



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:
Puget Soundkeeper's mission is to protect and enhance the waters of Puget Sound for the health and restoration of our aquatic ecosystems and the communities that depend on them.

Date of Award:	Level:
2022 Q4	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Puget Soundkeeper.

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Puget Soundkeeper Grant Report to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions: Q4 2022
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Grant Period: December 2022 - November 2023

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Total number of impacted: Puget Soundkeeper's mission benefits 4.4 million people in the greater Puget Sound community and watershed.

Puget Soundkeeper (Soundkeeper) is grateful to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions for the [REDACTED] grant received on 4/3/2023. The grant was used for general operating expenses.

Pollution Prevention Program Results and Highlights

Goal 1: Educate residents about water quality, increase understanding of the interconnectedness of watersheds and promote individual behavior change

During the grant period, staff conducted outreach at 186 events including volunteer events, public presentations, volunteer trainings, and tabling events, and have helped enrich Soundkeeper's online content and social media presence.

Through Soundkeeper's year-round Lost Urban Creeks Project, 60 youth interns were paid \$16.50/hour and trained in water quality monitoring, watershed ecology, pollution detection and reporting, and outreach. Youth interns also participated in cleanups, boat patrols, kayak patrols, outreach activities, lunch and learns and Springbrook Creek field investigations.

Goal 2: Reduce marine debris in Puget Sound and increase public awareness about plastics in our environment

Cleanups have measurable impacts on habitat, water quality and community spaces. They are also great opportunities to introduce people to the water in a safe way and develop an ethic of environmental stewardship. From December 2022 - November 2023, 2,248 volunteers participated in 115 marine debris cleanups and removed 7,996 pounds of trash.

Soundkeeper Program Results and Highlights

Goal 1 - Obtaining improved Pollution Discharge Permits

From December 2022 to November 2023, Soundkeeper:

- A) Participated in over 50 coalition and stakeholder meetings designed to align advocacy efforts, inform Ecology and other agencies about pollution and water quality issues, and provide legal and technical comments on draft pollution discharge permits, and other water quality related regulations.

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B) Moved forward on 5 appeals including:

- Appeal to defend and improve the Waters of the US Rules, which define waterways subject to federal protection.
- Appeal of WA Phase I and Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permits to argue for improved standards, meaningful implementation, reducing loopholes, and increasing efficacy.
- Appeal of WA Industrial Stormwater General Permit to uphold Ecology intention for permit coverage at transportation facilities.
- Lawsuit against EPA to challenge withdrawal of WA's protective water quality standards and imposition of weaker standards.
- Appeal of Nutrients General Permit to challenge WA's permit that regulates nitrogen discharges from 53 wastewater treatment plants.

Goal 2 - Increasing Compliance with Permits and Other Regulations

During the grant term, Soundkeeper settled 4 legal actions, requiring corrective actions and payment of \$1,230,000 to third parties for restoration and environmental benefit projects in affected waterways:

- Bimbo Bakeries, Springbrook Creek (roof runoff treatment, cleaner trash compactor area, funding for youth stormwater workshop and \$75,000 to Rose Foundation).
- Ash Grove Cement, Duwamish River (shoreline cleanup, source control evaluation, treatment system maintenance, wheel washing, spill cleanup, new barge offloading measures, follow up site visits, and \$300,000 to Rose Foundation).
- Port of Everett, Possession Sound (source control) and \$450,000 to Snohomish County Parks, filling a critical funding gap in the Kayak Point Park renovation project. As a result, toxic creosote pilings will be removed from this popular family destination.
- Pac Pile, Duwamish River (stormwater treatment and mitigation system) and \$375,000 to Rose Foundation; \$30,000 to Puget Soundkeeper for settlement tracking and expert reviews of engineering reports over the course of the decree. In addition, \$500,000 to Rose Foundation if the stormwater system and mitigation requirements of the decree aren't completed within five years after entry of the consent decree.

Goal 3 – Improving Civic Engagement and Policies to Protect the Waters of Puget Sound

From December 2022 to November 2023, Soundkeeper:

- Engaging its social media audience of 14,897.
- Obtained media coverage 5 times.
- Conducted 39 speaking events, reaching 1,226 people with water quality messages.

Goal 4 – Conduct On-water and monitoring and Field Investigations

- During this grant period, Soundkeeper conducted 52 patrols with 509 volunteers, documented and responded to 42 pollution hotline incidents.
- Soundkeeper contributed to the scientific understanding of toxic water pollution through monitoring projects such as pre-spawn mortality salmon surveys on Longfellow Creek in Fall 2023.

- Soundkeeper launched mussel cages in November 2023 in collaboration with Fish & Wildlife to monitor water quality.

2022-2023 Photos: See below.





