

Southern Resident Orca Forum

STATUS, RECOVERY RECOMMENDATIONS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

January 8, 2019 • 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Bellingham Cruise Terminal • 355 Harris Ave, Bellingham, WA



The population of our Southern Resident Orcas has declined significantly since 1995 prompting their listing under the Endangered Species Act.

Please join the community in learning about the status of these iconic whales and the latest recommendations from the Governor's Southern Resident Killer Whale Recovery Task Force.

Perspectives from various Task Force members and information on engaging in the upcoming state budget process essential to efforts will be provided.

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Agenda

5:00 - 5:30 pm **Registration and Check in**

5:30 - 5:35 pm **Welcome and Overview**

5:35 - 6:00 pm **Orca Biology and Status**

- Lynne Barre – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

6:00 - 6:25 pm **Task Force Origin, Recommendations, Next Steps**

- Bradley Smith, PhD, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission, Task Force Member

6:25 - 7:30 pm **Key Sectors share perspectives on most important recommendations and those that were the most challenging**

- Bradley Smith, PhD - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Agriculture
- Tribal
- Boating and Recreational Fisheries
- Brendan Flynn, Commercial Fisheries

7:30 - 7:45 pm **Next Steps – Legislative Budget Process & Input Opportunities**

- Raquel Crosier – WDFW legislative coordinator

7:45 pm **Closing Comments**

Forum Planning Team

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