



Message from the Executive Director

You made change happen.

In 2017, our community came together to make big changes happen. From safeguarding clean water and planning for a livable community, to Pulling Together in solidarity with First Nations against the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline expansion, you helped us ensure that our environment was protected.

You joined us in saying no to fossil fuels and yes to healthy seas free from oil spills. You stood with us to reduce carbon emissions, reduce single-use plastics, and build a clean and resilient community. You also helped us restore habitat for the forage fish that are critical to the Salish Sea food chain.

In 2017, we also elevated the conversation to strengthen local and trans-boundary strategies to address climate change, oil spill prevention, and habitat protection for orca, salmon, and forage fish with private landowners, school children, and decision makers in government and business.

Working together we are stronger.

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Staff and Board Leadership and Statement of Activities

FRIENDS OF THE SAN JUANS MISSION:
To protect and restore the San Juan Islands and the Salish Sea for people and nature.

Staff:

Executive Director – Stephanie Buffum
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Orcas Island – Janet Alderton, Michael Riordan, Bruce Rylander, Toby Cooper, and Ken Carrasco
Lopez Island – San Olson, Ken Burtness, and Dixie Budke
San Juan Island – Susan Dehlendorf and Shireene Hale

current and fixed assets

Current and Fixed Assets	
Cash & Other Unrestricted	\$828,147
Endowment	\$396,908
Total	1,225,055
Liabilities and Accumulated Surplus	
Current Liabilities	\$120
Accumulated Surplus	\$1,224,935
Total	\$1,225,055



income

Membership Contributions (37%)	\$340,644
Grants (55%)	\$513,232
Investments, events, and other (8%)	\$72,780
Total	\$926,656



expenses

Programs (85%)	\$730,350
Administration (10%)	\$85,118
Fundraising (5%)	\$45,454
Total	\$860,922
Net	\$65,734

Friends of the San Juans is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. Federal Tax ID No. 91-1087153. Friends receives income primarily from membership contributions and grants. Expenditures pay for publications, science and education program costs, legal and policy expenses, and administrative support.

Join us at one of our many events this season:

sanjuans.org/
upcoming-events

Including Friends in your estate plans helps us preserve the San Juan Islands for future generations. Please consider including a bequest to Friends in your will, trust, or other estate plans.

Please let us know about your plans by contacting Patricia Bolding (patricia@sanjuans.org/360.378.2319). Thank you.

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rocks off the beach

Spawning habitat for surf smelt, a small fish important in marine food webs, got a whole lot better during fall 2017 at a local beach thanks to the hard, and often muddy, work of public service organizations, contractors, landowners, community members, and school kids. Six hundred linear feet of shoreline was improved along Shaw Island's Blind Bay, a priority forage fish spawning region in the county. The surf smelt that spawn year round on the beaches of Blind Bay require small gravel and sand to successfully incubate their tiny eggs. Friends led efforts to remove large angular rock that over the decades had fallen from armoring structures and covered large portions of the natural beach.

Friends will continue its work with local students to monitor the site and document potential changes in the



Children played a big part in improving six hundred linear feet of shoreline along Shaw Island's Blind Bay.

distribution, density or success of incubating surf smelt eggs. Special thanks to all the work crews, project designers at Coastal Geologic Services, and the multiple private landowners who participated in the project.

The project received funding from the Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board, The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Friends members.

Friends' efforts to clean up the beach help forage fish spawn year-round on the beaches of Blind Bay, providing a much-needed food source for the salmon that feed the orca.

Salish Sea stands on Capitol Hill day

In February 2017, Friends organized the first Salish Sea Stands on Capitol Hill Day along with community volunteers and partners including Washington Environmental Council, Puget Sound Keeper, Backbone Campaign, and Irthlingz. 200 people from the San Juan Islands and greater Salish Sea region attended this rally at the Washington State Capitol in Olympia to urge our lawmakers to make real gains in protecting our communities and waterways from the risk of oil spills, derailments, and other disasters.

To communicate the immense threat that an oil spill poses to the critically endangered Southern Resident orcas, rally attendees carried 86 life-size posters of orca fins — one for each living member of J, K and L pods, including the captive Lolita in captivity and the seven lost in 2016.

Participants also met with their legislators to urge them to enact the toughest regulations possible to protect our Salish Sea and support Oil Transportation Safety Bills.

Friends prompted over 200 people to meet with state legislators to protect the Salish Sea from oil spills, derailments, and other disasters.



FRIENDS BY THE NUMBERS

15

comment letters submitted to promote safe shipping, oppose fossil fuel export projects, restore native salmon runs, preserve and restore beautiful shorelines, and protect wetlands and streams in collaboration with 25 other organizations.

1,800

islanders explored, restored and learned at Friends events in 2017

4

legal appeals filed to defend endangered species, keep fossil fuels in the ground, and improve the beauty of the San Juans' shorelines

300

people marched for climate action, jobs and justice at Friday Harbor's People's Climate March

3,000

stewardship guides mailed to waterfront property owners

2 ACRES

of coastal salt marsh restored

15,000

square feet of forage fish spawning beach restored.

180

people attended sea level rise workshops

400

people attended "Salish Sea Stands Against Kinder Morgan" rallies in the islands