

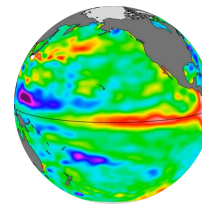


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"El Niño conditions will pour fuel on the fire of a warming world."

UN Sec.-Gen. António Guterres

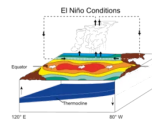


Want to get involved? Have ideas? [CONTACT Us](#)

Super El Niño



What to Expect as El Niño Approaches



Many of you likely have been following the news of a growing high-strength El Niño forming in the equatorial Pacific, forecast to impact weather **as early as next month and last for over a year**. What it will do to our region is difficult to predict but we must prepare for **increased risks**: hotter, drier summers; heat illnesses; wildfires and smoke; further reduced snowpack affecting Oak Harbor water supply and spawning salmon; more intense storms; damaged marine ecosystems and shellfish harvests; local crop losses and food shortages; shrinking aquifers. TCAT has **valuable advice when hot weather hits** [here](#). And, [South Whidbey Prepares](#) is a great source of **preparation info** and **neighborhood organization** support.

Environmental Justice Panel



Mark your calendars for July 16: **Transition is Inevitable, Justice is Not.** This evening of community and environmental justice discussion, hosted by Kicking Gas, will include a panel of local organizations and a book talk from award-winning author Sylvia G. Hadnot, *We Have Everything: Future Building. Systems for Sustainability.* WCA is eager to partner and participate in the learning and connection. Join us! Dinner included.

Thursday, July 16, 5 PM
Clinton Community Hall, 6411 S Central Ave, Clinton

Details and Tickets

Island Conversations

DOWN-TO-EARTH TALK ABOUT WHIDBEY'S FUTURE

Continuing our theme of "water is life," our June Conversation was a **life-and-death detective story about salmon and water quality.** Our guest was Amirah Casey, a graduate student with deep knowledge of the interaction of stormwater runoff, salmon survival, climate change, and the "green infrastructure" solutions we need to help restore our ecosystem. Read the [report](#) with link to her team's vivid videos and research presentation.

No Conversations in July and August.
Join us September 3 for why our electric rates are going up.

The HOAX



The WCA initiated youth climate play, *The Hoax*, is **in production!** Using your generous initial donations, playwright and director **Dr Adrienne Maclain** (a.k.a. Dr. Odd) brought the power of collaborative comedy to the drama class at **Coupeville High School** with a two-day workshop of writing and improvisational exercises around the question: **"If sea levels rose until there were no more beaches, what would you miss most?"** Dr. Odd was blown away by the youth's creativity and commitment to the material, showcasing exactly how the arts can help the next generation process climate realities with imagination and resilience. **Pledging** now will directly benefit the play and show the

support we need to obtain **grants** to continue working with the youth in the fall.

Contact Us to Pledge

Summer Action Highlights

Gas Station in Langley? Neighbors gathered to show support for the moratorium on gas stations and for establishing strong safeguards to **Keep Langley Green and Healthy**. [Contact Us to get involved](#).



Island County will hold a public hearing on adopting the **Comp Plan**. **Last chance to provide testimony!** In a related note, the BOCC on June 10 said they are not in favor of a **Climate Impacts Committee**, although would encourage all committees to factor climate into their work. [Tuesday, June 23, 10 AM](#)



Eat very local! Activist **Robin Greenfield** will share his experience of **foraging 100%** of his food and medicine for an entire year. [Thursday, June 25, 6-9 PM](#)



Whidbey Island has an abundance of organizations dedicated to the **common good**. 30 of those groups have been filmed by **Jerry Milhon** and his team at **Thriving Communities**. Several locations will be showing the films. [Thursday, August 13-15](#)



WHIDBEY CLIMATE FUND

The Fund will be open for **applications again in September**. Local non-profits are encouraged to consider a proposal for their **community building and climate resilience projects**. See [here](#) for last year's awards. Donate now to fund even more projects this year!

Thank you for contributing!

DONATE



ACT NOW!

WEAN protects Whidbey ecosystems and brings the community together for education and action. Check out their [ACT NOW](#) page, and [podcasts](#).



LISTEN to Youth!

USL uplifts youth voices around climate action, equity, educational reform, intersectionality, and social justice issues.



RECYCLE Your Food Scraps!

Whidbey Compost Collective is now open to individual memberships for food scraps drop-off! Don't send them 400 miles to the dump, return those nutrients to the soils right here. See [website](#) for additional services and commercial offerings.



REPURPOSE Your "Trash"!

If you can't reduce it and it's not recyclable, repurpose it with [rePurpose Whidbey](#). Check out their membership, accepted materials, drop-off hours, and other services.



PREPARE Yourself!

South Whidbey Prepares helps neighborhoods organize themselves for when disaster strikes and EMS cannot respond.

[CONTACT SWP](#) to get prepared.

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