



Washington Association of Conservation Districts

5 Things to Know for December 22, 2022

WACD extends warm wishes to all this holiday season. We will not publish a Five Things newsletter during Christmas week. The next edition will be published on January 5, 2023.



From our house to yours, happy holidays!

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Dear Thomas,

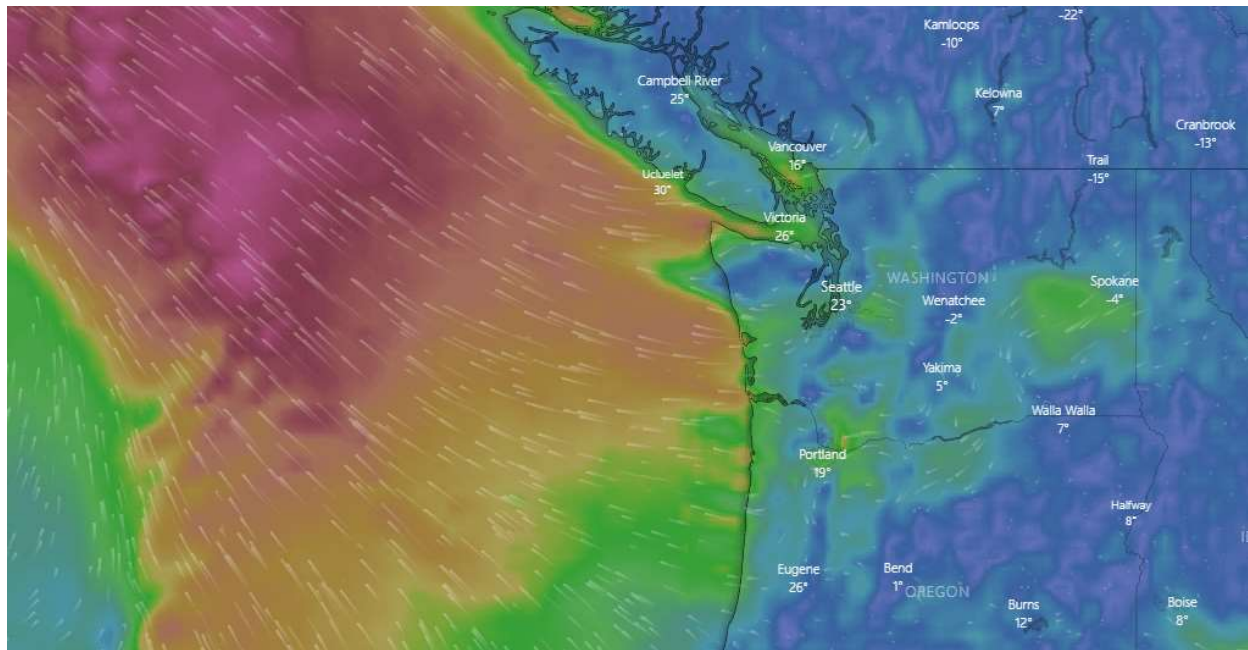
As I write this on Thursday morning, our region is being chilled with arctic air blasting down to us from the Fraser River valley (screenshot below from <https://windy.com>). The combination of

intense cold and wind is putting some strain on the power grid. My lights have been flickering this morning so I want to get this issue of the Five Things to you while I still can.

More important than the Five Things information below is this: stay safe. You matter. You are important. You are needed. Our conservation community has had a tremendous year because of your work and commitment.

On behalf of WACD, I wish you a safe, healthy, and warm holiday break!

Tom Salzer, Executive Director



1 – WACD awards announced

Congratulations to all recipients of WACD awards this year. The awards list is [published on the WACD Hub](#). WACD staff will be delivering awards by mail and in person at conservation district board meetings.

2 – Annual conference recordings available

Recordings from the WACD annual conference and business meeting are now available. Find them on the 2022 conference page under the [Recordings tab](#). Please note that technical issues resulted in no recordings for Monday's sessions but we are working to try to recover that content.

3 – WACD Legislative Day set for February 8

Washington State's Legislature convenes on January 9, 2023. WACD will hold a Legislative Day on February 8 in Olympia to help conservation districts connect with legislators. These connections can be virtual or in-person. WACD expects legislators to offer both options. If your district is interested in coming to Olympia and requires assistance scheduling appointments with legislators, [register online](#) by January 6 or [contact Ryan Baye](#).

4 – Sign-Up for WACD Legislative Updates

Starting in January, WACD will be releasing a weekly newsletter dedicated to legislative information. It will be dedicated to tracking bills of interest to WACD and its member districts. The newsletter will include hints on participating in the legislative process along with general legislative news from our lobbyist Brynn Brady. If you aren't already a subscriber, we encourage you to make this one of your New Year's resolutions and [join our legislative email list](#)

5 – Five Things to know about the PMC

An enjoyable year-end summary is provided this week by Jim Brown, Director of Nursery Operations at the WACD Plant Materials Center. Jim offers an [A-to-Z description](#) of calendar year 2022 plus some photos of the snow-covered fields at the PMC.

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