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Hello Cheryl, it was good to see you at the kiosk today. Thanks for submitting the forms. I'm sure your old ones are buried on my desk somewhere. Attached are some recent newsletters which will help you see what's happening around the Refuge.

I added you to the e-mail list so you should get messages from time-to-time. There are two upcoming events you are welcome to attend: a **geology walk on Friday, July 27th at 10 am** (meet at the upper overlook) and a **Volunteer picnic on Thursday, August 2nd from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm** at the group picnic site in the County Park, bring a small side dish to share. Both are mentioned in the most recent newsletter.

Let me know if you have any questions and we'll see you at the Refuge, Dave

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# THE BRANT

VOLUME 4

FRIENDS OF DUNGENESS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

AUTUMN 2017

## Friends Iron Ranger By Dave Falzetti, USFWS

You've probably noticed the recently installed Friends of Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge's blue donation can at the entrance to the Dungeness NWR. The blue "iron ranger" is the result of a collaborative effort between the Friends, Sequim High School, and local businesses. With this new addition visitors will find it much easier to make donations to the non-profit Friends organization to support Refuge programs and projects. Friend's customers can also deposit payments for Friends merchandise items such as lapel pins.



Lynn Drake, Pat Schoen, Harrison Greer, Steve Muller, and John Maxwell. Photo: J. Merluccio / USFWS.

The metal "iron ranger" was custom built by Harrison Greer, a second year Sequim High School welding student. The attractive blue powder coating was donated by Steve and Laurie Harwood, co-owners of Dog House Powder Coating in Sequim. Installation was completed by Refuge Volunteer Steve Muller and the decals were designed by Refuge Volunteer and Friends Board Member Jason West. The entire project was coordinated by Lynn Drake and Pat Schoen, Friends Board Members and Refuge Volunteers.

The new "iron ranger" received several hundred dollars in donations from Refuge visitors in just the first few weeks of operation. The Friends will use the donations for Refuge educational programs and habitat projects and to support the Refuge's very active volunteer program.



Steve Harwood, co-owner of Dog House Powder Coating (missing is Laurie Harwood) Photo: P. Schoen / USFWS.



Steve Muller preparing for installation. Photo: R. Andris / USFWS.

## October Geology Walk with Dave Parks

We had more than 30 Volunteers for Dave's talk on Friday and 88 people for his Saturday public talk. Both were quite good but Saturday's group was a bit over capacity. We also had Anne Shaffer and several bluff front land owners on Saturday which made for great discussion. Dave is a geologist with Washington Department of Natural Resources and volunteered his time for these informative walks.



Dave Parks of Washington Dept. of Natural Resources educating volunteers and visitors. Photo: USFWS



Dave explains the process of erosion of the bluffs which provides material for the Spit. Photo: USFWS

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# A Word from the Friends Board President

By John Maxwell

What kinds of special events can Friends of Dungeness NWR put on to raise money for our projects?

To find out, on Tuesday, November 7, I listened to an NCTC webinar Friends special events.

They presented four special events: “Bowjam” at Holla Bend NWR, in Arkansas, “Cars to Critters” at Ottawa NWR by Lake Erie, a “Wine & Cheese Benefit” at Wertheim NWR, on the south shore of Long Island, and “Ding” Darling and Doc Ford’s Tarpon Tournament’ in Florida.

The Florida event cleared about \$80,000, but they are in the high-rent area by Sanibel Island, Florida. Their co-sponsor was Doc Ford’s Rum and Seafood Bar.

On the other end of the money scale, Cars to Critters sponsored a popular local event, showcasing classic cars, and recruiting new Friends members.

Bowjam introduced children to archery and bowhunting. It is not a big money-maker, but it is very popular, and it netted new members for Friends. Holla Bend NWR allows bow hunting, making this program a natural for them.

The Long Island event featured local wines and cheeses, along with a local music group. Their Friends cleared \$3,300 after expenses, and shared part of the proceeds with the rest of the Long Island Refuge Complex.

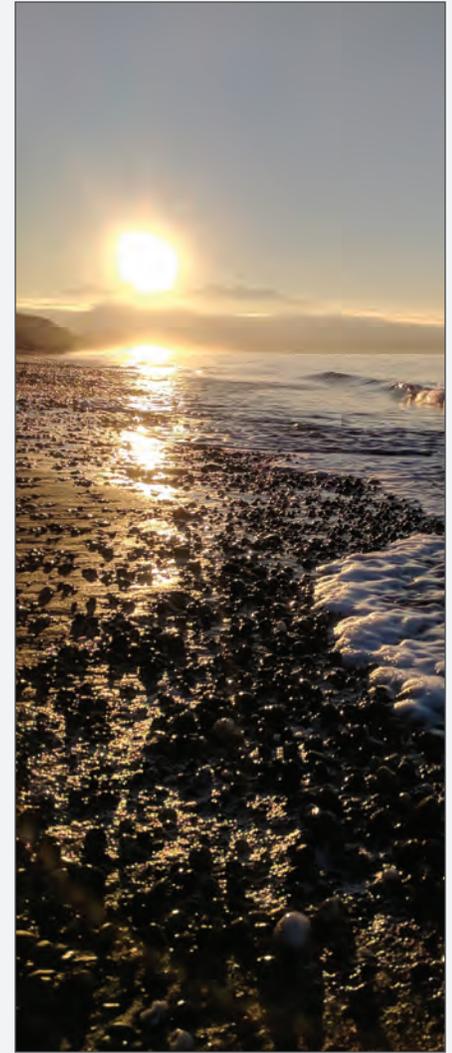
While it was not included in the webinar, Friends of Brazoria NWR near Houston just hosted a wine tasting event, with “fine French wines” and hors d’oeuvres. Despite the hurricane turmoil, they netted about \$45,000. It be used to build a new access trail in a recently-acquired part of the Refuge.

All five special events had some combination of food, musical entertainment and wildlife-focused activities. In a couple of weeks NCTC will have a recording of the webinar up on their web site. I will send out the link when it becomes available.

OK, what kind of special events can we put on? One idea is another “Kids’ Day” next summer, like we did for the centennial. This would be a great opportunity to meet the neighborhood and recruit more Friends. It would not raise money, but it would put us on local residents’ radar in a positive way.

Or a book event, done jointly with a local book store, inviting an author who has written about the Spit to read to the audience. Have his/her books for sale.

What ideas do you have for special events we can sponsor?



Late fall sun on the spit.



Autumn leaves and mushroom along the main trail.

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## A Word from the Friends Board President

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In addition to special events, there are other things I would like to see us do:

- Recruit some volunteer docents who would lead one-hour nature walks down the trail and onto the spit, talking about the geology, natural history and bird life of the Refuge.
- More training events like the bird workshop and rock walks, as both community outreach and training for those docents. A couple of us would like to see a workshop focused on the plants along the trail and out on the Spit. Are there any botanists we could ask to lead such an event? (Just in passing, Dave Falzetti counted about 88 people on the public rock walk.)
- Focus on recruiting new Friends. Pointing out the “Blue Ranger” to refuge visitors is an ideal opportunity to do this. If they are willing to give us contact information, we can send them a thank-you letter and our Friends newsletter, The Brant. Friends don't have to be just from our area, either. The more, the merrier, especially for raising funds toward special projects. (Then we can add them to a data base for future fund raising.) Also, think internationally. I have been amazed by the number of visitors we get from Israel. This Refuge is apparently recommended in a guidebook published there. Who knew?

Too ambitious? My list is probably not ambitious enough. Whatever we can do to put Dungeness NWR and its Friends group on the map is energy well spent. Think big!

Oh, yes, NCTC stands for National Conservation Training Center, located in West Virginia, and operated by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Last August, Margaret and I attended a 5-day Friends Academy there. I am still pumped up from that experience. See you on the Refuge! — John Maxwell, Board President

## Meet Sierra

Sierra Hemmig is the new laborer/caretaker for Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge. You'll most likely see her around maintaining trails and working on her bird calls. She is an alumni of The Evergreen State College and spent the past few years serving in AmeriCorps to conserve public lands. She also worked for USFWS in Montana surveying for, mapping, and spraying invasive weeds. She's especially interested in native plants and their role in wildlife habitat.

Sierra is enjoying working with our dedicated refuge staff and volunteers so far. She hopes to get to know everyone better, so please feel free to reach out to her. She's looking forward to working with the Weed Warriors in the near future as well.

### OPEN HOUSE & MUSIC EVENT Cabled Fiber & Yarn

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 16, 2:00 – 4:00 PM**

An afternoon of seasonal and contemplative music  
played by pianist Margaret Maxwell

Margaret will perform hymns and carols to accompany knitting, crochet, chatting and sharing. Sing-alongs of traditional Christmas carols will begin at 3:30.



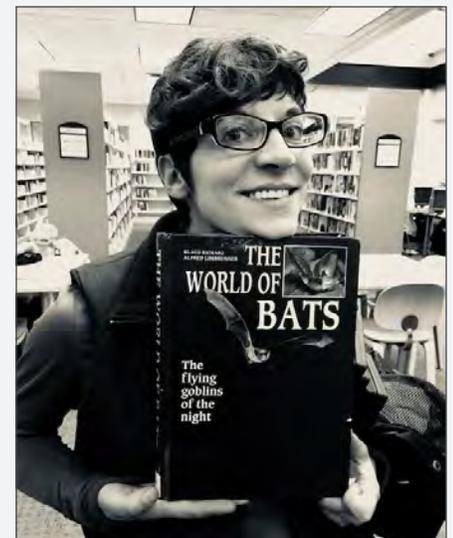
Donations accepted to benefit Friends  
of Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge

**Saturday December 16th 2:00–4:00pm**

**125 W First Street, Port Angeles, WA**

You can support Friends  
while shopping. Go to:  
[smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)  
and select Friends of  
Dungeness National  
Wildlife Refuge.

You can also make a  
donation on our web site.



Sierra, our new staff member.



# THE BRANT

VOLUME 1

FRIENDS OF DUNGENESS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

WINTER 2018

## Significant Changes Proposed to Dungeness Recreation Area

Clallam County Parks is updating the master plan for the Dungeness Recreation Area. The preferred option presented at the March 6th meeting proposes adding approximately 44 new RV campsites and four cabins across from the existing group site in the only wooded area of the park. What impacts would the proposed plan have on wildlife and on the Refuge? You can learn more about the proposed changes and voice your opinion today by visiting the County's web site:

<http://www.clallam.net/Parks/DRAMP> [CLICK HERE](#)

Be sure to click on the green navigation tabs along the top of the page to read the narrative and review comments that have been submitted. **The public comment period ends Friday, March 23rd.**



Proposed future location of RV campsites and cabins near the south side of the Refuge.

### REFUGE EVENTS

**Annual Volunteer Training**  
**Friday, April 6, 2018**

New Volunteer Training  
8:00 am–Noon

Lunch  
12:15 pm–1:00 pm

Current Volunteer Refresher  
1:00 pm–3:30 pm

See page 2 for more details.

**Insects of the Pacific Northwest**  
**by Lucia Napolitano**  
**Wednesday, May 2, 2018**

10:00 am at the Dungeness  
River Audubon Center  
2151 W Hendrickson Rd.  
Sequim, WA.

**Beach Clean Up**  
**Saturday, May 5, 2018**

Meet at the Refuge at 9:00 am  
at the old caretaker cabin site.  
No RSVP is necessary.  
Please wear sturdy shoes, dress  
for the weather, bring gloves  
and water.

Beach clean up is 9:00am the  
first Saturday of the month  
May through September.

## Volunteer Training is Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

### New Volunteers:

The Refuge will hold its Annual New Volunteer Training on Friday, April 6, 2018 from 8:00 am–12:00 pm at the Sequim Prairie Grange Hall, 290 MacLeay Rd, west of Sequim. Lunch will be provided by the Friends 12:15 pm–1:00 pm.

New trainees must reserve their space at the training. Please call the Refuge office at 360-457-8451 or send an e-mail to: david\_falzetti@fws.gov

### Current Volunteers:

The Refuge will hold its annual Volunteer refresher for current Volunteers from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

There will be a shared lunch sponsored by the Friends of DNWR as usual from 12:15 pm–1:00 pm.

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## Meet the Friends Board for 2018

Bruce Brod – Treasurer

Ellie Ausmus – Parliamentarian

Jason West – Outreach and Newsletter

Jeanie McNamara – Secretary

Jessie Christiansen – Vice President / Environmental Protection

John Maxwell – President

Linda Gutowski – Fundraising and Grant writing

Margaret Maxwell – Refuge Protection

Ex officio – Jennifer Scott-Brown, Project Leader, Washington Maritime NWRC

Dave Falzetti, Visitor Services Manager and Friends liaison

The Friends Board meets at the Refuge headquarters on the second Thursday of the month, January through May and September through November. The meeting time is 2:30-4:30 pm. Visitors are welcome to come and listen in.

The Friends have plans for 2018:

- Making the Friends of Dungeness NWR more visible in the community
- Continue working on a video about the restoration of Protection Island NWR
- More nature classes for both volunteers and the general public
- Create a field guide to the refuge
- Create a guide to short hikes from the entrance kiosk
- Monitoring possible threats to the Refuge, and taking positions when appropriate

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# Friends Takes on Issues Affecting the Refuge and Its Critters

Margaret Maxwell, Refuge Protection Work Group Chair

There are many issues surfacing which affect Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge and its inhabitants. Here are the issues currently under consideration.

The Refuge Protection Work Group welcomes others to join in what we are doing. Any “meetings” we have are via email or over coffee.

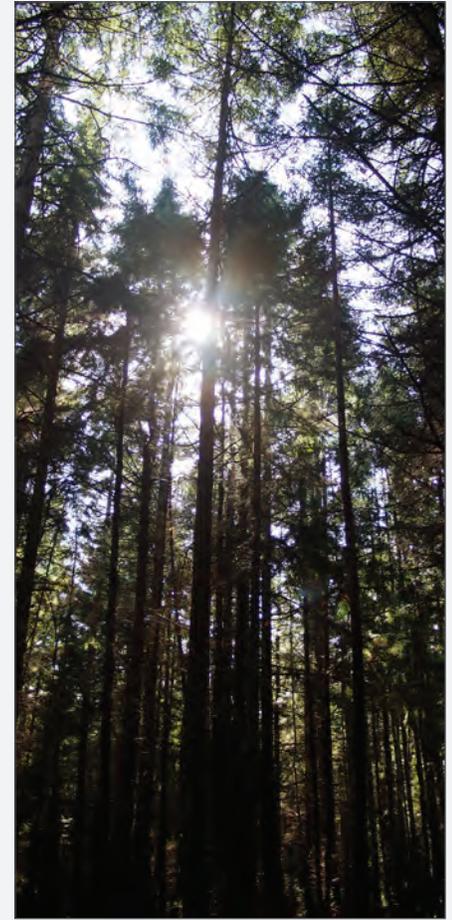
**Coastal Oil Drilling** The Administration (D.C.) has proposed greatly expanding offshore oil and gas drilling. The Friends group, working with the Marine National Sanctuary Foundation, sent a statement opposing this expansion. The offshore islands which are a part of our Washington Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Complex would be in danger from drilling. The Governor is also working against offshore drilling.

**Atlantic Salmon Net Pens** Last fall the Friends sent a statement to Clallam County opposing the large net pen installation proposed for just west of Dungeness Spit. We feared for the harm it could do to our beautiful Refuge. Things happened and we now have legislation headed for the Governor’s desk which phases out Atlantic salmon net pens. Many thanks to our legislators, Senator Kevin Van de Wege and Representatives Mike Chapman and Steve Tharinger who worked and voted for the legislation. Particular thanks to Senator Van de Wege who was a sponsor of the legislation in the Senate. Thanks also to our partner the Wild Fish Conservancy who worked hard on this issue.

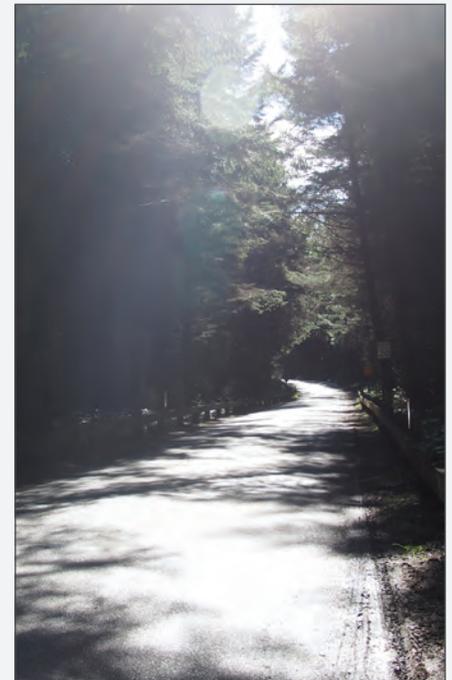
**Oyster Aquaculture On Refuge Tidelands** The Jamestown Tribe has submitted an application for oyster aquaculture in the tidelands of the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge to Clallam County. Comments are due April 5th and the Friends group is currently studying the issue. Documents are available on the Clallam County Website: [www.clallam.net](http://www.clallam.net) [CLICK HERE](#) under the Department of Community Development.

**Dungeness Recreation Area** Clallam County is proposing major changes to the Dungeness Recreation Area, the county park next to the Refuge. Friends members attended a hearing last week. Comments are due by March 23rd. Information is available at: [www.clallam.net/parks/DRAMP](http://www.clallam.net/parks/DRAMP) [CLICK HERE](#)

**Migratory Bird Treaty** The Administration (D.C.) is proposing drastic changes to the Migratory Bird Treaty. Changes would allow “incidental” killing of migratory birds which has not been allowed since the international treaty was enacted in the early 20th Century. National Audubon is the best source of information on this issue. [CLICK HERE](#)



Area of proposed RV campsites in the Dungeness Recreation Area.



Area of proposed cabins along the road.



February snow covering Dungeness Spit as seen from a residence on Anderson Road.



Winter trees along the primitive trail.

## The 2017 Volunteer of the Year: Grant Rollins

- Grant has been a volunteer since 2015. He and his wife Marlene were originally caretakers on Protection Island. As such they were ineligible for Volunteer of the Year award. After retiring from that job they moved to the area permanently and Grant began volunteering as a regular person.
- PI is still his passion, in fact Grant's family has history on the Island.
- Grant's help has been invaluable. For example, he researched the cost of laying an electrical cable from shore to PI and solar energy alternatives. He created an information packet to help us better understand the benefits and limitations of alternative energy.
- He helped build the new fire truck for PI and provided caretaker support on the Island in the absence of full-time caretakers.
- He also keeps the water tower full, and preps the bunkhouse and caretaker cabin for other users.
- Grant is fun to work with, available at a moments notice, extremely skilled, dependable, energetic, and creative.
- He doesn't just show up to give a hand, he provides great ideas, planning, and expert assistance. Grant works extremely hard and we rely on him very much.
- He's also committed to our mission and enjoys the Refuge's wildlife, and loves sharing his experiences with his grand kids.
- Grant is always ready with a smile and a witty sense of humor.
- Now in his 4th year, Grant has almost earned his 2,000 hour pin.



2017 Volunteer of the Year: Grant Rollins



2017 Top Five Volunteer Hour Earners: Steve Muller (298.25 hrs), Lizzie Baatz (326 hrs) [not pictured], Jessie Christiansen (368.5 hrs), Grant Rollins (405 hrs), and Ron Andris (970 hrs).



Volunteers enjoying the banquet meal.



# THE BRANT

VOLUME 2

FRIENDS OF DUNGENESS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

SPRING 2018

## Summer Picnic in August

You are invited to join Refuge volunteers on August 2nd at the group picnic area of the County Park for a mid-season picnic. We'll eat, get to know each other better, tell stories about the season so far and ask questions about things that have come up in your work at the Refuge. And if it's not too hot, we'll have a campfire.

It'll be a chance to get to know other volunteers besides the ones on either side of your shift. There's already at least one happy story about a dog who was found, thought to be lost and found again.

The Friends will sponsor the picnic and provide wraps, hot drinks and lemonade. The time is 11:30-2:30. Please bring a dessert or salad. We are asking everyone to bring their own table service including a mug because we are going to do our best to be environmentally friendly and generate minimal trash.



View from the lower overlook in late May 2018.

### REFUGE EVENTS

**Rock Walk with Dave Parks**  
geologist with Washington  
Dept. of Natural Resources

Volunteers Only Walk  
10:00 am Friday July 27th

Volunteers and General Public  
10:00 am Saturday July 28th

Meet at the upper overlook.

**Beach Clean Up**  
**Saturday, July 7th**  
**Saturday, August 4th**  
**Saturday, September 1st**

Meet at the Refuge at 9:00 am  
at the old caretaker cabin site.

No RSVP is necessary.

Please wear sturdy shoes, dress  
for the weather, bring gloves  
and water.

Beach clean up is 9:00 am the  
first Saturday of the month  
May through September.

**Annual Volunteer Picnic**  
**Thursday, August 2nd**  
See article on this page (left)  
for additional information.  
11:30 am – 2:30 pm

# News From Friends of Dungeness NWR

John Maxwell, President

## We made some exciting decisions at our recent May board meeting.

We agreed to work with *Discover Nature App* to design an app for Dungeness NWR. Discover Nature Apps is a joint venture of Evan Hirsche and Sam Serebin. It seeks to connect families to the outdoors in ways that are fun and engaging and which ultimately lead to taking meaningful action in support of protecting our public lands. Evan is past president of National Wildlife Refuge Association.

This cellphone app is a great educational product, focused around a game that invites youth to identify wildlife on the refuge. It works like a scavenger hunt with lots of clues. At the end, the players use the points they earn for a prize to be determined by the Friends.

The app includes virtual signs and pages of information about the refuge and its surrounding area. It will also keep track of your wildlife sightings, by date, time and location through GPS.

You can download the basic app platform anywhere, and then use it in the refuge of your choice. It is free. For example, I downloaded it from Google Play. The Oregon Coast Refuge complex already has their app up and running. Check it out. We plan to have the official rollout of our version at Family Discovery Day, next year on August 3, 2019.

The cost, to be determined after consultation with the company, may be in the neighborhood of \$26,000. The Friends board believes we can raise most or all that amount through educational grants from various sources. If you know a local source of such grants, please let Linda Gutowski, our fund-raising chair, know. We are also seeking people who are willing to canvas the community for sponsors, especially restaurants, motels and B&Bs. It will be a great way to serve the visitors to the Refuge!

## Get Your Friends T-shirts Here

Second, the board decided to order 30 green T-shirts of various sizes with the Friends logo in white. They will be available for sale at the Friends mid-summer picnic on August 2. We already proudly wear our refuge fleeces and jackets. Now we can also advertise the Friends of Dungeness NWR. (The green color is to distinguish volunteers working specifically as Friends.)

## And Speaking of Selling...

The Friends are investigating the possibility of having an on-line store, selling things like t-shirts, caps, Friends pins, and other Refuge/Education-oriented items. We would use our already-existing PayPal account for people to purchase the products. All the money would go to Friends projects like the Discover Nature App.

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By the way, did you know that Amazon Smile allows people to designate a part of their purchase price to a charitable organization? Friends of Dungeness NWR is already on their list. [CLICK HERE](#)

### Friends Groups Connect With Each Other Through Facebook

There are two Facebook groups you want to know about. One is Region 1, the other is nationwide. Our Friends group is not alone. We have lots of “friends.” Check out “groups” on Facebook.

### The National Wildlife Refuge Association Is Another Way To Connect

This advocacy group is our best source for information about challenges and issues facing our refuges. They send out alerts about both issues and other organizations who share our love for the out-of-doors and its wildlife. Their website is [www.refugeassociation.org](http://www.refugeassociation.org) [CLICK HERE](#)

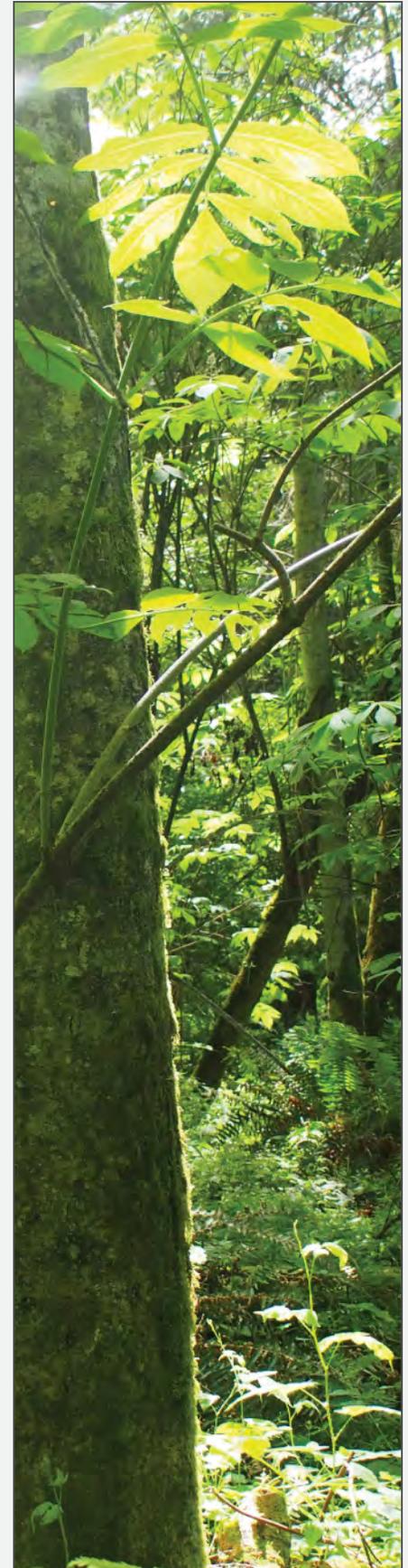
### Finally,

Thank you to all who greet visitors at the entrance kiosk and point out the “blue ranger.” Remember that this is the place to deposit gifts and memberships for the Friends. So far this year, “Blue” has earned \$527.80. That may not sound like much, but every bit helps our work supporting the Refuge. Keep up the good work. Thank you.

— John Maxwell, President



An octopus washed up on the bay side of the spit on May 22nd. Photo: Ron Andris / USFWS



Spring foliage along the primitive trail.

## Geologist Dave Parks Receives National Award and Gives Rock Walks

Dave Parks, a geologist with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, is well known among Refuge volunteers for his geology walks/talks on Dungeness NWR. Dave recently received the E.B Burwell Jr. Award from the Council of the Geological Society of America. The award is given annually in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of engineering geology. Dave was especially recognized for his paper on coastal bluffs, shoreline armoring and large-scale dam removal.

Congratulations to Dave and many thanks for the time and effort he has given to helping us learn about geology on the Refuge.

Dave will be conducting two “Rock Walks” this July. The volunteer only walk will take place on Friday, July 27th at 10:00 a.m., and the volunteer and public walk will be Saturday, July 28th at 10:00 a.m. Meet at the upper overlook and expect to finish the walk an hour and a half later at the base of the bluffs.



Dave Parks explains aspects of bluff erosion during a geology walk in 2015.



Refuge volunteers get creative in educating about fish. Photo: Tarleton / USFWS



Refuge volunteers help a young artist hang artwork to dry. Photo: Tarleton / USFWS

## Volunteering at Kid’s Fishing Day

For the 3rd time our Volunteers helped out with the Makah National Fish Hatchery’s Kid’s Fishing Day on June 2nd. Ten Refuge Volunteers and one Refuge employee spent the day helping Hatchery employees and volunteers from the U.S. Coast Guard base in Neah Bay teach children about fishing, archery, and a variety of other subjects.

The Makah NFH Kid’s Fishing Day has become an important annual event for the Makah community.

**Are you interested in volunteering at an event like this?**

If so, contact Dave Falzetti about future volunteer opportunities.

**360-457-8451 x 29**

# Friends of DNWR Following Important Issues

Margaret Maxwell, Refuge Protection Work Group Chair

Friends of the Refuge have been following and taking stands on several issues:

## **Jamestown S’Klallam Commercial Oyster Farm Proposal**

Board members and volunteers submitted written testimony and gave oral testimony at a recent hearing on the oyster farm proposal. The oyster farm would take up 35 acres in the tidelands near Graveyard Spit on the Refuge.

The hearing/permitting process has been continued for six months at the request of the Tribe in order to prepare a new assessment as required by the Army Corps of Engineers. In addition Clallam County has withdrawn its “determination of non-significance” for the project.

The open hearing will continue until 11/15/2018. Comments deadlines will be announced and public comments are accepted at any time.

We are concerned about the visual impact of thousands of black mesh bags in the tidelands as well as the disturbance of wildlife, particularly wintering birds.

## **Dungeness County Park**

We are committed to continue to work in partnership with the County Park, particularly in helping visitors understand the difference in purposes of the Park and the Refuge and pointing out what a great public lands partnership it is.

However, we took a strong stand against a proposed 40-site RV loop. It would cause the loss of too much wildlife habitat.

The Park proposal is in three phases, with the new RV loop now scaled back to 20 sites being part of phase 3. Many of us are still wondering why we need new RV sites at the expense of forested wildlife habitat.

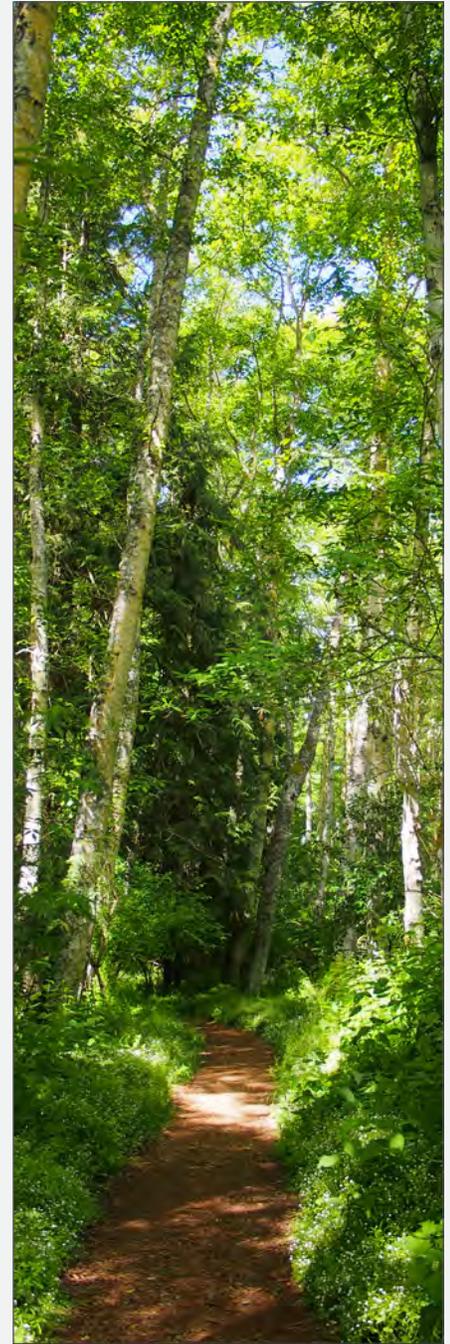
More information is available at <http://www.clallam.net/Parks/DRAMP> [CLICK HERE](#)

## **International Migratory Bird Treaty**

At the urging of National Audubon Society, the Friends Board took a stand against changes proposed to the International Migratory Bird Treaty. The proposed changes would allow birds to be killed with no consequences. We wrote Representative Kilmer and Senators Cantwell and Murray expressing our opposition to the changes.

Check the National Audubon website for information. There is still time for individuals to weigh in on this tragic proposal. The Treaty dates from 1918.

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The primitive trail in May.

**Want to get involved  
with the Friends?**

Send us an email and let  
us know how you can  
help achieve our goals.

**[fodnwr@gmail.com](mailto:fodnwr@gmail.com)**

**Two other issues of interest**

Work is continuing by the Wild Fish Conservancy and their Our Sound, Our Salmon campaign to make sure farmed fish are not carrying viruses that would affect wild salmon. Salmon eggs and fry are transported internationally by Cooke Aquaculture and there could be viruses brought in from around the world. The Friends Board is a member of the Wild Fish Conservancy. They are the folks who worked so hard at the legislation prohibiting new Atlantic salmon pens, including one proposed not far to the west of the Refuge.

The Washington State Department of Ecology has denied the request for a permit for spraying the pesticide imidacloprid on oyster and clam beds to control native burrowing shrimp in Willapa Bay. The Department determined that damage would be too great to all life in the water, including birds.



Nootka Rose in bloom along the trail.

## Leave No Trace (LNT) Training

Volunteers attended LNT training on May 31st. The trainers were Donielle Stevens and Aaron Hussmann from the Subaru LNT Center For Outdoor Ethics.

There were 22 Volunteers at the training. Donielle and Aaron did a fantastic job!



LNT Training. Photo: Falzetti / USFWS



Donielle Stevens (left) Aaron Hussmann (right) train Refuge Volunteers. Photo: Falzetti / USFWS

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## Seasonal Ranger Gary Tarleton

Gary grew up on a cattle ranch in the sand hills of Nebraska. He spent four years of active duty in the US Air Force in Europe and other parts of the world.

Graduating with a BA in Photography from the Brooks Institute of California and having twenty plus years as a corporate/commercial photographer for Fortune 500 companies working on national and international projects, he landed the job as photographer for the National Park Service in Washington D.C. and Museum Conservation Services. There he both traveled to many National Parks to document/survey historic objects and architecture as well as documenting and working as a conservator on many of this country's most important historic objects.

As a park ranger and photographer he has experience with the National Park Service at San Juan Island National Historic Park and recently with the Dept. of the Army-Army Corp of Engineers based at Lake Sonoma, CA and most recently the Willamette Valley in Oregon watching over 13 flood control dams and reservoirs with the Army Corp of Engineers.



Gary Tarleton at the lighthouse.

## Washout! No Vehicle Access to Spit

Water from an irrigation line has washed out the road used by vehicles to access the Dungeness Spit. The New Dungeness Light Station Association will be running two UTVs on the trails and Spit for the next 6 months or so until the road is repaired and they can return to the large trucks they normally use for the keeper transports. They used the UTV vehicles last Saturday for the first time.

