


10th Annual Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference

Sunday, October 17th, 2010 1:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. IslandWood

Protecting Bainbridge Island's Shoreline Environment

- 1:00 p.m. Introduction/Dedication to Bob and Rachel Smith**
Connie Waddington - Introduction
Elise Wright – Remembering Bob and Rachel Smith
Frank Stowell - Presentation ABC 2010 Environmentalist of the Year Award to Nathan Smith
- 1:20 p.m. Introduction to Keynote Speaker by Hilary Franz**
Keynote Speaker: Jay Manning – Governor Gregoire's Chief of Staff
Former Director of Washington Department of Ecology
1:50 p.m. Open for Questions (via cards)
- 2:10 p.m. Virtual Tour of Bainbridge Island Shorelines: Ron Thom**
Lead scientist with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and
Co-author of *Bainbridge Island Nearshore Assessment*
2:40 p.m. Open for Questions (via cards)
- 2:55 p.m. Break to visit exhibits (See list on back)**
- 3:15 p.m. Panel Discussion I: Science of Shoreline & Impacts of Modifications**
Frank Stowell, Moderator
Introduction by Jim Brennan, Washington Sea Grant
3:35 p.m. Panel Discussion
Ron Thom, Batelle /Marine Sciences Laboratory
Wendy Gerstel, Qwg Applied Geology
Casey Rice, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- 4:20 p.m. Panel Discussion II: Shoreline Master Program - Policy and Management**
Charles Schmid, Moderator
Introduction by Barbara Nightingale, WA Department of Ecology
4:35 p.m. Panel Discussion
Dave Bricklin, Bricklin & Newman LLP
Heather Trim, People for Puget Sound
Hilary Franz, Bainbridge Island City Council
- 5:25 p.m. Next step – getting involved**
 Asha Rehnberg and Charles Schmid
- 5:45 p.m. Adjourn (Please fill out evaluation sheets)**
Reception - all welcome (Cash bar)
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner (Dinner ticket required)**

In Celebration of the 10th Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference

The previous 9 Environmental Conferences were on:

- 1st (2001) State of the Environment on Bainbridge Island
- 2nd (2002) Environmental Protection on Bainbridge Island
- 3rd (2003) Planting for a Healthy Environment
- 4th (2004) Water and Watersheds
- 5th (2005) The State of the Environment on Bainbridge Island
- 6th (2006) Wildlife and their Island Habitat
- 7th (2007) Aquatic Life and Habitat on Bainbridge Island
- 8th (2008) Positive Energy
- 9th (2009) The Truth about Dirt

The Association of Bainbridge Communities (ABC) is proud to name Bob and Rachael Smith Bainbridge Island's Environmentalists of the Year 2010. ABC Conservation/Education Foundation Chair Frank Stowell will present the 2010 ABC Environmentalists of the Year Award post-humously to long-time ABC members Bob and Rachel Smith. Their son Nathan Smith will accept the award.

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE ABC ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

Silver cup originally presented to Jerry and Elane Hellmuth in 1984.

1991 Janet Knox	1996 Leigh Kennel	2001 Connie Waddington
1992 Vince Mattson	1997 Dale Spoor	2003 Van Calvez
1993 Linda Schmid	1998 Dave Davison	2007 Jim Brennan
1994 Sheila Crofut	1999 Road Ends Advisory Committee	2008 Lois and Lew Andrus
1995 Bainbridge Island Land Trust	2000 Frank Stowell	2009 Jo Schaffer

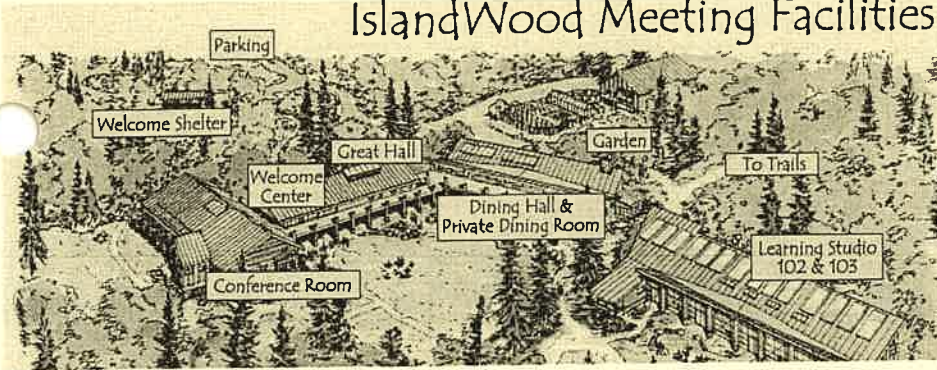
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The Association of Bainbridge Communities (ABC) has been working to preserve Bainbridge Island's natural environment since 1978. It consists of 12 neighborhood groups and over 400 members interested in learning about, and acting to protect and restore a clean and healthy environment here. It often speaks out on proposed legislation and developments at City Hall. ABC was instrumental in initiating the cleanup of the Wyckoff creosote site (now Pritchard Park) and the Vincent Road Landfill, and caring for the Waterfront Trail in Winslow. ABC has recently assisted in forming a new Water Resource Committee to look into our groundwater supply. It also published the book *In Praise of Island Stewards*.

The Bainbridge Island Land Trust is a private, member-supported nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve and steward the diverse natural environment of Bainbridge Island for the benefit of all. To achieve this goal, the Land Trust acquires interests in land having significant or potentially significant conservation values such as scenic vistas, wetlands, open spaces, shorelines, forestlands, unique plant and animal habitats, agricultural lands and stream and wildlife corridors. It works with private landowners to protect their land using land protection agreements called conservation easements. It also works with a variety of partners to acquire land for parks, trails and public use. Since its founding 21 years ago, the Land Trust has helped to permanently protect over 1,100 acres on Bainbridge Island, more than 75% acres of which are open to the public.

Sponsoring Organizations (continued)

IslandWood Meeting Facilities



IslandWood's mission is to provide exceptional learning experiences to inspire lifelong environmental and community stewardship. It envisions a future in which all people view themselves as lifelong learners, and share an extraordinary bond of stewardship for the environment, for their communities, and for each other.

The purpose of the **ABC Conservation/Education Foundation** is to conserve the environment and natural resources of Bainbridge Island by providing funds to support general education towards this goal by helping neighborhoods and other groups improve their understanding of the sensitive areas in their community, including streams, shorelines, wetlands and wildlife habitat.

Washington Sea Grant Program serves communities, industries and the people of Washington State, the Pacific Northwest and the nation through research, education and outreach. Established in 1968, it began as a federal experiment in local investment, building on the University of Washington's academic strengths in marine science, engineering and policy. In 1971 it was designated nationally as a Sea Grant College. Today, it is part of a national network of 30 Sea Grant colleges administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ORGANIZERS

Jim Brennan (see section on biographies of speakers)

Marcia Lagerloef has been an Island resident since 1981. She is a biological oceanographer who retired after a career with the National Science Foundation, NOAA, and the Environmental Protection Agency, where she specialized in water quality, water permitting, and environmental assessment. She was detailed to the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority in 1987 and coordinated the first Puget Sound Research conference and research plan. She has taught as an adjunct professor at Seattle University. Marcy was a member of the citizen's committee that drafted the 1996 B.I. Shoreline Master Program.

Asha Rehnberg moved to Bainbridge in May 2008 and joined the staff of Bainbridge Island Land Trust as Executive Director in June. Previously, she worked on the staff of the Inland Northwest Land Trust in Spokane 2002-2006, and served on the board of the Bowen Island Conservancy in British Columbia Fall 2006-Spring of 2008. Before entering the conservation field, Asha was a senior real estate paralegal with a large law firm in Minneapolis.

Charles Schmid is secretary of the Association of Bainbridge Communities (ABC) and has been a co-organizer with Connie Waddington for all the environmental conferences. He and his wife Linda moved to Bainbridge Island in 1970, and he has been involved in many environmental activities ever since, including starting the first recycling program, the clean up of the Wyckoff creosote site and the old dump. He received the 2009 Phyllis Young Award by the Bainbridge Island Land Trust. He served on the Shoreline citizen environment committee which drafted the 1996 B. I. Shoreline Master Program. For the past 20 years he has served as executive director of a scientific society in the field of acoustics.

Frank Stowell and his wife Mary live in a Port Blakely Mill house from the 1880's on a small farmlet they share with 2 sheep, 7 chickens, a large garden and a plethora of parrots. Now retired, he worked for over 25 years with a non-profit aptitude testing and research organization where he is currently on the national Board of Trustees. He has long been active in community and environmental affairs, and has been president of the South Bainbridge Community Association, the Bainbridge Island Land Trust, and is the past chair of the Kitsap County Parks Advisory Board.

Connie Waddington has lived on Bainbridge Island since 1986 and is honored to be part of such a wonderful community. Her passion has been conserving and preserving open space. She has served as a past president of the Bainbridge Island Land Trust and is the current chair of the Open Space Commission. Her other interest is working with the intermediate school students on Nature Mapping. She was the 2001 recipient of ABC's Environmentalist of the Year award.

Smiths to be honored for

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The Speakers at the 10th Environmental Conference on Shorelines

JAY MANNING is currently the Chief of Staff for Governor Gregoire. Prior to joining Governor Gregoire's staff, Jay was the Director of the Washington State Department of Ecology and was a partner with Brown Reavis & Manning, PLLC. Jay's background includes all areas of environmental law, with a focus on water resources, water quality, endangered species issues, brownfields redevelopment, and environmental cleanup. He has worked closely with businesses, municipalities, Indian Tribes, and environmental groups. Jay spent 15 years working as an Assistant Attorney General, including nearly six years as head of the Ecology Division. Manning was chief counsel for the Washington State Department of Ecology and served as President of the Washington Environmental Council. Jay earned a B.A. in political science from Eastern Washington University and a law degree from the University of Oregon. He was recently named a recipient of the Clean Water Hero award from the Washington Watershed Restoration Initiative.

RONALD MARK THOM is currently Staff Scientist at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory at Sequim, Washington where he leads a staff of nineteen. He has conducted research in coastal and estuarine ecosystems since 1971. During his 39-year professional career Ron has directed approximately 200 multidisciplinary ecological studies. He has published five book chapters, over 60 peer-reviewed journal articles, hundreds of reports, and served on numerous professional committees. He is co-author of the Nearshore Assessment for Bainbridge Island. From 1985-1989 he chaired the Technical Advisory Committee of the Puget Sound Estuary Program. In 2009, Ron was appointed to serve on the new Science Team to guide research for the Puget Sound Straits Commission. He is now engaged in research in Korea and China. In 2010 Ron was elected to the Washington State Academy of Sciences based on career accomplishments. The Academy advises the Governor and Legislature on science issues. He has a Ph.D. in Fisheries, University Washington where he presently serves as an Affiliate Associate Professor at the School of Aquatic and Fisheries Sciences.

Panel Discussion I – Science of Shoreline & Impacts of Modifications

JIM BRENNAN has a Master of Science Degree in Marine Science from Moss Landing Marine Laboratories and 27 years of work experience. The majority of his work has focused on marine fisheries and habitats on the west coast of the U.S. but ranges from Antarctica to Alaska. Jim has worked in both the private and public sectors with responsibilities that include research, education, environmental assessment, watershed planning, restoration, regulatory, and policy programs. The last 20 years of his career have been spent working in Puget Sound on marine resource management issues with a focus on marine nearshore habitats and species. Jim has served on numerous technical assessment and advisory committees for federal, state, and local entities. Jim also served as President of the Pacific Estuarine Research Society (PERS) and on the Governing Board of the Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF), an international science organization. Jim is currently working for the Washington Sea Grant Program at the University of Washington, providing technical assistance, education and outreach, and other marine consulting, restoration, and technical services

WENDY GERSTEL has over 30 years of experience working for Federal, State, and local jurisdictions, Tribes, non-profit groups, and private landowners throughout the U.S. and extensively in the Pacific Northwest. She specializes in geologic mapping and the prevention and mitigation of erosion and landsliding, addressing land-use and natural resource management issues in urban, forest, and coastal environments. After 13 years with the Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources, Wendy started her own business in 2005, applying geologic, geomorphic, and hydrologic expertise to a wide range of research, monitoring, mitigation, and restoration projects around Puget Sound and Western Washington. Wendy has a Masters in Environmental Systems (geology concentration) from Humboldt State University in CA.

Speakers (continued)

CASEY RICE is a Research Fisheries Biologist at NOAA's Mukilteo Research Station. In the twenty years with NOAA he has been involved in several research projects focusing on the biological effects of human activities in coastal marine and estuarine environments. Casey holds B.A. and B.S. degrees from The Evergreen State College (1989), an M.S. in fisheries from the University of Washington (1997), and a Ph.D. from the University of Washington's School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences (2007). Casey's current research areas include: the estuarine ecology of juvenile Chinook salmon and other nearshore fish and jellyfish in Puget Sound; relationships between urbanization and marine bird and waterfowl assemblages in nearshore Puget Sound; monitoring and assessment of estuarine restoration; the interactions among juvenile hatchery and wild salmon; and the environmental history of the Puget Sound/Georgia Basin.

Panel Discussion II – Shoreline Master Program: Policy and Management

BARBARA NIGHTINGALE is the Regional Shoreline Planner, Department of Ecology. Bainbridge Island is part of the region for which she is responsible. She has a wide background of experience, including working as Staff Scientist for Herrera Environmental Consultants, Environmental Planner for Washington Department of Natural Resources, Aquatic Resources Division; Associate Planner for Jefferson County, and Consultant for City of Port Townsend and Jefferson County. Among her many publications include WDFW/WDOE/WSDOT Aquatic Habitat Guidelines, and as co-author for two white papers on Overwater Structures: Marine Issues and Dredging. She has Masters Degrees in Advanced Studies on Marine Biodiversity and Conservation from, Scripps Institute of Oceanography in Marine Affairs from the University of Washington.

DAVID BRICKLIN is a partner in the Seattle law firm of Bricklin Newman Dold LLP. His practice emphasizes environmental, land use, and community issues. David received his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University. He is a graduate of the Harvard Law School where he was a co-founder and editor of the *Harvard Environmental Law Review*. He has practiced environmental and land use law throughout Washington State since 1979. David was closely involved in the development of the Washington Growth Management Act. He is a past president and director of the Washington Environmental Council, former co-chair of the Washington Conservation Voters, and a founding member and director of Futurewise (formerly 1000 Friends of Washington). He and his family are long time residents on Bainbridge Island.

HILARY FRANZ is a Bainbridge Island City Council member. She has practiced environmental and land use law in Washington State for over 13 years, representing local governments, non-profit organizations, and citizens on a broad range of real estate, land use and environmental law issues, including the Growth Management, Shoreline Management, and State Environmental Policy Acts. Hilary is a graduate of Smith College and Northeastern University Law School. She presently serves on the Puget Sound Partnership Salmon Recovery Council, the Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board, and the Washington State Climate Action Team SEPA IWG. She also serves on the boards of the Washington Environmental Council and Conservation Northwest. Hilary lives with her husband and three young boys on an old historical farm in Port Madison

HEATHER TRIM is the Urban Bays and Toxics Program Manager for People For Puget Sound. She has more than 20 years of experience in environmental work. Heather moved to Seattle in 2001 and joined People For Puget Sound in 2002. She works on reducing toxic pollution and protecting shoreline health in Puget Sound and also focuses on a range of Seattle issues – waterfront, habitat, stormwater, and landuse.

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Harry Elfe, who has championed a few causes in his own way, said Rachel could be a dynamo.

"She was amazing when she got started on something," he said. "She came within one vote of getting a state park at Blakely Harbor. She was also an absolute sweetheart."

Wright said her old friend was known for her gentle wit and humor, but she could be tough when she saw something worth fighting for.

"She was the first woman I knew who put community activism and following your passion above housework," Wright said. "She inspired an entire generation of young women to become strong advocates for the



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