



Mason Conservation District
450 W. Business Park Road ● Shelton, WA 98584
Phone: (360) 427-9436 ● FAX: (360) 427-4396

April 1, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT SIGNS REGION WIDE AGREEMENT

Contact: John Bolender, District Manager
(360) 427-9436 ext 21

Shelton – In March 2013 the twelve Conservation Districts around Puget Sound signed an Interlocal Agreement formalizing the Puget Sound Conservation District Caucus. This new partnership creates a foundation for extensive collaboration, new forms of team work, and substantial administrative efficiency in responding to recovering the health of Puget Sound. This new agreement allows these twelve Conservation Districts to share financial resources, technical expertise, and personnel as needed to address issues of regional importance.

This partnership creates a significant opportunity to improve efficiency in getting conservation on the ground across the region. “We’re pleased to have this new tool”, says Mason Conservation District Manager John Bolender. “Puget Sound touches all twelve districts so it just makes sense to create a delivery system that will substantially increase the return on the public’s investment in recovering Puget Sound”.

Although the twelve Puget Sound Conservation Districts have collaborated on many projects for years, the Interlocal Agreement represents a substantial step forward in implementing conservation strategies in the region. Says Bolender, “Conservation Districts have a mandate to think and operate regionally”. Rendering their relationship to a formal partnership enables the twelve Puget Sound Conservation Districts to expand our focus across county lines, leveraging resources, expertise, and strengths across all of Puget Sound”.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting John Bolender by phone at (360) 427-9436, extension 21 or email at jbolender@masoncd.org.