



## Mason Conservation District

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### Board of Supervisor Monthly Summary of Activities October 2016

#### Rich Geiger District Engineer 1957 - 2016



For the last fifteen years, Rich Geiger has been providing insight into complex solutions to land management problems, mentorship to eager staff, humorous anecdotes and friendship to all. We are saddened to not have all those times again. Rich meant so much to each of us and his passing is felt at unexpected moments as we seek his guidance.

#### Engineering Team Update

Rodney has been performing inspection duties at the Skokomish for Phase 3C construction. In that, we have created 6 bird habitat structures with brush and LWD, excavated and prepared channels for the construction of 2 bridges, and are currently installing the first bridge.



Jenn and Mario have been performing survey tasks at the Skokomish bridge and road re-alignment projects. Also, we would like to thank Jesse Maschke for all his work on the District engineering team and wish him the best in his new endeavors.

#### Mason CD Crew Update

The Crew has primarily been conducting maintenance on the restoration plantings within the Skokomish Watershed, as well as within some of the CREP plantings. Maintenance activities performed include: plant protector removal, invasive species control, and clearing competing vegetation.

In addition to coordinating the crew activities Mitch has been working on some restoration planting plans, conducting site assessments, and preparing for this upcoming planting season.

#### Community Engagement

OysterFest Kids Day was a great success. We met 500 fourth graders and taught them about watersheds, estuaries, phytoplankton and zooplankton. OysterFest was a mix of torrential rain and blinding sunshine, however, that did not seem to discourage the crowds. Staff met with visitors and surrounding agency employees for an fun filled weekend.





## Shore Friendly Mason

We are working on wrapping up the first phase and writing the final report, as well as finishing design for 3 shoreline projects. Katrinka is already immersed in shoreline TA for the second phase of the grant, which focuses more specifically on waterfront properties without armor.

Pictures are from recent shoreline walk with WDFW forage fish biologist and community members, learning about forage fish habitat.



## Mason Transit Authority LID Parking Lot Retrofit

Staff are beginning design this month, after the completion of infiltration tests. (This project involves a partnership with the City of Shelton and Mason Transit Authority. The ecology-grant funded project will create a “low impact development” plaza at an existing undeveloped lot adjacent to the Transit Hub in downtown Shelton. The plaza will serve as a parking lot during work hours and as a potential farmer’s market site or location for other public events during evenings/weekends.

