



**Bi-monthly Meeting of the Bainbridge Island Watershed Council
January 21, 2021, 7pm
IN THE YEARS OF COVID**

Attending: Dan Groff, John Williams, Deb Rudnick, Joe Edgell, and Barbara Muhlbacher

BIWC Updates and programs:

1. **Salmon Monitoring update:** We have wrapped up salmon monitoring for 2020. Deb shared results and they are available on our website at <https://www.sustainablebainbridge.org/2020-bainbridge-island-salmon-monitoring-results/>
2. **Bainbridge Tree Tour:** Deb shared an update on the BI Tree Tour that is under development with collaboration from the History Museum (Dan) and Nick Snyder, COBI's arborist. We are using plantsmap.com to build our collection and plan to order signs with QR codes from them as well, as they are inexpensive and sturdy. Coincidentally enough, we found out that Joe had this exact same thought about a virtual tree tour, because he also attended and loved Olaf's tours! He even purchased a domain, bainbridgetrees.org, for just this purpose! We talked about pointing that domain to our plantsmap collection, and potentially his website could be used for additional resources as well. Thanks so much to Joe!
3. **2021 ABC Environmental Conference: Stewarding our Forests under Climate Change**

This year the Association of Bainbridge Communities annual environmental conference was delayed due to Covid and is currently being reimagined as a 4-part virtual conference over the month of March. Planning participants include BIWC, parks foundation, Land Trust, Islandwood, and several others. Program goes live in February!

4. Any City updates? None because Christian couldn't join us this evening.
5. Other: Joe and Barb are near neighbors to Sakai park, and are concerned about development on the property, particularly with respect to tree removal and runoff to the wetlands. We had a wide-ranging discussion around the Ravine watershed it feeds into, and none of us has much of a handle at this point what the parks plan is, but Joe said they would be keeping an eye on this process, so we will hopefully be kept apprised of what is going on. Joe also shared some great coyote photos and videos he had gotten of these beautiful canids in the park property adjacent to where they live.

A few upcoming events and opportunities

Deb recently attended an excellent webinar: **Building Pollinator Habitat in in Town and Cities: Pacific Northwest region** hosted by the Xerces society. Here is a recording of the webinar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NS0iM4uyNC8&feature=youtu.be>

Next Huxley School of the environment webinars:

Scaling Change: Imagining Future Ecologies

Adam Huggins & Mendel Skulski
Co-Hosts, Future Ecologies Podcast

<https://huxley.wvu.edu/speaker-series/huggins-skulski>

Thursday, January 28, 2021 - 4:30pm

Read All About It: What's the News of the Salish Sea?

Mike Sato
Journalist

Date

Thursday, February 4, 2021 - 4:30pm. Link to registration TBD.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2021! Happy St. Patty's day! Zoom link will be sent.

