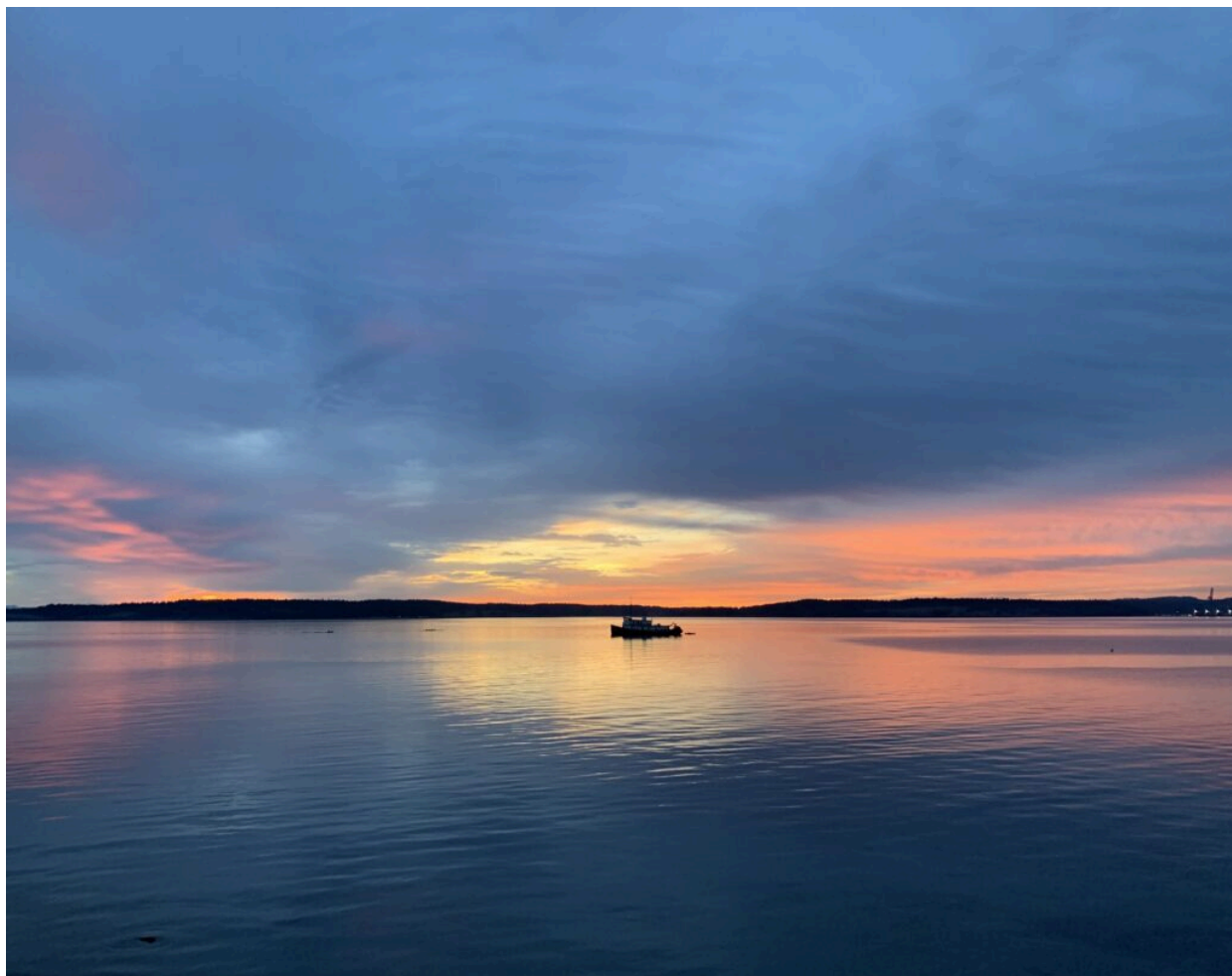




Washington Association of Conservation Districts

Five Things to Know for November 5, 2024

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Area meetings are a wrap!

Thank you to all of the Conservation Districts who hosted and conservation district supervisors, staff and partners who participated!

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Five Things to Know

1. WACD Conference Registration & Hotel Deadlines!

Registration Information

It is time again for the WACD Annual Meeting, where Washington's conservation districts gather to meet, discuss the issues affecting the membership, and vote on the direction of your state association. This year's theme is "Common Sense Conservation," a nod to Conservation Districts' ability to implement local problem-solving, for local people, on local landscapes.

Registration for the Annual Conference on Monday and Tuesday and for the Business Meeting on Wednesday, whether you're planning to participate online or in-person, can all be done on one form – [just click here](#).

WACD is offering a single price for conference registration and meals at \$500 per person. The cost to attend virtually will be \$75 per person. If your district sends 3 or more supervisors to attend in person, your entire district can attend virtually for only \$75.

Regular Registration Ends - November 22nd

Hotel Accommodations

WACD is excited to be hosting our 2024 Annual Conference and Business Meeting at the Northern Quest Casino this year from Monday, December 2nd to Wednesday, December 4th. We've secured a group rate at the state per diem amount of \$126 for conference attendees.

To secure the discounted rate, you will have to call the Northern Quest Casino's Reservation Department at 1-877-871-6772 and reference either the "Washington Association Conservation Conference" group rate or mention the Group Discount ID 29908. You can only utilize the discount over the phone, it will not be possible to make hotel reservations with the group discount online.

Room Reservation Block Expires - November 8th

Keep an eye on our [2024 Annual Conference webpage](#) for all our conference information.

2. Thank You Area Directors & Area Director Opportunities

WACD would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Area Directors that served in 2024: Jack Clark (Benton CD), Lisa Zaborac (Grays Harbor CD), Jerry Kolke (Clark CD) and Jeff Schibel

(Lincoln Co. CD). We would also like the conservation community to join us in welcoming our new directors:

- SW Area Director Bruce McDonald, Lewis CD
- SW Area Director Heather Smith, Grays Harbor CD
- NE Area Director Sara Schlake, Spokane CD

We have two Area Director Openings! If you know of a supervisor who would be interested in serving in the SC Area or the SE Area please reach out to WACD staff: oly@wacd.org

3. HR Services for Conservation Districts

WACD's Shared Resources Workgroup identified Human Resources (HR) as a need for conservation districts. Thanks to Enduris (*and Joe Davis*) in partnership with Associated Industries districts now have access to HR services at a reduced rate. As part of this partnership, Enduris members are eligible for:

- Access to Associated Industries' Executive Membership under their Legacy Pricing, offering a 30-35% discount on regular Executive membership dues.
- 25% off Basic membership dues annually
- A full suite of HR tools and resources, including Salary Benchmarking, Job Description Builder, Employee Cost Calculators, and compliance-focused webinars.

For more information visit: <https://www.enduris.us/associated-industries/>

4. WDFW Wildlife Diversity Grants

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is accepting grant applications beginning Nov. 1 for up to \$400,000 in funding for projects designed to benefit some of Washington's most imperiled wildlife. Grant proposals are due **Jan. 19, 2025**.

"WDFW's Wildlife Diversity Grant Program is an impactful program to benefit and equip our conservation partners advance recovery actions for a suite of at-risk fish and wildlife species in Washington," said Jenna Judge, WDFW assistant wildlife diversity division manager. "We're excited to announce the second round of funding for this program, to continue to expand our collaborative partnerships to implement recovery actions for Washington wildlife and gather necessary data to inform land use and habitat management decisions."

WDFW has approximately \$2 million in wildlife diversity grant funding to award for the 2025-2027 biennium and anticipates supporting ten to 15 projects by awarding a minimum of \$40,000 and a maximum of \$400,000 per project.

Applicants who are affiliated with public, non-profit, academic, or tribal entities are eligible to submit proposals. Project work must occur between July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027. Interested applicants can find more information about the grant opportunity, project eligibility requirements, and steps to apply on the [WDFW website](#).

5. Envirothon Auction Alert!

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Soliciting Donations for WACD's Annual Meeting Auction

December 3rd 6-8PM
Northern Quest Resort & Casino
Spokane, WA

All proceeds benefit the
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team on their way to
Nationals.

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make a donation contact:

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6. Bonus Item: WACD Webinar Series

WACD is hosting a series of **free webinars** showcasing a variety of conservation experts leading up to the WACD Annual Meeting. Join us on **November 19th & 20th** to hear from experts on a variety of topics including the *Benefits of Soil Moisture Sensors for Plant Growth and*

Irrigation Management, Long-term Invasive Annual Grass Control with Rejuvra Herbicide, and more.

Presentations are still being added, the webinars are free but you must pre-register. To learn more visit: <https://wadistricts.us/annual/2024meetings/conference/#Presentations>

Upcoming Events

2024

- **November 7:** [State Technical Advisory Committee Meeting](#)
 - **November 18:** [WACD Board of Directors Meeting](#)
 - **November 19 - 20:** [WACD Webinar Series](#)
 - **December 2 - 4:** [WACD 2024 Annual Conference & Business Meeting](#)
 - **December 5:** [SCC Regular Meeting](#)
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2024 Area Meetings

In lieu of a column this week, please enjoy this photo collage from our Area Meeting travels. We look forward to seeing many of you in December at the 2024 WACD Annual Meeting!



We'd like to hear from you

As always, we'd like to receive your ideas and questions. Please contact us at oly@wacd.org. Emails sent to that address reach the entire Executive Office team!



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