

2016 BY THE NUMBERS

100%

bad environmental bills defeated in state legislature

19

interns that support our work & organize volunteers

13.7%

increase in voter turnout in diverse neighborhoods in King County, thanks to our canvassing efforts with Washington CAN



5,000

comments in support of protecting Puget Sound from boater waste discharge

599

people celebrated Orca Month at WEC events

3x

more people reached during legislative session thanks to new technology

33,629

phone calls our volunteers made to voters in support of Sound Transit

HALF A MILLION

comments submitted in opposition to coal and oil terminals



2016

MAKING AN IMPACT TOGETHER

To us, making an impact means growing an alliance committed to environmental justice and tackling climate change. It means working with passionate forest conservationists to propose smarter and more innovative ways to protect our evergreen forests. It means teaming up with groups rooted in communities of color to engage new voters by having face-to-face conversations about environmental values. It means making recommendations on how cities and counties can better use green infrastructure to clean polluted runoff before it hits Puget Sound. **Together, we have an impact.**

EVERGREEN
FORESTS



When local groups realized most of the private forestland around them was managed by out-of-state entities, they knew something had to change. For six years, WEC has worked with these groups to develop the Nisqually Community Forest, with a mission to give local residents more of a say in how forests in the area are managed. We helped secure state funding to buy land that will be sustainably managed and create local jobs. This year, the first parcel of land for the Nisqually Community Forest has been acquired – 640 acres on the flanks of Mt. Rainier where local foresters, hikers, students, and wildlife will benefit from the community's vision and dedication.

CLIMATE
CHANGE



Climate change is impacting every Washingtonian, but in different ways. From farmers and farmworkers coping with heat waves to kids facing higher asthma rates to forest fires threatening communities, climate change forces us to consider and respond to significant new challenges. We're proud to be a driving member of the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy to bring together voices and solutions from labor unions, faith leaders, communities of color, businesses, families, and others. Together, we've put forward a dynamic, broadly-supported, and equitable policy proposal to cut pollution and invest in climate solutions, like clean energy, healthy forests, and clean, abundant water.

FOSSIL
FUELS



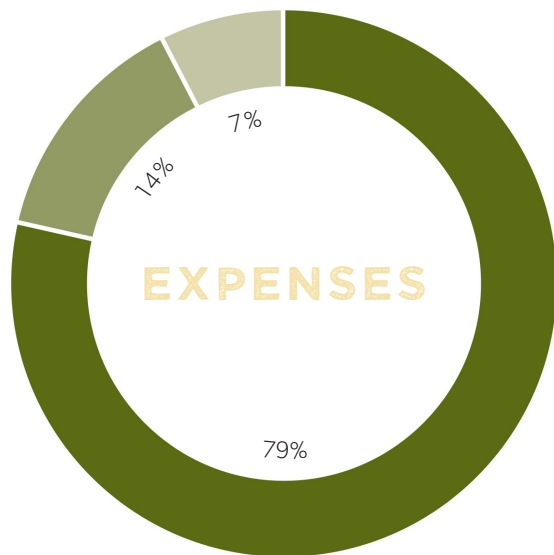
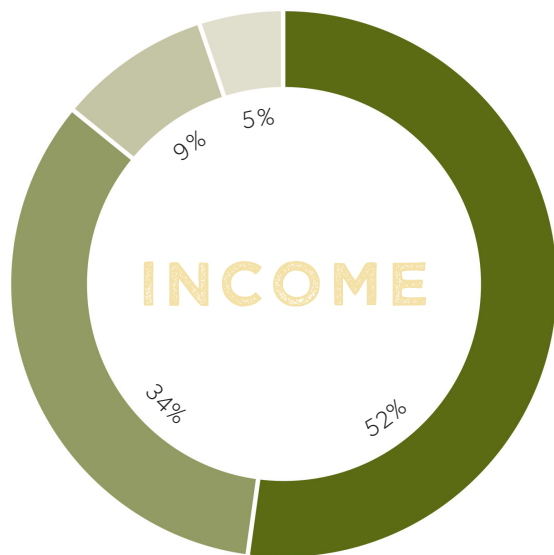
Coal and oil companies have long looked to Washington's shores to export their dirty products. WEC has been a founding member of strong and growing coalitions fighting these projects. In 2016, the hard work and persistent pressure from tribal nations, environmental organizations, community members, and others paid dividends: historic levels of public involvement against the largest coal and oil projects in North America; certain coal and oil terminals proposals stopped; and a growing movement against fossil fuels and towards clean energy. Working together, we are turning the tide!

PUGET
SOUND



Preventing and cleaning up toxic pollution in Puget Sound, our rivers, and our lands is critical not just for orcas and salmon but for our communities as well. That's why we fight for smart stormwater and pollution cleanup solutions. We're proud that our state has cleaned up over 6,000 toxic polluted sites, but funding to tackle the remaining 6,000 sites is at risk. We're convening leaders from the most impacted communities, often communities of color and low income communities, in an innovative coalition to ensure durable funding to prevent and clean up toxic pollution. Together, we're bigger, broader, and stronger for our communities and for Puget Sound.

PROTECT, RESTORE, SUSTAIN WASHINGTON'S ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL



INCOME

● Foundation Grants	\$1,440,978
● Individual Giving	\$930,194
● Bequests & Endowment Income	\$250,678
● Events	\$139,443
Total	\$2,761,293

EXPENSES

● Program	\$1,981,813
● Fundraising	\$351,909
● Administrative	\$184,656
Total	\$2,518,378

NET

Net Assets Beginning	\$4,200,485
Net Assets Ending	\$4,443,400
Net Increase in Assets	\$242,915

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WEC maintains a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the highest possible ranking.

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IMPACT REPORT

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Washington Environmental Council is a nonprofit, statewide advocacy organization that has been driving positive change to solve Washington's most critical environmental challenges for 50 years.

We collaborate and innovate with our partners – it's always team effort. When we pair our 50 years of policy expertise with coalitions of local experts, influential forces, and creative thinkers, we craft well-rounded solutions that last.

Taking care of our environment means taking care of our communities, from ensuring all Washingtonians have clean air to breathe to including all voices in creating effective and equitable policies. People across the state face a myriad of environmental challenges, but they also bring dynamic solutions and unstoppable activist energy. This powers the work we do together to protect, restore, and sustain Washington's environment for all. Explore the impact we had together in 2016.

