



Washington Association of Conservation Districts

Five Things to Know for February 7, 2025

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Five Things To Know

1. 2025 WACD Leg Day Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who braved the snow and the roads to come to Olympia. From all appearances, this year was incredibly successful for our membership in terms of experience and ease of accessibility with their legislators. We hope to translate all your hard work into better budget and policy outcomes.

2. Rates and Charges Bill Testimony

Thank you to the people who testified or signed in with their support to the committee hearings for [SB 5510](#) and [HB 1488](#) this week. If you want to see our people describe how important this bill is to their district, click below.

Tuesday, February 4

[Senate Ways & Means Committee Hearing Testimony Link](#)

Thursday, February 6

[House Finance Committee Hearing Testimony Link](#)

3. WACD Legislative Day Follow-Up

For those who plan to send follow up information to their legislators after Leg Day, or plan to contact your legislators again later in the session via email, here are the electronic versions of the hand outs from this week for your potential use.

- [WACD 2025 Legislative Priorities](#)
- [WACD - CDs 101 One-pager Audience A](#)
- [WACD - CDs 101 One-pager Audience B](#)
- [WACD - CDs 101 Talking Points \(with Spanish translation\)](#)
- [WACD - CTA One-Pager](#)

- [2025 SCC Decision Packages](#)
- [2025 Decision Packages summary_page](#)
- [RGP Handout](#)
- [WSRRI Handout](#)
- [CWR Handout](#)

4. Comment Now on the Proposed Listing of Two Species

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is currently accepting comments on the proposed listing of two species under the Endangered Species Act.

(proposed Endangered) –

The Service particularly seek comments concerning threats and conservation actions affecting the species; its biology, range, and current status; and reasons as to whether or not designation of critical habitat for the species may be prudent. The proposed listing rule, supporting materials, and information on how to submit comments can be found on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) by searching for docket number FWS-R7-ES-2024-0117.

(proposed Threatened) –

The Service particularly seek comments concerning threats and conservation actions affecting the species, and whether they should include an exception for the use of pesticides and, if so, what measures are reasonable, feasible, and adequate to reduce or offset pesticide exposure for monarchs. Information about how to submit comments can be found on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) by searching for docket number FWS-R3-ES-2024-0137.

5. WACD's IT Help Desk

Just a reminder, Districts are eligible for 1 hour of free tech support from Olympia Computer. Their services include:

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- and much more.....

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2025

- [NACD Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT](#)
 - [WACD Board of Directors Meeting](#)
 - [WACD Board of Directors Meeting](#)
 - [SCC Meeting, Grays Harbor](#)
 - [NACD Spring Fly-In](#)
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Executive Corner

Leg Day Memories

Here are some of of the photos from Wednesday.



Thank you to Senator Chapman for letting us lead him away from his own breakfast to join ours.



District Supervisors and Staff listening intently.



Proof of our best attended Leg Day in recent memory.



The weather couldn't decide if it was snowing or not for most of Wednesday.

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!

Always yours for conservation,



Latest Posts on the Hub

- [Chehalis Basin Strategy in review: Restoration at Riverbend Ranch near Tenino seeks to balance nature and agriculture](#)
- [Week 3 Legislative Update](#)
- [Whitman CD Ag. Conservation Project Planner](#)
- [Mason CD Forester Position](#)
- [Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant for Cowlitz & Wahkiakum CDs](#)
- [Week 2 Legislative Update](#)

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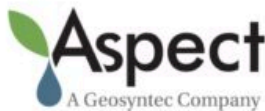
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