

# Whatcom Water Week Calendar of Events

September 18-25, 2010

## Saturday, September 18, cont.

### Arbor Day Guided Tree Walk

Elizabeth Park **10 am - 2 pm**  
2201 Elizabeth St, Bellingham

Celebrate the magnificent trees of Elizabeth Park on Arbor Day. This free event offers a guided tree walk around Elizabeth Park by James Luce, the City's Arborist. See a professional arborist's tools and ropes in action. Learn ways you can help make our community more wildlife friendly, from making a bird nesting box to planting trees in your yard.

Sponsors: Bellingham Parks & Recreation, Tree Keepers

### Dock Walks at Squalicum Harbor

Squalicum Boathouse **11 am - 4 pm**  
2600 Harbor Lp, Bellingham

Take a walking tour of the commercial fishing docks. We'll explain types of boats and gear, fish they target, etc.

Sponsor: Washington Sea Grant

### Fidalgo Bay Day in Anacortes

4701 Fidalgo Bay Road, Anacortes **11 am - 3 pm**

Celebrate the gifts from the sea with lots of fun events for kids. Shannon Point Marine Center will be there with creatures from the sea and a scientist to talk about them.

Sponsors: Western Washington University, Shannon Point Marine Center

## Sunday, September 19

### Gooseberry Point Beach Cleanup

Lummi Island Ferry Parking Lot **10 am**  
Haxton Way, Gooseberry Point

Any and all Whatcom county residents are invited to join the Bellingham Marine Life Center volunteers and staff for a Beach Clean up at Gooseberry Point near the Lummi Island ferry. This is a fun way to make a big difference in the state of our shorelines, improve the beach habitat and protect the marine life that depends on it - Celebrate our shorelife by making a difference. Bring a good, helpful attitude, trash bags and gloves, sunscreen. We will supply refreshments, latex gloves and biodegradable trash bags. If you want to carpool, meet at the Marine Life Center (behind the Port office building at Roeder Ave in Bellingham) at 9 am.

Sponsor: Marine Life Center, Port of Bellingham

## Monday, September 20

### Bellingham Wastewater Treatment Tour

Post Point Pollution Control Plant **2 pm, 3:45 pm**  
200 McKenzie Ave, Bellingham

Take a 1 hour and 15 minute tour of the wastewater treatment facility and see microorganisms under the microscope. Tours are open to ages 8 through adult. No high heels or open-toe shoes, groups of 20 or less. Large groups/classes can contact eejohnson@cob.org to schedule a private tour.

Sponsor: City of Bellingham

### What's For Dinner? A Fun Family Feeding Frenzy at the Marine Life Center

Marine Life Center **3:30 pm**  
1801 Roeder Ave, Bellingham

If you haven't been to the Marine Life Center when its feeding time for the animals, you'll want to share this special occasion. This event explores the wonder of the varied strategies sea creatures have for getting themselves fed. Staff and volunteers will share the amazing intertidal world and you will get to participate with the feeding. Celebrate the Marine Life that shares some of their time in the tanks on our waterfront. A suggested donation of \$2 for adults, \$1 for children 2-18 years, will help the ongoing programs and maintenance of the Marine Life Center.

Sponsor: Marine Life Center, Port of Bellingham

### Water Talent Show

Nooksack Valley High School PAC **7 pm - 9 pm**  
3326 East Badger Rd, Everson

Compete in a water-themed talent competition. All ages and talents welcome, as long as you incorporate water into your performance. To perform, contact nooksackefc@hotmail.com by Sept. 10th. All community members are invited to participate or watch!

Sponsor: Nooksack Valley Environment Friendly Club

## Tuesday, September 21

### Shared Water Information Roundtable

North Whatcom Fire District Training Room **1 pm - 4 pm**  
307 19th Street, Lynden

Are you a stakeholder interested in learning and sharing information to support the holistic management of certain creeks with watersheds straddling Whatcom County, WA, and the Lower Fraser Valley of BC? If so, you may be interested in participating in the recently formed Shared Water Information Roundtable. For more information visit: [www.wwu.edu/bpri](http://www.wwu.edu/bpri)

Sponsors: Border Policy Institute, WWU

## Wednesday, September 22

### Under the Salish Sea: An Underwater Odyssey through Puget Sound (film)

Pickford Cinema **6 pm**  
1416 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham

Explore the hidden depths of the Salish Sea, filmed by cinematographer Florian Graner in high definition. Florian has a PhD in marine biology and has worked for the BBC, including filming for the popular "Blue Planet" series.

Sponsors: Northwest Straits Commission, Whatcom County Marine Resources Committee

## Thursday, September 23

### Land, Water and People: Finding an effective balance in natural resources management in Whatcom County

BIAWC Banquet Rm **9 am - 1 pm**  
1650 Baker Creek Pl, Bellingham **(8:30 registration)**

A technical symposium to share information and provide a platform for discussing market-related and incentive-based approaches to land and water management, and how they might be applied in Whatcom County. The symposium program will be focused on a hypothetical case study in a local watershed, presented and discussed by local experts. External speakers and panel members will also share and discuss their experiences of implementing these approaches elsewhere.

[www.wcfarmfriends.com/go/doc/1579/880607](http://www.wcfarmfriends.com/go/doc/1579/880607)

Sponsors: Building Industry Association, Whatcom Farm Friends, Bertrand Watershed Improvement District

### Life in Alaska's Tongass Rainforest

Walton Theatre at the Mount Baker Theatre **6 pm - 8 pm**  
104 N. Commercial Street, Bellingham

An evening of stunning photography and intriguing stories from the Tongass. Amy Gulick's book of photography Salmon in the Trees, tells the remarkable story of the Tongass rainforest, where trees grow salmon and salmon grow trees. \$5 suggested donation

[www.ncascades.org/get\\_outside/events/gulick.html](http://www.ncascades.org/get_outside/events/gulick.html)  
Sponsors: North Cascades Institute and Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association

### Rainwater Harvesting and Earthworks

Village Books **7 pm**  
1200 Eleventh St, Bellingham

Join inspiring author, Brad Lancaster, of the Rainwater Harvesting For Drylands and Beyond series as he talks about how to welcome rain into your life and landscape.

Sponsor: City of Bellingham

## Friday, September 24

### Blaine Wastewater Reclamation Facility

Blaine Reclamation Facility, Marine Park **Noon - 3 pm**  
272 Marine Dr, Blaine

Daily tours of the new Lighthouse Point Water Reclamation Facility. The facility treats wastewater to Class A Reclaimed Standard and includes two art features that highlight the importance of water and demonstrate the high quality of the treated effluent from this Membrane Bioreactor treatment process. The tours are open to the public - no high heels or open-toe shoes, groups of 15 or less.

Sponsor: City of Blaine

### Cherry Point Beach Cleanup

Meet at Gulf Road terminus **Noon - 2 pm**  
Cherry Point, Blaine

ALCOA community cleanup at Cherry Point, Blaine. Please bring plastic buckets, gloves, water, sturdy shoes and clothes that can get dirty. Litter pickup equipment, gloves, snacks and inspiration will be provided.

Sponsor: RE Sources

### Marine Life Arts & Crafts

Marine Life Center **2:30 pm**  
1801 Roeder Ave, Bellingham

You and your 5-12 year old can celebrate Water Week with the staff at the Marine Life Center after school and make some crafty critters. Our local marine life will provide the inspiration and the Center will provide supplies for you to create a craft that celebrates our shore life and family time to share it.

Sponsor: Marine Life Center, Port of Bellingham

### Wonderful Watersheds:

#### Moon of a Water Drop's Journey

North Lake Whatcom Hertz Trail **6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**  
Near the end of Northshore Dr.

Wild Whatcom Walkers explores our source of drinking water. Join us for a moonlit stroll along the shore of Lake Whatcom for a distinctly different exploration of a wonderful watershed. So, what's in a watershed? Hills, basins, streams, river otters, fish, boats, streets, cars, restaurants and homes. Discover why it's important to all who call it home.

Sponsor: Wild Whatcom Walks

## All Week: Mon. - Fri.

### Scoop the Poop Coloring Contest

Ferndale City Hall **8 am - 5 pm**  
2095 Main St, Ferndale **Monday - Friday**

Elementary school children are invited to help illustrate the importance of picking up pet waste in order to keep our waterways clean. Kids can fill in coloring pages or draw freehand. The contest will include judging and prizes for different age groups. For more information on how to have your child or class participate, contact [wendylarocque@cityofferndale.org](mailto:wendylarocque@cityofferndale.org)

Sponsor: City of Ferndale

### Septic System Maintenance Display

Whatcom County Health Department **8:30 am - 4:30 pm**  
509 Girard St, Bellingham **Monday - Friday**

Keep ground water and surface water clean. Learn how to maintain your septic system and spot warning signs of failing systems. Pick up information at the Whatcom County Health Department lobby.

Sponsor: Whatcom County Health Department

## Saturday, September 25

### Gardening Green: Sustainable Landscaping Workshop

Sudden Valley Adult Center **10 am - 2 pm**  
100 Barn View, Bellingham

This free gardening workshop offers practical information and simple yet powerful actions to protect Lake Whatcom, the source of drinking water for half of Whatcom County. This approach to gardening builds a foundation of healthy soil, organizes the garden to reduce on-going maintenance, and focuses on selecting plants that are adapted to our area. Learn about good gardening practices you can put in place that will give you a beautiful landscape that is easier to care for each year.

Sponsors: Sudden Valley, Whatcom County, WSU Whatcom County Extension

### International Coastal Cleanup Day

Locust Beach **10 am - 1 pm**  
Locust Rd, west of Marine Dr, Bellingham

Locust Beach is a hidden gem. It's also the deposit area for most drifting trash in Bellingham Bay. Please carpool, bike, bus, or walk and/or plan to park along neighboring streets, as parking is very limited. Allow 20 minutes to hike down the trail from the intersection of Locust Rd and Burlington Northern Railroad tracks. Bring plastic buckets, gloves, water, food, and sturdy shoes and clothing. Litter pickup equipment and light snacks will be provided. We'll organize into small groups. Some volunteers will be asked to carry heavy loads up the trail.

Sponsor: RE Sources

### Lake Samish Salmon Roe

Lake Samish - Lutherwood Camp **10 am**  
1185 Roy Rd, Bellingham **8:15 am - 9:15 am Registration**

Kayakers, surf skiers, rowers or canoers can register the day of the event. The 5.5 mile course is arranged so that spectators will have great opportunities to watch. Awards and a salmon BBQ lunch will be held directly following the race. Free for racers, \$5 for spectators, tickets sold after registration.

Sponsor: Sound Rowers Open Water Rowing and Paddling Club

