

Friends of Skagit Beaches



2017 Lecture Series

**Friday nights at 7 PM, doors open 6:30 PM
Northwest Educational Services District Building
1601 R Avenue, Anacortes, WA**

January 20 7PM

“Research and Insights on Northwest Coast Humpback, Blue, and Gray Whales and their Incursions into the Salish Sea”

John Calambokidis, research biologist, Cascadia Research Cooperative, Olympia, WA
Some whale species like humpback, blue, and gray, now use Salish Sea waters more frequently than in the past. Come learn about new research on them, including feeding and other behaviors that explores why some are coming here.

February 17 7PM

“The Fishes of the Salish Sea”

Jay Orr, PhD, research fisheries biologist, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, Seattle, WA
Pacific viperfish, northern flashlightfish, longsnout prickleback—just a few of the species (many previously unknown) identified in a 35-year survey of the Salish Sea. The report and forthcoming book, co-authored by our speaker, are sure to become valuable references for further scientific work on Salish Sea fish. “If you don’t first know what you have, it’s impossible to know what you might be losing,” says co-author, Dr. Ted Pietsch.

March 17 7PM

“Sounds in the Salish Sea”

Scott Veirs, PhD, oceanographer, president, Beam Reach Marine Science & Sustainability School, Seattle, WA

The recent Friends of Skagit Beaches film, “Sonic Sea,” highlighted three ocean noise sources: sonar, seismic exploration, and ships. Learn more about these and other noises in the Salish Sea. Join us to hear about how submarine noise and other human activities have biological impacts on marine species that use sound to survive.

April 21 7PM

“Exploring the Salish Sea Floor”

Dr. H. Gary Greene, director, SeaDoc Society/Moss Landing Marine Labs’ Tomolo Mapping Lab, Orcas Island, professor emeritus, Moss Landing Marine Labs research faculty scientist, Friday Harbor Labs, University of Washington

Why do marine birds, fish, and mammals feed where they do? How do tsunamis and earthquakes impact marine habitats? Will understanding the geology, substrate, and topography of the Salish Sea floor provide answers to these questions? Come find out.