

Minutes for the Whidbey Beach Watchers Monthly Meeting 10/20/14  
10AM-12PM at Coupeville Library

**Charlie Seablom**, meeting Facilitator, started the meeting by asking for a volunteer to facilitate the next meeting, and **Sue Salvesson** volunteered. The next monthly BW meeting will be in Freeland at WhidbeyTel conference room on November 10 from 10AM-12PM.

**Stinger Anderson** - asking for volunteers to help clean up the beaches. The increase in storms is bringing in more trash to the beaches and he needs additional help. Please check out Drew's List or contact Stinger at WSU to find out the latest schedule.

**Ingri Johnson** announced that the Whidbey BW holiday party will be December 11 at the Nordic Lodge on Jacob Road from 5PM-9PM. She would appreciate help in planning, in setting up the silent auction and raffle, swag making and cleanup. She also needs items and experiences donated for the silent auction. Please contact Ingri Johnson if you can help with the party or have something to donate.

**Bill Young** recommended a book by Michael Pollan called **Second Nature** as a good read. He also said that the BWAC is looking for folks to volunteer for the Screening committee to help select folks to serve on the Advisory Council [BWAC] as well as volunteers to serve on the BWAC. He is helping with the Science Olympics to be held at Coupeville High School and would appreciate some help. Those of you who enjoy working with high school students should contact Bill Young.

The **Whidbey Steering Committee (WSC)** is looking for future program ideas. If any of you have heard presentations or have seen videos that you think the rest of the beach watchers might enjoy, please let a WSC member know. See the list of WSC members at <http://beachwatchers.net/web/teams/wsc-whidbey-steering-committe/>

**Barb** mentioned that a **Strategic Planning Meeting** for all Whidbey Island Beach Watchers will be held at the Nordic Hall on Nov. 13th from 9AM to 4PM. This is your opportunity to help map out the future of the Island County Beach Watcher program. Refreshments will be provided. Please make an effort to attend.

**Wendy Visconty** is a member of the fund raising/development team. They have created a brochure announcing the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beach Watcher program. The brochures have been mailed to all members. Please be generous and donate to the program.

**Nicole** again reiterated the importance of entering all of your volunteer hours. If you need help doing this, please contact Nicole Luce or Jill Hein for assistance.

**Barb** announced that the graduation for the class of 2014 will be held on Oct. 30 from 9-1 at the Coupeville Recreation Hall. Graduating new BWs will be making their presentations which are always enjoyable and informative. If you plan on coming, please RSVP to Barb so she can make sure they have enough lasagna available.

**Beach Watcher Annual Meeting** -Mark your calendars for Jan. 15, from 10am-2pm at the WSU facility in Mt. Vernon.

**Barb** has been writing grants trying to get additional money for the beach watcher program. She has applied for 3 so far. They include a grant for environmental education to target the Navy in Oak Harbor, another is for water quality testing in conjunction with Island County and the last is to try and get money from the Chamber of Commerce and the Front Street Merchants for updating the display in the Coupeville Wharf.

**The MRC will again present a "Coastal Volunteer of the Year" award.** Be thinking about who you would like to volunteer for the award.

**Barb** responded to a question about management of the docent program at the Admiralty Head Lighthouse. The State Park system will begin coordinating this program when the current agreement with WSU Ext. and Island County ends on 12/31/14. WSU Island County Beach

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Watchers (Barb) and Waste Wise (Janet Hall) will still have rent-free offices in the lighthouse as long as both programs provide interpretation at Ft. Casey. We will have to find another place to store our Beach Watcher items that are currently stored in the basement. If you have ideas of storage locations, let Barb know.

**Charlie Seablom** has lead 2 hikes out to Dungeness Spit Lighthouse and will lead another this fall if there is interest. Contact Charlie if you are interested in hiking Dungeness Spit to the lighthouse.

**Sound Waters- Nicole** is requesting help putting together an artistic display for this year's Sound Waters. Please contact either Nicole Luce or Mary Hulbert if you are interested in helping out. They want it to be a snazzy display to celebrate 20 year anniversary of Sound Waters.

**Surveying for baby seastars** - If you are interested - the University of California at Santa Cruz has developed a log you can use to report your observations. Go to [seastarwasting.org](http://seastarwasting.org) to get additional information.

The Presentation was a You Tube video documentary of the Elwha Dam Removal which didn't work as planned due to wifi problems. You can watch the entire documentary [26-minutes], *Undamming the Elwha*, by going to this link - <http://youtu.be/2yM5m5-1-I0>