

# **Birch Bay Characterization & Watershed Planning Pilot – Taking Action**

## **Appendix C**

### **Calendar of Chums of Terrell Creek Workshops/Events**

#### **Run with the Chums- Sept 2013 and 2014**

5k Fun Run/Walk & 1k kids Smolt Sprint

BP Highlands from Jackson Rd south of Grandview Rd, Ferndale

Join the Chums of Terrell Creek for this fun event and learn how your watershed works. Run or walk through this scenic part of the Terrell Creek watershed then stay for some fun activities and learn about where the water in your neighborhood goes.

More Information at: [www.chumsofterrellcreek.org/news-and-events/run-with-the-chums](http://www.chumsofterrellcreek.org/news-and-events/run-with-the-chums)

#### **Terrell Creek Project Tours – Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, June 29<sup>th</sup> & Oct 19<sup>th</sup> & December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 10am to 12pm**

Lake Terrell is a natural wetland area that was enlarged in 1950 when the Lake Terrell dam was constructed. The 1,500 acre Lake Terrell unit is part of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Whatcom Wildlife Area. Join area manager Richard Kessler to learn about history and current recreational opportunities around the lake and then take an easy guided walking tour to see some highlights around the lake.

#### **Ten Riparian Restoration Workparties on Terrell Creek –**

**April & Nov 2011, Nov 2012, April & Nov 2013, March, April, Sept & Nov 2014, April 2015**

Come join the Chums of Terrell Creek and help restore streamside habitat for salmon. We'll bring the tools and gloves – just wear sturdy shoes, long pants and weather appropriate clothing. Check in at the blue tent. All ages are welcome, children under 18 will need an adult to sign registration form at check-in. So bring your friends, your family, and your enthusiasm and we'll see you at the creek!

#### **Annual Native Plant Sale — March 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015**

9am-2pm On the Campus of Whatcom Community College

More information at [www.whatcomcd.org/plant-sale](http://www.whatcomcd.org/plant-sale)

#### **Amphibian Monitoring Training- March 2014 and March 2015**

The first part of each training will be in the classroom and the second half will be in the field. Each training will focus on how to identify the egg mass and adult forms of amphibian species in the lowlands of Whatcom County. The training workshops are a full day and are free.

#### **Farm Management, How to Improve Your Farm — Thursday July 17, 2014 at 6:30 pm**

Review what best management practices (BMPs) are and how you can easily apply them to how you operate your farm. Find out about cost share and small farm technical assistance programs. Talk to local farmers to find out what really works.

#### **Marine Waters, A Day at the Beach — Thursday August 21, 2014 at 6:30 pm**

Meet at Birch Bay for a fun filled beach adventure with local experts to answer all your questions about the amazing world of tide pools and the estuary ecosystem. This is also your chance to learn about how shellfish and shellfish harvest are affected by water quality.

#### **How to Find and Monitor Wildlife in Your Watershed — Thursday September 25, 2014 at 6:30 pm**

Discover fish, birds, amphibians, and aquatic insects in your watershed and how to join a citizen science monitoring group.

#### **Take Charge of Water Quality in the Terrell Creek Watershed — Thursday October 23, 2014 at 6:30 pm**

Learn about the many unintended sources of pollution in your watershed and how they impact your community. Learn about solutions and steps you can take to improve water quality in your watershed. Take charge by learning how to take water samples, test, and analyze the results.

#### **Maintain and Inspect On-Site Septic Systems — Wednesday December 10th, 2014 6pm-8pm**

Whatcom Educational Credit Union (WECU) Education Center, 5659 Barrett Road, Ferndale, WA

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The Whatcom Conservation District, Chums of Terrell Creek and the Whatcom County Health Department are offering a free workshop on, "How to Maintain and Inspect On-Site Septic Systems." Attendees will be certified to inspect their own septic systems.

### **Wings over Water — March 13-15, 2015**

Join the us at the Northwest Birding Festival for workshops on Backyard Habitat and Conservation. Located at 975 H Street, Blaine Middle School and Blaine School Performing Arts Center as well as field trips in the local area. See the [Wings over Water website](#) for a full Calendar of Events.

### **Rain Barrel Workshop — March 25, 2015**

6pm-8pm at the Birch Bay Water & Sewer District, 7096 Point Whitehorn Rd  
Free workshop covering the basic principles of rainwater collection and its benefit to water supply and stormwater management. Hands-on instruction on how to install and maintain your own rain barrel! Each participant will take home a pre-drilled 55-gallon barrel.

### **Earth Day Riparian Planting & Celebration — April 18, 2015**

at BP Property near the Former Birch Bay Bible Community Church, 7039 Jackson Rd  
9am- Noon: Tree Planting Workparty  
Noon-130pm: Free BBQ Lunch

### **Water Quality Monitoring Training- June 3rd, 2015**

June 3rd, 2015 6:00-8:00pm

Whatcom County Public Works, Garden Room (ground level)

Are you interested in becoming a water quality monitoring volunteer? Several organizations and agencies in Whatcom County are looking for citizen scientists to help with their water quality programs. Attend this free training to learn about water quality monitoring volunteer opportunities throughout the County, the current water quality status in areas that are being sampled, procedures and methods for water sampling, salmon habitat requirements, and current recovery efforts. Light refreshments will be provided!!

### **Birch Bay Beach Day — June 6th, 2015**

Birch Bay State Park, Noon to 4pm

Park for free day at the State Park enjoy family friendly activities and connect with your local watershed.

### **Backyard Habitat Workshop - June 19th, 2015**

7pm-8:30pm, Birch Bay State Park, BP Heron Center

This family friendly workshop will focus on what we can all do to improve bird, pollinator and fish habitat in our own backyards, whether we live in an apartment or a 20 acre farm, we can all make a difference.

## **Chums of Terrell Creek Media and Publications**

### **Whatcom Conservation District Newsletter Articles - January 2012, 2013, 2014**

For copies download here: [www.whatcomcd.org/publications#WCDNewsletter](http://www.whatcomcd.org/publications#WCDNewsletter)

### **Terrell Creek State of the Watershed Report 2012 and 2015**

For copies download here: <http://www.whatcomcd.org/terrell-creek-birch-bay-state-of-the-watershed-report>

### **Washington State Conservation Commission – February 2014**

[http://scc.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/WhatcomCD\\_TerrellCreek\\_FINAL.pdf](http://scc.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/WhatcomCD_TerrellCreek_FINAL.pdf)