## **WASHINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY** 2024 Annual Report

The Washington Conservation Society (WCS), formed in 2007, is 501(c)(3) whose mission is to promote natural resource conservation efforts in Washington State by providing a philanthropic center for investments in citizen-led, voluntary-based conservation projects, activities, education, and outreach efforts.

**FY24 Activities:** During this past fiscal year WCS awarded five education mini-grants, totaling \$2,500, to support statewide natural resource education programs. WCS continued partnering with the Combined Fund Drive to increase our non-profit fundraising. In addition, we continued to use our 501(c)(3) status to support districts by acting as a pass-through entity for grants and donations. This past year we helped districts secure an additional \$13,000.

This year's Leaving a Legacy book will see the induction of one new member. This year's inductee is Paul Blau, Skagit Conservation District.

This year we will be honoring two conservationists in our state by inducting them into the Creating a Legacy program. The award winner will be announced at the WACD Annual Meeting in Spokane on Monday night at the awards banquet.

If you are interested in learning more about the Society, please contact one of our Area Directors below or visit us online at <u>http://www.waconservationsociety.org/</u>.

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