

# 2013 IMPACT REPORT

## OUR MISSION

To protect, restore, and sustain Washington's environment

## OUR WORK

Washington Environmental Council has an over forty year history of working to achieve smart environmental protections for our state. We bring people together to advance bold solutions that make Washington a better place to live and work. We focus on state level environmental policy and have played a significant role in the adoption and enforcement of Washington state's most successful environmental laws and policies - protecting our land, air, water, and quality of life.



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# OUR IMPACT



**\$220 MILLION FOR PUGET SOUND.** During the 2013 Legislative Session, our Conservation Works Priority brought together state-wide environmental groups to secure important environmental funding in the capitol budget. WEC helped secure nearly \$220 million for Puget Sound restoration and water quality improvements, \$65 million for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and \$10 million for forest health projects that improve habitat and fish passage, mitigate forest fire risks, and contain diseases that make our forests vulnerable to fire.



**STOPPING COAL EXPORT.** WEC helped ensure a comprehensive, broad environmental review for two proposed coal export terminals in Washington. With our Power Past Coal Coalition partners, WEC mobilized hundreds of thousands of citizens who raised their voices and concerns about dirty coal export through the Northwest. And the Department of Ecology listened – deciding to evaluate concerns ranging from human health impacts from coal dust, marine traffic impacts, rail traffic impacts, and greenhouse gas emissions from burning the exported coal in Asia.



**PROTECTING THE SOUND.** With overwhelming bipartisan support, WEC secured the passage of the Derelict Vessel law that prevents abandoned ships from polluting our waterways. Our state now has tools to reduce the oil spill threats from abandoned ships, including establishing funding for proper disposal and boarding allowances for Ecology to drain fuel and oil from vessels before they sink. The state has already taken steps to clean up old vessels, the attorney general is going after negligent boat owners in court, and legislative leaders are working on next steps for our oil spill prevention and clean up response systems.



**CLIMATE PROGRESS.** WEC built on Washington's tradition of climate leadership, helping to pass Governor Inslee's Climate Action law. This sets up a year-long Climate Workgroup to recommend actions to meet our climate pollution limits. Additionally, WEC supported the Pacific Coast Collaborative - the Governors from Washington, Oregon, and California and the Premier of B.C., who together represent the world's fifth largest economy - as they signed a commitment to fight climate change and build a clean energy economy.



**TOMORROW'S LEADERS.** In 2013, our internship program helped power advocacy and outreach work. From organizing weekly phonebanks to contributing to statewide doorbell days, the contributions of our 12 interns were tangible, innovative, and invaluable. It is a two-way street: our interns engaged citizens and volunteers across the state to drive positive change, while we shared tools and resources so they can continue to lead on environmental issues for decades to come.

# ENGAGEMENT

From doorbelling to meeting one-on-one with legislators to Lobby Day, citizens across the state stood up for our environment during the 2013 legislative session. Working with the Environmental Priorities Coalition, we helped Washingtonians deliver 15,931 calls and emails to our Senators and Representatives - holding them accountable to their promises to protect our environment. The unified voices of teachers, business leaders, parents, and kids made a strong call for advancing the environmental protections that matter.

15,931



Concerned citizens submitted a record 324,000 public comments in response to the two coal export terminal proposals at Cherry Point and Longview. Staff and volunteers put in countless hours to reach individuals across the state who care about the health of our communities to help prevent exportation of coal, the dirtiest fossil fuel. WEC's work with the Power Past Coal campaign, a regional powerhouse, ensured the message resounded across the state: no coal exports, we can do better.

324,000



With 150 volunteers putting in over 3,470 hours, Washington's Aquatic Reserves are getting the support they deserve! Citizen Stewardship Committees work across Puget Sound to do educational outreach and scientific monitoring on the state's five beautiful Aquatic Reserves. Partnering with local organizations, WEC helps the committees bring neighbors together to engage communities and restore the Sound to health through on-the-ground restoration and education projects.

3,470



90% of speakers at hearings for Governor Inslee's Climate Workgroup called for climate action now. Thanks to the organizing effort of WEC and our partners such as Climate Solutions and Sierra Club, thousands of vocal citizens, business leaders, and local elected officials submitted comments of support for climate action in Washington. Our growing grassroots momentum helps to ensure our state will lead in building a clean energy future!

90%



WEC continued to reach thousands of voters through our Get Out The Vote campaign in 2013. With our partners at El Centro de la Raza, we conducted bilingual phone banks and talked to 7,000 Latino voters, asking them to pledge to vote and mail in their ballots. This large bilingual GOTV program is just one part of WEC's Voter Education Program that supports our campaigns with tools to reach voters and increase citizen engagement.

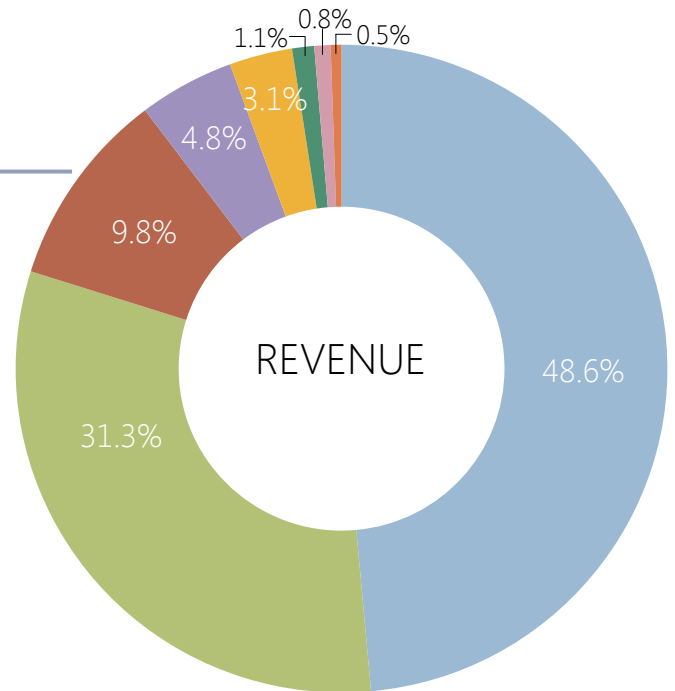
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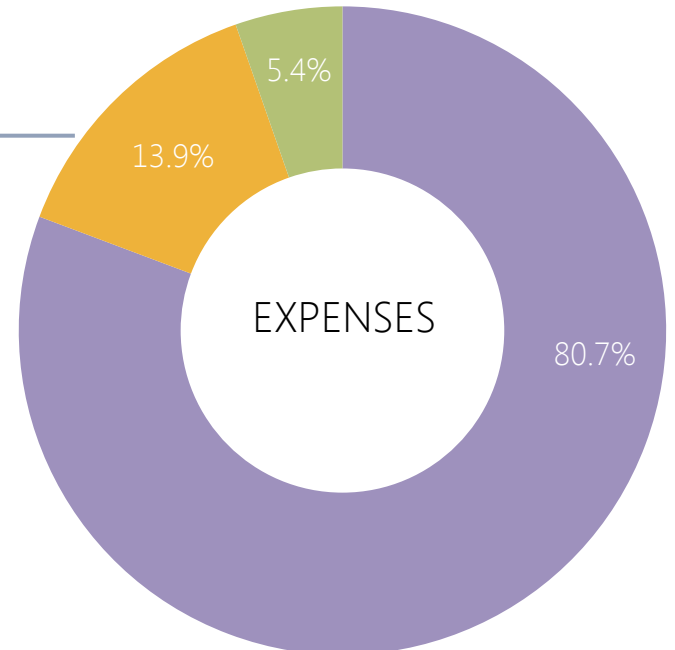
## 2013 REVENUE

Grants	\$1,110,001
Dues & Contributions	\$715,546
Events	\$224,873
Endowment Income	\$108,524
Bequests	\$71,437
Interest & Dividends	\$24,951
Workplace Campaigns	\$18,458
Reimbursements & Misc	\$12,223
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,286,013</b>



## 2013 EXPENSES

Environmental Programs	\$1,574,818
Development & Fundraising	\$271,887
Administration	\$104,458
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,951,163</b>



Net Assets Beginning	\$1,861,714
Net Assets Ending	\$2,196,566
<b>NET INCREASE IN ASSETS</b>	<b>\$334,852</b>

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