

Friends of Skagit Beaches is a 501(c)3 non-profit group founded by graduates of the WSU Skagit County Beach Watchers program. These volunteers are your friends and neighbors who have pledged to work with various schools groups and partner organizations to help people understand the saltwater world around them.

Friends will be actively supporting the efforts of the WSU Skagit County Beach Watchers to clean up, monitor and restore the shorelands around Skagit County. We will assist financially to make the public aware of the impact of human activities on Puget Sound and the Salish Sea.

How people behave has a huge impact on the health of all of earth's systems.

Handy tips:

Use escape cord (cotton twine 1/8" or less) to close the escape door on your crab pot. The cord will rot away in a few weeks if the pot should be lost and will allow the escape of any crabs trapped in the pot.

Wash your car at a commercial car wash or someplace where the wash water drains to a vegetated area, not directly into a storm drain. The detergents and waxes we use are quite harmful to fish.

Handle those undersized and female crabs carefully. They aren't as tough as they look. Throwing them back can kill or maim them.

Cover photo by Ivar Dolph:
WSU Beach Watcher and Friends member Matt Kerschbaum shows a youngster around the intertidal neighborhood.

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*Protecting Skagit County
shorelines through
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Photo by Erica Pickett

Beach Watchers make their annual trip to the DNR beach at Samish Island to measure the slope of the beach and to record the organisms living there. Besides providing a good exercise in identification skills, this monitoring will build a baseline record of local organisms which may be consulted in the event of, for example, restoration work required after an oil spill.



photo by Jean Bailey

Barbara Martyn-Godfrey, a WSU Skagit County Beach Watcher of the 2005 class, shows off local seaweeds from her beach on Similk Bay during Fidalgo Bay Day. Barbara also taught visitors just how many of the items we use every day contain seaweed extracts. Paint, toothpaste, and cake frosting are just a few examples.



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Our part of the saltwater world is connected to a huge watershed area which stretches across the border between the U. S. and Canada. This large basin is called the Salish Sea.

Our individual choices and actions affect local beaches, the entire Salish Sea ecosystem and beyond.

Friends of Skagit Beaches will support WSU Skagit County Beach Watchers with their education, research and stewardship activities.

For more information call Betty Carteret at (360)299-8553 or email us at: friends@skagitbeaches.org

Visit us at www.skagitbeaches.org

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