## WHAT ARE ALL THOSE ALGAE IN THE BAY?

WHAT MAKES ALGAL BLOOMS HARMFUL AND HOW IT EFFECTS COASTAL COMMUNITIES

A Free Public Speaker Series Event with Dr. Robin Kodner, Western Washington

University

Algal blooms are common and natural in coastal marine waters, but can become harmful when blooms are large and persistent. This talk will discuss what algae are common in our waters, typical seasonal algal community cycles, history of harmful blooms in the region and how algal blooms are being effected by anthropogenic activities, including climate change.



Photo: Cottonwood Beach in Birch Bay June 18, 2015 courtesy C. Sandvig

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