

# PROTECT RESTORE THRIVE

## 2014

Dear friends,

Thanks to our Initiative partners - the Northwest Straits Commission and Marine Resources Committees, staff, volunteers, and you - our supporters, the Northwest Straits Foundation made measurable progress towards its mission to protect and restore the health of the marine ecosystem through science-based restoration and stewardship, enhancing collaboration and growing resources for the work of the Northwest Straits Initiative.

These highlights share a snapshot of the many ways the Foundation invests gifts from people like you to affect a legacy of positive change in our marine environment that will last for generations. If you would like to read more, please contact us and we will send you a copy of our complete annual report.

Thank you for your continued support.

With gratitude,



Joan Drinkwin

Interim Executive Director

## habitat restoration and protection



**West Beach Creek as it drains into President Channel. This shoreline is among the highest priority nearshore habitats for juvenile salmon in San Juan County.**

Salmon will again be able to swim up **West Beach Creek** on Orcas Island following the removal of a 40-year old fish passage barrier, and forage fish will have access to new spawning beaches of **Cornet Bay** in Deception Pass State Park. These are examples of six projects to restore over 2,000 linear feet and 1.9 acres of shoreline habitat in four counties that the Foundation is managing in partnership with Marine Resources Committees.

## community engagement



**Foundation-sponsored workshops engaged 184 citizens in six communities to build awareness about oil spill preparedness, plus 72 people how to capture and care for oiled wildlife, like this surf scoter, in the event of an oil spill in their community.** photo by B. Inaglory

One hundred twenty shoreline property owners in three counties participated in **'Living with the Coast'** workshops to learn about shore processes, management options and the negative effects of shoreline armoring. The program's success has earned the Foundation funding to expand the **Shoreline Armoring Reduction Program** to all seven MRC communities with a goal to remove and soften shoreline armoring through shoreline landowner education, site visits, design and permitting assistance.

## marine resources committee support



**Cathy Stanley, Simon Geerlofs and Keeley O'Connell, Snohomish MRC members, were among 120 volunteers to benefit from the Foundation-sponsored annual MRC conference last year. Collective wisdom gained at the annual conference has resulted in action to protect, restore and steward more than 100 acres of marine habitat in the Salish Sea.**

The Foundation brought in more than \$1 million to invest in projects that benefit people and marine ecosystems in our MRC communities. We partnered with all seven Marine Resource Committees to identify fourteen new projects and qualify eleven of these for funding. Ten project proposals were awarded, including \$500,000 for new projects managed jointly with MRCs. Working together, Foundation staff help to manage day to day project activities, facilitates work with contractors, ensures that the terms of funders are met, and follows projects through to successful completion.

## board of directors

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## derelict gear



More than 400 derelict fishing nets and 750 abandoned crab pots were removed from the region's waters last year, bringing the total recovered to more than 5,300 nets and 3,700 crab pots.

The Foundation earned the SeaDoc Society's prestigious **Salish Sea Science Prize** in recognition of our work removing derelict gear from the Salish Sea and documenting the positive impact to marine animals and habitats. New activities include a **crab escapement study** to address the problem of crab mortality in derelict crab pots, and to inform a strategic approach to crab pot loss in Puget Sound. We continued to maintain a **no-fault retrieval program** to ensure that newly lost nets do not become derelict.

## gratitude



Lenny Corin, Island MRC and Foundation board member, was among those who spoke at the dedication.

We gathered to thank our partners and funders and to celebrate our successes. "We have created a model and an educational opportunity," said **Jack Hartt**, Park Manager at **Deception Pass State Park**, of the restored natural beach at **Cornet Bay** to 60 guests who attended our public celebration in September.

All photos by Northwest Straits Foundation unless otherwise noted.

*Ninety-two percent of the funds received by the Northwest Straits Foundation are invested in education, stewardship and restoration.*

Please contact us if you would like a copy of our complete, audited financial statements.



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## statement of financial position

June 2014

### Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 686,677
Grants and receivables	342,523
Inventory & prepaid expenses	2,407
Deposits	1,035
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$1,036,343</b>

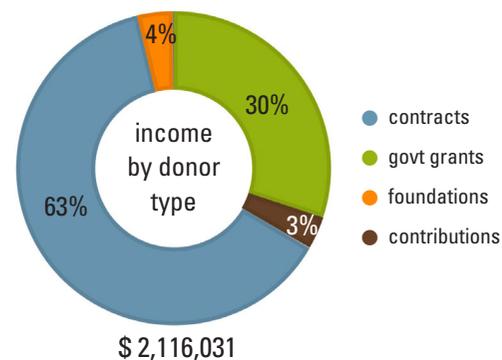
### Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 606,988
Deferred revenue	245,077
Funds held for MRCs	45,103
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 897,168</b>

### Net Assets

Unrestricted	
Operating	\$ 73,380
Cash reserve	40,000
Temporarily restricted	24,795
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>139,175</b>
<b>Total liability and net assets</b>	<b>\$1,036,343</b>

## sources of funds



## uses of funds

