

# 2018-2019

# IMPACT

# REPORT

The past twelve months have been challenging, exciting, and some of the most impactful in our history. ***Together, we achieved more in this legislative session than we have in the last decade.*** From our state's new landmark 100% Clean Electricity law, to a critical overhaul in how we clean up and prevent toxic pollution, this work will have a lasting impact on our state's health and environment for years to come. Of course our work never happens overnight. The 2019 legislative session is a result of years of work by dozens of partners across our state – work that you and other WEC members help us to sustain.

Enclosed in this report you will find a breakdown of all our work over the last year and how we've put your dollars to work protecting, restoring, and sustaining Washington's environment for all. It also includes a summary of our 2018 finances so you know how your money is being put to work. Should you like to dig in deeper please visit our website, social media platforms, or simply give us a call. We always welcome a conversation with our members!

When we pair WEC's 50+ years of policy and advocacy expertise with the political expertise of our partner Washington Conservation Voters, we can craft well-rounded policy that's build to last and build the future we all want to see.



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## PUGET SOUND

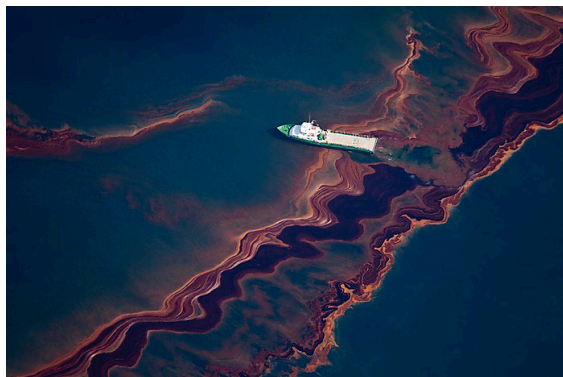
**Southern Resident orcas** We know when local orcas aren't healthy, our shared waters are in trouble. What's good for the orcas is good for us too. All our communities rely on clean and quiet waters, less toxic pollution, and more salmon. Over the last year, WEC served on the Governor's Orca Recovery Task Force, and then helped to deliver a sweeping package of legislation that addresses some of the most critical concerns for orcas: reducing vessel noise and disturbance, fighting against toxic pollution, and restoring important habitat.

**Green Infrastructure** We know that restoring Puget Sound will take all levels of government working together. That's why we reviewed and rated local governments in their efforts to address stormwater pollution through green infrastructure. As a direct result of our ratings, 25 local municipalities have now made measurable improvements to their building codes, requirements, and standards to protect water quality!

**Toxic Pollution Clean-up** WEC is also part of a joint effort to sue the US Navy for scraping thousands of pounds of toxic materials from a decommissioned aircraft carrier directly into the water, further polluting the Sinclair Inlet near Bremerton. We are committed to holding those in power responsible to be good neighbors and stewards of our environment.

**Supporting Local Fights** As we work to advance clean energy, WEC is also fighting to prevent the infrastructure that ties our region to a carbon intensive future. Through our leadership in the Stand Up To Oil, Power Past Coal, and the newly created Power Past Fracked Gas coalitions, WEC is supporting regional efforts to stand against projects like the LNG facility in Tacoma and the methanol plant in Kalama.

**Beyond Fossil Fuel** We're also fortifying the region against new fossil fuel pipelines, shipping terminals, and operating facilities so we don't lock ourselves into decades more fossil fuel use. So far we have supported local efforts to secure temporary moratoriums on fossil fuel development in Tacoma and Whatcom County. We are also working in Vancouver and Tacoma on proactive planning efforts to develop clean energy alternatives because we know that we cannot build a clean energy future by investing in the dirty energy of the past.



## CLIMATE

**Climate Legislation** We fought hard for I-1631, which would have been the nation's first carbon fee. Though the measure lost in the face of unprecedented oil industry funding, the energy and momentum it created carried over into one of our most successful legislative sessions ever. We saw major wins on issues across the board—clean energy, cleaner healthier buildings, and better efficiency standards.

**A Stronger Coalition** The partnerships developed through the ballot measure campaign were built for more than one election. The principles we established with partners in labor, communities of color, faith based groups, and health professionals became the basis for comprehensive solutions that reduce climate pollution, protect workers, and ensure those most impacted are front and center in our solutions. This framework drove improvements to legislative proposals and produced one of the nation's strongest 100% Clean Electricity policies, which has already been used as a model for federal action.

**Community Forests** To improve the health of our forests, WEC has been working to create new models of sustainable forest management, including the development of community forests. These working forests ensure local community jobs managing and sustainably harvesting the forest, buffers against pollution to ensure clean waters and streams, and a thriving forest to store pollution and provide healthy habitat. WEC is working to ensure the framework and funding is in place to support community forests across the state.

This past year WEC helped secure \$4.6 million in 2019 to help fund projects in places like Ilwaco, Chewelah, and Mt. Adams that will set a model for future work in communities across the state. We also continue to pressure the state to sustainably manage our state trust lands—especially in the face of climate change—and to protect the endangered marbled murrelet.

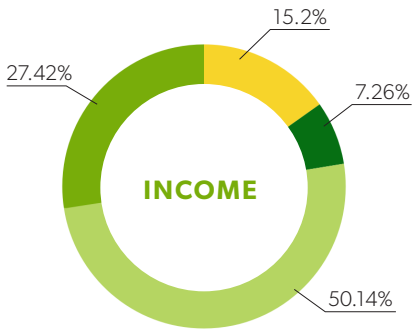
**State of Our Forests & Public Lands** To ensure we see the progress our state needs, we published our third Commissioner of Public Lands report, showing where progress is being made and where more needs to be done to protect our state's public lands and natural resources.

## EVERGREEN FORESTS

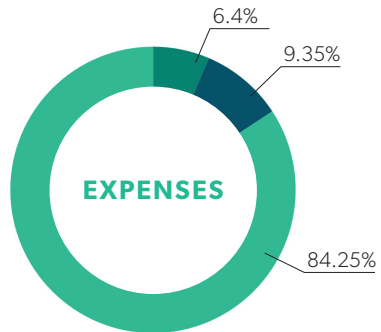
## FOSSIL FUELS



# 2018 Financials



Grants	\$2,167,688
Individual Giving	\$1,185,242
Events	\$313,777
Bequests & Endowment Income	\$656,333
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Total	\$4,323,040



Program	\$3,154,730
Fundraising	\$350,139
Administrative	\$239,757
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Total	\$3,744,626

Net Assets Beginning	\$4,991,465
Net Assets Ending	\$5,569,879
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Net Increase in Assets	\$578,414

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

# YEAR IN ACTION

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### Climate Bills Passed

**100% Clean Electricity**  
**Climate Super Pollutants**  
**Clean Transportation**  
**Clean Buildings**  
**Home Solar Fairness**  
**Appliance Efficiency**

### Orca Bills Passed

**Habitat Protection**  
**Oil Spill Prevention**  
**Vessel Noise & Disturbance**  
**Toxic Pollution Prevention**

**\$475M**

secured funding per biennium for  
toxic pollution prevention & clean-up

**\$4.6M**

secured funding for community  
forest projects in rural WA

**36,735**

emails sent to legislators

**89**

earned media hits;  
one of the most widely  
covered sessions



Chimacum Ridge community forest tour

WEC's Press Conference for Orca Recovery Package



Environmental Priorities Coalition Lobby Day

Signing of 100% Clean Electricity Bill

### Lobby Day ▼

**48** out of 49 districts  
represented

**600**  
participants

**625**  
constituent meetings

**I-1631**



**28,034**

signatures

**15,000**

voters called

**13,720**

doors knocked

**1011**

volunteer shifts

## Building Community

### for Environmental Action

From helping lead Orca Recovery Month across three states, to joining the fight against a local fracked gas project in Tacoma, WEC has worked all year to lend our capacity to the coalitions and partners in Washington ready to make meaningful change.

### ORCA ACTION MONTH

**23,000**

attendees at

**32**

events through

WA, OR, B.C.



### Earth Gay ▼

### Tacoma LNG Rally & Public Hearing ▼

