAS be active?

Conservation
 Snohomish River Estuary Snohomish County Evergreen Coalition
 Clean Water Clean Air Other (please be specific) _____

Land Acquisition
 Wildlife Refuges Endangered Species Wilderness Wetlands
 Other (please be specific) _____

2. What kinds of field trips do you want? (Birding, wildlife, conservation, scenic, social, others such as ski touring, backpacking. Write in your answer.)

3. Did you join PAS for: Conservation Birding Social
 Other (please be specific) _____

4. PAS has a number of active committees. As in any organization, we are always looking for new members. Would you be interested in serving on any of the following committees?

Field Trips Programs Education Finance Membership Records
 Newsletter Christmas Bird Count Publicity Sensitive Area Atlas
 Corson Research Group Conservation (If you check conservation, please list your areas of interest.) _____

(OVER PLEASE)

5. Some people are not able to serve on a committee but are willing to help with specific tasks. (Of course, we would be delighted to have you doing both.) May we call on you for help in the following areas?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Public Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Write Articles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Advice | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Field Trips | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with mailing the "Profile" | <input type="checkbox"/> Manual Labor (instead of jogging) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Educational Exhibits | <input type="checkbox"/> Help serve at Rest Stop (PAS' main fund raiser) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Work, Inventory/Evaluating | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Tree (Legislative Info.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, unspecified, but "sure try me" |

6. What kind of monthly programs would you like to have?

- Conservation/Education (such as the September wetlands program)
 Birds Other Wildlife Photography Other (please be specific)
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7. We have programs and are developing more to give to garden clubs and other community groups. Will you be a speaker for these? Yes No

8. Please indicate your hobbies, special interests, talents, etc. _____

9. Any additional comments or suggestions? _____

Thanks for your assistance. You can fold this questionnaire and mail directly to Curt Howard or bring it to the next monthly program meeting. Additional questionnaires can be obtained from Curt Howard, 652-9619.

Curtiss E. Howard, President
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