



Natural History Society Newsletter

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An Elwha Outing

Once again the Elwha flows freely from the headwaters in the Olympic Mountains to the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Join us for a walking tour on **Tuesday, October 7 at 9:00 am** to witness the changes along the river and the awesome delta that was created from the sediment behind the dams. Already the Elwha River has replenished the coast, restored the ecosystem and diversity of plants and animals, allowed the migration of spawning salmon, and is restoring the traditional culture of the Elwha Tribe. Our leader on this walking tour will be Ian Miller, Ph.D, Coastal Hazards Specialist, Washington Sea Grant. The tour will be limited to 12 people. For reservation, directions, and carpooling information contact Dick Stockment at: 360-775-4790 or rstockment@aol.com.

*Grey is the price
of neighboring with eagles,
of knowing
a mountain's vast presence,
seen or unseen.*

from poem "Settling," by
Denise Levertov

Wolf Talk

Join the JLT Natural History Society and Western Wildlife Outreach for an entertaining evening of “Wolf Talk” on **Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 pm** in The Cotton Building, 607 Water St., PT. David Moskowitz, well-known wildlife tracker and author of *Wolves in the Land of Salmon*, will discuss his recent participation in the Wolf OR-7 Expedition following a young male gray wolf. Six stalwart participants, including Moskowitz, retraced the approximate track generated by the GPS collar worn by the infamous Oregon wolf known as Wolf OR-7 who traversed over 1,200 miles through Oregon and into California, to become the first and only documented free-roaming wolf in California in nearly 90 years. And he is still out there !

David will be joined by local carnivore experts, Lorna and Darrell Smith from the non-profit Western Wildlife Outreach, a Port Townsend based wildlife organization focused on furthering understanding and acceptance for large carnivores like cougars, bears and wolves. They will discuss Washington’s recovering gray wolf population and how their organization is promoting ways in which humans and carnivores can coexist.

Book Club

The Natural History Society Book Club will meet on **Monday, October 27, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm** to discuss *In Earshot of Water: Notes from the Columbia Plateau* by Paul Lindholdt. RSVP to Chris for location at JLTnatural@saveland.org. A list of past books read by the Book Club and other resources about natural history are available on our website, <http://jltnatural.org/>.

Darrell’s photo of wolf; Wendy’s photos of Rocky Mountain Parnassian butterfly, Pacific Wren nest, and Chum Salmon.



Our Mission:

To foster active exploration, appreciation, understanding, and conservation of the diverse natural environments of the Olympic Peninsula and beyond.