

FRIENDS

of the San Juans

2013
Annual
Report



FRIENDS 2013... A Year in Review

by Stephanie Buffum Field - Executive Director

In 2013, your support helped FRIENDS preserve and restore habitat for orca, salmon and forage fish. With our friends and allies, we won major legal victories to protect orca from navy sonar testing, secure key protection in the Critical Areas Ordinance update, and preserve shoreline resources and views. We also restored salmon habitat, modeled local sea level rise, and informed our community and construction professionals about low impact development. In addition, FRIENDS expanded our efforts to protect the islands from the impacts of coal and crude oil exports.

With your help, we were effective. We know this from the public comments and letters submitted, court case wins, and newly restored forage fish beaches. We also know this because our foes are attempting to consume our time and energy with frivolous records requests and anonymous, misleading blogs.

As we enter our 35th year of protecting the San Juans, FRIENDS is more determined than ever to do everything we can to ensure

an enduring legacy of ecological stewardship. I hope you take as much pride as I do in the achievements reported in the following pages. Support from members like you, and from our local, regional and international partners, makes our effective work possible.

**Thank you for standing
with us and for nature in 2013!**

FRIENDS of the San Juans

MISSION: To protect the land, water, sea, and livability of the San Juan Islands through science, education and advocacy.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Orcas: Janet Alderton, Marta Nielson & Charlie Carver. **San Juan:** Bill Watson.

Lopez: San Olson, Dixie Budke & Ken Burtness

STAFF: **Executive Director:** Stephanie Buffum Field, **Science Director:** Tina Whitman, **Staff Attorney:** Kyle Loring, **Office Manager:** Julie Hanks, **Program Assistant:** Jana Marks, **Grants Manager:** Shannon Davis, **Community Engagement Director:** Katie Fleming

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2013...Building Partnerships to Protect our Environment

*San Olson, President
FRIENDS of the San Juans*

We cannot accomplish all that is needed without working together, particularly when the stakes are as important as oils spills, climate change and rising sea level.

With this in mind, FRIENDS is working to build local, regional and international partnerships to help protect the San Juans from multiple new and expanded dirty-energy export terminals (tar-sands oil and coal from Vancouver, BC, Anacortes and Cherry Point, WA). Should these projects be completed, not only will the global climate suffer but our local and regional waters and wildlife will endure ever increasing noise pollution and risks of a potentially catastrophic oil spill.

Partnerships with concerned organizations and citizens are necessary to illustrate the international scope of this massive fossil fuel transfer. This September, I had the honor of representing FRIENDS at the blessing ceremonies for the Lummi Totem Pole, which had traced the rail route from Montana



*Blessing ceremony for the Lummi Totem Pole.
Photo by Paul Anderson.*

mines to Cherry Point, stopping at cities and tribal lands that could be impacted by coal trains. The Lummi Nation is a key partner in stopping the Gateway Pacific Coal Terminal at Cherry Point.

FRIENDS also helped coordinate and organize international partnerships between Canadian and Washington Tribes, along with local, regional, national, and trans-national environmental organizations. FRIENDS' partnership-building efforts do not solely focus on coal terminals and safe shipping; almost all of FRIENDS' activities depend upon volunteers, expert contractors, and technical team members from local and regional organizations.

I am proud of our growing partnerships, aimed at protecting our land and sea from the dangers of increased vessel traffic and our planet from devastating climate change.

Thank you for your support.

Education &

Community-wide efforts are vital to protect our natural and cultural heritage in San Juan County. FRIENDS' outreach programs seek to explore the economic and environmental importance of our islands' natural areas and discuss how we can work together to preserve and restore this special place.

Feet on the Beach Events

This summer, residents and visitors on Lopez, San Juan, and Orcas Islands sunk their feet into the sand to learn about the geology and natural history of the San Juans. Activities included beach seines with marine biologist Mike Kaill, forage fish egg hunts with FRIENDS Science Director, Tina Whitman, and a discussion with coastal geologist Jim Johannessen about strategies to reduce erosion through site planning and vegetation management.

Shorelines and You

Last spring, FRIENDS created and distributed a mailer designed to help citizens understand how the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update provides opportunities to protect our shorelines for people, nature, and our economy. The primary purpose of the SMP is to protect our shorelines as fully as possible while supporting development consistent with that purpose, like public recreation, transportation, cultural resources, and marine-dependent businesses. We also partnered with Futurewise to host a series of community science forums and tabling events throughout San Juan County. Our goal was to inform the public and increase participation in the SMP update currently underway.



Local residents learn about forage fish spawning habitat at Crescent Beach on Orcas Island.

FRIENDS created and distributed this informational mailer. You can find it at www.sanjuans.org/documents/OurShorelinesMailerSpring13_web.pdf

Annual Meeting

FRIENDS celebrated our annual meeting with our members on Lopez this fall. Carl Zichella, Director of the Western Transmission, Land & Wildlife Program at the Natural Resources Defense Council, delivered a keynote that focused on renewable energy development and the role each person can play locally in improving our energy future.

Contractor Workshops

Last spring, FRIENDS organized a free training to help local professionals improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their land development practices. Attendees

learned about new regulations, how to navigate the permit process, and best practices to help save time and money, all while protecting resources. Expert presenters included staff from the Washington Department of Ecology, the San Juan Islands Conservation District, FRIENDS, San Juan County and Greenbelt Consulting.



Chris Webb shares his knowledge about bioretention with professionals at FRIENDS Low Impact Development workshop.

This November, FRIENDS hosted a technical workshop for Professionals on Low Impact Development techniques. FRIENDS is also offering scholarships for the 2014 Washington State University LID Technical Workshop Series. Call 378-2319 for details.



Science

Beach spawning forage fish like surf smelt and Pacific sand lance play a key role in local marine food webs, supporting larger fish, marine mammals and sea birds. Because just ten miles of forage fish spawning beaches have been documented in the San Juans, FRIENDS focuses on protecting healthy habitat and restoring or enhancing spawning areas that have been impacted.

Shoreline Protection

Neighborhood Shoreline Conservation Easement Program

Protection of healthy habitat and the coastal processes that maintain them is the most efficient and effective way to ensure that local shorelines benefit fish, wildlife and people into the future. For this reason, FRIENDS has partnered with the San Juan Preservation Trust to develop a Neighborhood Shoreline Conservation Easement program. This pilot program connects private property owners who have similar long-term stewardship goals with the appropriate preservation tools and incentives. Interest in the program has been robust, and multiple draft conservation easements are in progress in the top salmon recovery regions of Waldron, northwest Orcas and south Lopez Islands.

Planning for Sea Level Rise

Planning for sea level rise is a daunting management task that will require forward-thinking leadership as well as detailed information on likely impacts. Shoreline homes, coastal roads, water and utility lines, wells and habitat will be impacted



The sea level rise technical team.

by sea level rise and subsequent flooding, increased erosion, and seawater intrusion. To help San Juan County and the region begin to adapt to the impacts associated with sea level rise, FRIENDS convened a



FRIENDS Science Director conducts surveys to determine how high up on beaches surf smelt spawn. Around the middle cup, is a large grouping of smelt eggs.

team of local, state, tribal and federal coastal research and policy experts to model new science and make management recommendations. Final reports and map books are underway and project partners are meeting with decision-makers to share results.

New Forage Fish Spawning Beach Research

To accurately map forage fish spawning areas and improve our understanding of the extent of habitat used on beaches, FRIENDS' staff and volunteers are collecting research samples from local beaches. So far, this year's exploratory surveys have documented one new spawning beach, a surf smelt spawning site at Odlin County Park on Lopez Island. Surveys for Pacific sand lance spawning habitat will occur this winter.

Preliminary results of FRIENDS' tidal elevation of spawn research indicate that the majority of smelt eggs are located in the upper third of the intertidal zone, around and above mean high water. Researchers have even found small numbers of viable eggs right up to the toe of the bank.

Special thanks to the many private landowners who granted beach access for research efforts and to the 15 volunteers who provided over 100 hours of field support. This important work would not be possible without your support!

Thank you Volunteers!

Special thanks to the following volunteers who participated in the forage fish field survey training and provided over 100 hours of assistance during the summer field season: Craig Green, Chuck O'Clair and Leslee Bangs (San Juan Island), Jeff Quinn (Orcas), Elaine McDaniel and Barbara Keller (Lopez Island) and Margaret Mills (Crane Island).

Science

Nearshore Restoration

Thatcher Bay Beach Enhancement Project

FRIENDS and our partners restored a documented surf smelt spawning beach along Blakely Island's Thatcher Bay this fall. Beginning in 2008, FRIENDS' Science Director and geologists and engineers from Coastal Geologic Services and the Conservation District worked with the private landowner to develop a plan that would enhance spawning habitat while still meeting access needs on this non-ferry serviced island. In October, an old log handling facility and 955 cubic yards of associated fill were removed from the shoreline. The access road and barge landing site was redesigned

and its footprint greatly reduced. The project uncovered 5,300 square feet of habitat that had been buried under rock and fill for over 60 years, and then replenished it with a combination of pea gravel and sand. This sandy "fish mix" is where surf smelt spawn along the uppermost portions of the beach. Blakely Island-based Blue Dog Construction performed the work. The project received funding from the private landowner and a Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant. FRIENDS will monitor the newly restored beach for spawning activity.

FRIENDS removed this derelict log handling facility, rock and 955 cubic yards of associated fill on a documented forage fish spawning beach on Blakely Island. These actions unburied over 5,300 square feet of intertidal beach and opened up critical shoreline habitat that was buried for over 60 years.



BEFORE



AFTER



FRIENDS, with project partner partners DNR and the Tulalip Tribe, will remove this unused and degraded structure to improve water quality, enhance eelgrass, and restore a Pacific sand lance spawning site in a priority salmon recovery area.

Barlow Bay Habitat Restoration in Progress

After almost 5 years of planning, Lopez Island's Barlow Bay is saying goodbye to a derelict creosote dock, pier and associated rock and fill on the beach. Full removal of this unused structure will improve water quality, enhance eelgrass, and restore a Pacific sand lance spawning site in a priority salmon recovery area. This project is a partnership between FRIENDS, The Tulalip Tribe (landowner) and the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The project is funded by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board and DNR.

Upcoming Projects

FRIENDS works closely with public and private landowners to identify, design and implement shoreline improvement projects. Active projects include:

- **Exploration of alternatives to restore the historic Neck Point Lagoon on Shaw Island;**
- **Removal of armoring along a feeder bluff on Brown Island;**
- **Evaluation of opportunities for State Parks to reconnect a coastal wetland on Sucia Island; and**
- **Identification and removal of unnecessary in-water creosote pilings.**

Are you interested in shoreline restoration? Contact FRIENDS for more information at 378-2319.

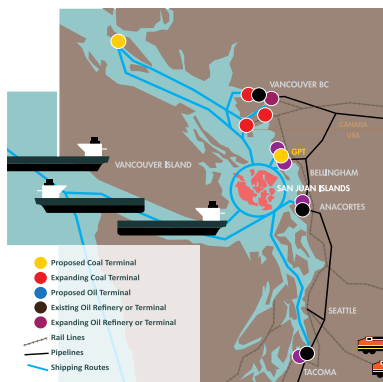
Advocacy

The Salish Sea sustains us. Unfortunately, it is increasingly under threat from proposed fossil fuel shipping and climate change impacts. In 2012/2013, FRIENDS began a Safe Shipping Program to increase awareness of potential impacts and rally citizen action to protect our waters and livelihoods.

Safe Shipping for the Salish Sea

Locally, FRIENDS is a member of the San Juans Alliance, a group of islanders working together to voice concerns over increased shipping of fossil fuels. Activities include submitting in-depth comments for both the Gateway Pacific (Cherry Point, WA) and Millennium Bulk (Longview, WA) coal terminals, and participating in hearings, community talks and events. The Alliance also wrote a white paper entitled, *The Salish Sea Imperiled: A Community Response to Increased Coal Transport Around the San Juan Islands.*

Because the Salish Sea does not stop at the border, FRIENDS renewed our trans-boundary relationships with British Columbia conservation groups and built new partnerships with Coastal First Nations. In 2013, FRIENDS hosted a bi-national conference in Vancouver to discuss the risks of shipping in the Salish Sea with these allies and organized a bi-national town hall on the impacts of increased fossil fuel exports through our shared waters.



Our Islands At Risk

THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS ARE AN ARCHIPELAGO IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SALISH SEA



The Salish Sea is one of the world's largest and biologically rich inland seas and includes major port cities such as Seattle, WA and Vancouver, BC. Ports in the Salish Sea transport fossil fuels that arrive by rail, pipeline and barge. New terminals and expansions of existing coal and oil terminals and refineries are proposed which would increase vessel traffic in our narrow straits, and increase the risk of a major oil spill.



FRIENDS' Director spoke at rallies and conferences throughout the region about the increasing hazards and impacts of coal and crude oil exports to the islands' wildlife and economy, including the National Audubon Conference, the 350.org "Hold the Line" event in Seattle, and the Oil Spill Preparedness Forum hosted by the Northwest Straits Initiative. FRIENDS also co-hosted Lummi's House of Tears Carvers on their Totem Pole Journey on Orcas Island, and board members, San Olson and Janet Alderton, participated in the blessing of the Totem Pole at Cherry Point.

In addition, FRIENDS collaborated with many partners to create and distribute infographics designed to inform citizens and policymakers about the potential harmful consequences of coal and oil sands shipments through our waters. The shipments would profit very few, but could bring great harm to our local economy, which depends on a clean and healthy environment.

Protecting Orcas from Navy Sonar

In September, a Federal court ruled that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) failed to protect thousands of whales, dolphins, porpoises, seals, and sea lions under the Endangered Species Act when it permitted U.S. Navy warfare exercises to "take" those animals along the Pacific Coast. NMFS failed to use the best available science and did not include reasonable and effective protections to avoid or mitigate harm when it approved warfare activities like deafening sonar that disrupts feeding, navigation, and rearing young. NMFS did not apply more recent research that reveals temporary and permanent hearing loss can occur at volumes lower than previously deemed harmful. FRIENDS and several allies have Earthjustice to thank for the successful appeal.

Safe Shipping Program Partners

Defend our Coast, EnviroEmerg Consulting, Environmental Sustainability Consulting, ForestEthics, Four Worlds International Institute, Friends of the Earth, Georgia Strait Alliance, Healthy People Healthy Planet, IUCN Environmental Law Centre, Lummi Nation, Makah Nation, Orcas and Lopez NO COALitions, PIPE-UP, Power Past Coal, Protect Whatcom, Raincoast Conservation Foundation, RE Sources for Sustainable Communities, Save the Southfork, Skwxwu7mesh (Squamish) Nation, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Tanker Free BC, Tsleil-Waututh Nation, University of Waikato, University of Washington, Wilderness Committee, 350.org

Advocacy

This past year, FRIENDS advocated in the council chambers and the courtroom to modernize two of our County's most significant environmental laws, the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) and the Shoreline Master Program (SMP). If you believe that healthy shorelines and clean wetlands promote a better quality of life, read below to learn how we are protecting them.

Updating Laws to Protect Our Local Treasures

CAO Appeal Victory!

In January 2013, FRIENDS filed an appeal of the County's CAO. Four other entities also appealed the same law. Whereas FRIENDS sought to ensure effective protection of local treasures like wetlands, fish spawning beaches, and streams, the other appellants asked the Board to weaken the CAO and increase its administrative burden on the County.

On September 6, 2013, the Board issued a decision that agreed with FRIENDS on several meaningful issues. They concluded that the CAO's buffers, which could have been as narrow as 30 feet, did not protect water quality or wildlife habitat. The Board also rejected exemptions that authorized septic systems, new agriculture, and

utility transmission lines in or near wetlands, streams, and marine shorelines. The Board denied all of the claims by other parties.

Although the Board decision addressed many of FRIENDS' concerns, it failed to redress several others, compelling FRIENDS to appeal those issues to San Juan County Superior Court in October, 2013. That appeal seeks to eliminate the CAO's authorized impacts to important, smaller wetlands and to bolster the shoreline "tree protection zone" so that it protects shrubs and other vegetation necessary for habitat, erosion control, and scenic shoreline views. The appeal is scheduled for hearing in February 2014. Stay tuned to learn the outcome.

SMP Update Moving Forward

This past summer, the San Juan County Planning Commission completed its review of the draft SMP and forwarded it to the County Council for their review and adoption. The Council has begun working with Planning Department staff to finalize the SMP. Upon adoption, the County will send the SMP to the Washington Department of Ecology for approval.

In 2013, FRIENDS continued to provide scientific data for the update's Shoreline Characterization and Restoration Plan elements and turned to the draft SMP language. In May, FRIENDS conveyed to the County concerns about provisions like the following:

- (1) requirements that mooring buoys avoid eelgrass while allowing docks to shade it;
- (2) newly authorized industrial development in critical areas;
- (3) authorization for desalination plants for new shoreline subdivisions;
- (4) authorization for the removal of up to 79% of the tree canopy cover in most of the shoreline;



Photo by Mark Gardner

- (5) setbacks now measured from the shoreline rather than the inland top of the bank;
- (6) the wholesale incorporation of the CAO provisions [see CAO section above for flaws in the shoreline buffers];
- (7) authorization of impacts in return for a pledge to compensate for those impacts; and
- (8) authorization to eliminate shoreline buffers and setbacks based on a neighbors' outdated setbacks.

If you want more information and are interested in participating in the SMP update, please contact our staff attorney, Kyle Loring, at kyle@sanjuans.org.

Advocacy

Protecting Naturally-Functioning Shorelines

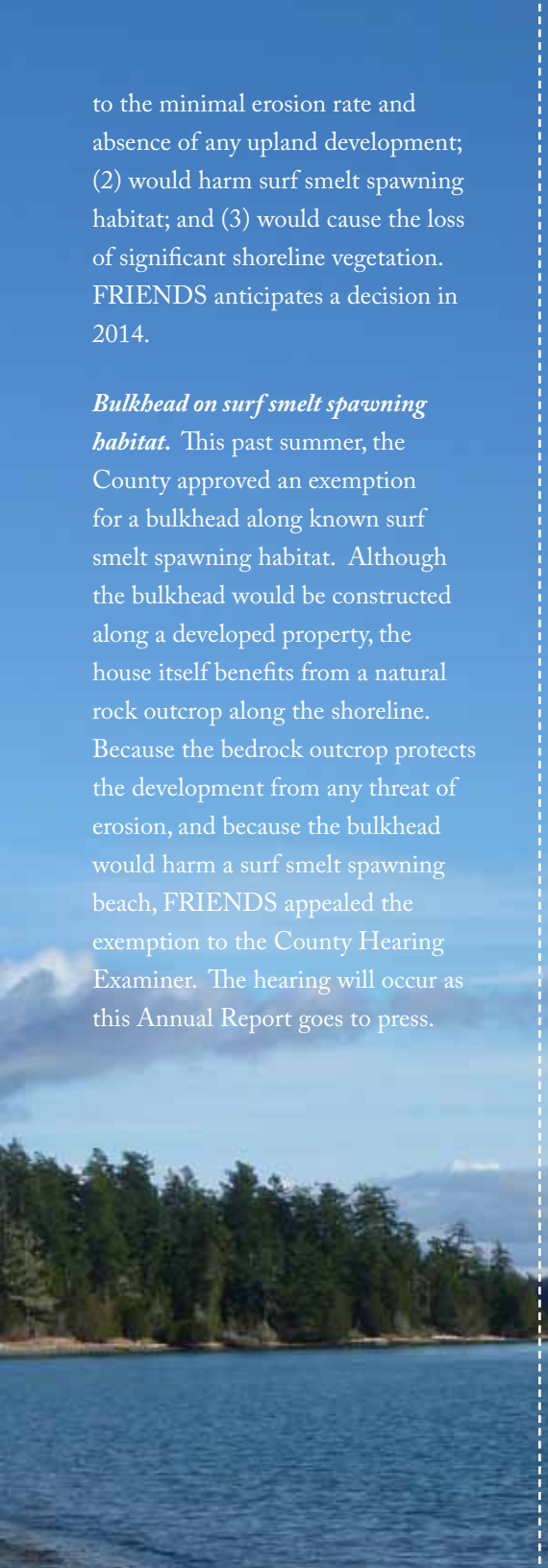
Bulkheads

After a year or two with fewer applications for bulkheads, 2013 saw a marked increase. Bulkheads typically obstruct natural erosion, starving beaches of their sediment and redirecting the erosion toward the beach or a neighboring property. Bulkheads can also directly bury fish-spawning beaches and promote the removal of vital shoreline vegetation. This past year, FRIENDS opposed three applications for unnecessary bulkheads that would impact known and potential fish spawning beaches.

Unnecessary Bulkhead on Wooded Shoreline. After a two-day hearing in June, the Shorelines Hearings

Board upheld FRIENDS' appeal and reversed the County's approval for an unnecessary bulkhead along a wooded shoreline without an erosion threat to upland development. The Board held that the applicants had not demonstrated that they considered nonstructural alternatives to a hard, rock bulkhead.

Bulkhead on surf smelt spawning habitat along vacant land. This past spring, the County approved a rock bulkhead that would bury surf smelt spawning habitat along undeveloped land. FRIENDS appealed that decision to the Shorelines Hearings Board on the grounds that the bulkhead: (1) is unnecessary due



to the minimal erosion rate and absence of any upland development; (2) would harm surf smelt spawning habitat; and (3) would cause the loss of significant shoreline vegetation. FRIENDS anticipates a decision in 2014.

Bulkhead on surf smelt spawning habitat. This past summer, the County approved an exemption for a bulkhead along known surf smelt spawning habitat. Although the bulkhead would be constructed along a developed property, the house itself benefits from a natural rock outcrop along the shoreline. Because the bedrock outcrop protects the development from any threat of erosion, and because the bulkhead would harm a surf smelt spawning beach, FRIENDS appealed the exemption to the County Hearing Examiner. The hearing will occur as this Annual Report goes to press.

Lopez Islander Resort Expansion

In summer 2012, the Lopez Islander proposed to more than double its lodging, from 28 motel rooms, 12 campsites, and 5 cabins to 55 rooms, 27 campsites, 15 cabins, and 10 RV pads. The proposal would also construct a rental shop along the shoreline. In the absence of public outreach by the County or applicants, FRIENDS facilitated a meeting with neighbors to ensure that the proposed expansion occurs in harmony with the neighborhood and meets environmental protection standards. The neighbors expressed concerns about past difficulties with the Islander, from an unpermitted RV park to improper waste storage on the property. At the County's hearing to review the request, the public voiced uniform opposition to the proposal until the resort cleans up its operations and proves that it has sufficient water, adequate sewage, RV space on the ferries, and a plan for the smoke from the 37 outdoor fires and 15 cabins.

Advocacy

Protecting Naturally-Functioning Shorelines (cont.)

Docks

Overwater structures like docks can impact marine ecosystems and shoreline views through shading and scouring of eelgrass, and metal components that reflect sunlight. This past year, FRIENDS weighed in on a few dock applications.

Helping Defend Davis Bay from Its First Dock. The shorelines of Davis Bay, along southwestern Lopez Island, have escaped dock development while hosting decades of boating use. Homeowners rely primarily on mooring buoys and shoreline skiff storage during the summer boating season and remove their boats from the bay during the inhospitable winters. Bucking this trend, a landowner along the bay applied for the first dock in late 2012 and the County held a multiday hearing earlier this year.

After receiving testimony from many of the neighboring residents along Davis Bay, as well as FRIENDS, the Hearing Examiner questioned impacts to eelgrass and shoreline views and sent the application back to the Planning Department for an environmental analysis of those impacts. Stay tuned.

Extensive New Dock in Spirit Cove. Sometimes we fall short of our goals. That happened on August 30, 2013, when the County Hearing Examiner approved a nearly 2,000 sq. ft. dock on San Juan Island over kelp in previously undeveloped Spirit Cove. The dock will extend at least 198 feet into the conservancy-designated waters of the cove and will rise approximately 22 feet into the air. The Hearing Examiner also approved the addition of approximately 19 dump trucks of fill for a 425-foot-long driveway to the dock over archaeological resources, along with lights along the full length of the driveway and dock. The decision discarded concerns expressed by FRIENDS and tribal members regarding the dock's ecological, aesthetic and cultural impacts, or the feasibility of using mooring buoys for the occasional visits to the property.

FRIENDS helped defend Davis Bay from its first dock. Photo from WA State Dept. of Ecology



News

Welcome Julie!

Julie Hanks joined the FRIENDS staff this past summer as our Office Manager. She dedicates her time to membership activities, bookkeeping, and ensuring the smooth operation of the organization. Julie holds a Master's degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor's in Accounting and brings with her more than fifteen years of experience with finance, operations, and small business management. Since moving to San Juan Island, Julie has focused her skills on non-profit accounting. She is passionate about conservation as it relates to the natural environment and about canine welfare, rescue, and rehabilitation. Julie also serves on the board of Soroptimist International of Friday Harbor.



Julie Hanks, FRIENDS Office Manager.

Celebrating Another 10-Year Anniversary

Shannon Davis becomes the 4th staff person to be with FRIENDS for over 10 years. As Grant Manager, Shannon is in charge of grant writing and management. Along with some project assistance, Shannon leads outreach material creation where her attention to detail and passion for people and nature make her an integral part of our team. She joined the staff of FRIENDS in 2003 after owning and operating a sailing and kayaking charter boat business in the islands. Shannon also worked as a planning consultant for the Town of Friday Harbor and was the first coordinator of the San Juan County Marine Resources Committee (MRC). She holds a Master's degree in Urban Planning with an emphasis on natural resource management from the University of Washington. Shannon resides in Port Townsend with her husband and daughter and is a member of the Jefferson County MRC, and the Northwest Straits Commission and Foundation.



FRIENDS Community Engagement Director, Katie Fleming, and partner Jesse, welcomed their new son, Jonab, this August.



Shannon Davis & daughter Tayla.

It's our 35th Anniversary!

FRIENDS is proud to begin our 35th year of protecting the land, water, sea and livability of the San Juans for people and nature! Help us celebrate by renewing your membership or becoming a member today!

Thank You 2013 Funders & Partners!

Funders

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Volunteer Cooperative, The Burning Foundation, Climate Solutions, Coal Train Facts, The Energy Foundation, ESRI, The Horizons Foundation, Indigenous Environmental Network, North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative, Northwest Fund for the Environment, Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership, The Puget Sound Estuary Restoration and Protection Fund, The Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board, The Wheeler Foundation, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the Puget Sound Partnership and the WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.

Partners

Coastal Geologic Services, Earthjustice, Environment Washington, Futurewise, Greenbelt Consulting, Lead Entity for Salmon Recovery, Lummi Nation, Marine Resources Committee, Members of the Lopez, Orcas, and San Juan CAO Study Groups, Northwest Straits Initiative, Puget Sound Partnership, Salish Sea Biological, San Juans Alliance, San Juan County Public Works, San Juan County Action Agenda Oversight Group, San Juan Islands Conservation District, San Juan Islands Scenic Byways Committee, San Juan Preservation Trust, Skagit River System Cooperative, Stewardship Network of the San Juans, Samish Tribal Nation, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, the Tulalip Tribes, Washington Environmental Council, the WA Departments of Fish and Wildlife, Ecology, Natural Resources.

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2013 Financial Highlights

FRIENDS of the San Juans is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; Federal Tax Identification No. 91-1087153. FRIENDS receives income primarily from membership contributions and grants. Expenditures pay for publications, science and education programs costs, legal and policy expenses, and administrative support. This is a summary of our 2013 Fiscal Year (Oct. 1, 2012 - Sept. 30, 2013).

Financial Summary

Current and Fixed Assets

Cash and Other Unrestricted.....	317,295
Endowment.....	106,354
Other Assets.....	0
Total Assets	423,649

Liabilities and Accumulated Surplus

Current Liabilities	6,237
Accumulated Surplus.....	417,412
Total Liabilities & Accumulated Surplus	423,649


Statement of Activities

Income

Membership Contributions (72%).....	581,748
Grants (28%)	224,958
Investments, Events and Other Income (0.3%).....	2,502
Total Income	809,208

Expenses

Programs	682,135
Fundraising	25,327
Administration	69,909
Total Expenses.....	777,371
Net	31,837



*FRIENDS' volunteer Chuck O'Clair
searches for forage fish eggs on a local beach.*

Leave a Conservation Legacy...

This past summer, we received our largest bequest to date from one of our members. This amazing gift was an inspiration and a reminder that our legacy program is an important part of the sustainability of our organization.

A planned gift is a meaningful way for you to help ensure that FRIENDS will be the leading voice for protecting the San Juans far into the future.

There are many attractive options for leaving a legacy. The most common is naming FRIENDS as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance, retirement account or similar trusts or annuities.

Contact Stephanie
Buffum Field at
(360) 378-2319
for more information
about planned giving.

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