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## **Snohomish County Public Works Employees Sharing Expertise with Local Students and Peers at Regional Industry Conferences**

*Employees presenting at six different events this fall, ranging from a focus on road maintenance to climate change and more*

**EVERETT, Wash., October 19, 2017** – Employees from a variety of Snohomish County Public Works divisions are sharing their knowledge and experience with local students and industry peers this fall. Topics to be presented include the environmental recovery after the SR 530 mudslide, restoration of Smith Island estuary and the index of biological integrity in Snohomish County rivers and streams.

Recent presentations, given in October 2017, include impacts of climate change on the built environment, ever-changing chip seal practices, public assistance during a disaster, response and recovery from the SR 530 landslide and lessons learned from more than 23 years of milfoil control in lakes.

Past and future presentations given by county employees can be viewed at:

<http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/3703/Public-Works-Presentations>

Upcoming Presentations:

**Little Bear Creek Flow Effects on Benthic Index of Biotic Integrity (B-IBI) Scores**

Date: November 7, 2017

Conference: Society of Freshwater Science Pacific Northwest Chapter Meeting

Presenter: Frank Leonetti, Project Specialist, Surface Water Management

**Ecological Condition of Rivers and Streams in Snohomish County (2005-2014): Factors that Cause Variation in Benthic Index of Biotic Integrity (B-IBI) Scores**

Date: November 7, 2017

Conference: Society of Freshwater Science Pacific Northwest Chapter Meeting

Presenters: Rob Plotnikoff, Senior Habitat Specialist, Surface Water Management, and Luke Hanna, Biologist, Surface Water Management

### **The Art of Mitigation; Oso Mudslide Restoration – Natural and Manmade; Smith Island**

Date: November 30, 2017

Event: Educational Presentations for Green River Community College students

Presenters: Terri Hawke (The Art of Mitigation), Stephanie Cotton (Oso Mudslide Restoration – Natural and Manmade) and Aaron Kopp (Smith Island)

#### Recent Presentations:

### **Integrating Climate Change Considerations into Public Works Project Planning and Design in Snohomish County**

Date: October 10, 2017

Conference: Northwest Climate Conference

Presenters: Manuela Winter, Special Projects Coordinator, and Andrea Martin, Cascadia Consulting

### **Ever-Changing Chip Seal Practices**

Date: October 10, 2017

Conference: Road and Street Maintenance Supervisors' Conference

Presenter: Duane Myers, Paving Lead Worker, Road Maintenance

### **Climate Effects on Stream Flow and Strategies and Actions for Resiliency**

Date: October 11, 2017

Conference: Northwest Climate Conference

Presenter: Frank Leonetti, Project Specialist, Surface Water Management

### **Eurasian Watermilfoil Control for the Long Haul: Lessons Learned over 23 Years of Control**

Date: October 13, 2017

Conference: Washington State Lake Protection Association Annual Conference

Presenters: Katie Ruthenberg, Water Quality Analyst, Surface Water Management, and Marisa Burghdoff, Water Quality Specialist, Surface Water Management

### **Response and Recovery of SR 530 Landslide**

Date: October 16, 2017

Conference: Northwest North American Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA) Regional Conference

Presenter: Matt Zybas, Solid Waste Division Director

### **Public Assistance during a Disaster**

Date: October 18, 2017

Event: Skagit County Knowledge Share Meeting

Presenters: Steve Thomsen, Public Works Director, and Gina Hortillosa, Program Planning Supervisor

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### **About Snohomish County Public Works**

The Snohomish County Public Works Department constructs and maintains county roads; controls and manages surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversees the recycling and disposal of

solid waste. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks).