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Conservancy



Protecting nature. Preserving life.™

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FOR THE FUTURE, WE NEED THE CHILDREN

“The strongest human emotion anybody has is their sense of place.”

-Harriet Bullitt

Dear Friends,

Fifty years ago, a small group of visionary people organized a Washington Chapter of The Nature Conservancy to ensure that the beauty and bounty all around us survives and thrives for all time. You joined as a member and a supporter of the Conservancy to save the diversity of life in the rich and varied habitats found in our state. Because of your efforts, your grandchildren will enjoy many of the same pleasures in the out-of-doors that you did as a child.

Because of you, and almost 100,000 Conservancy members over the years in Washington, more than

- 23,000 acres of coastal rainforests have been conserved.
- 350 river miles that feed our treasured Puget Sound have been preserved.
- 30,000 acres of sagelands have been preserved.
- 1.6 million acres of east Cascades forestlands are being managed for long-term health.
- 100 nature preserves have been established by the Conservancy in Washington.

Although you have done so much, we ask you to do one more thing. We ask you to teach your children and grandchildren to emulate what you have done. We ask you to instill in the coming generations the importance of the natural world for our mental and physical lives. Teach them what it takes to protect it. Teach them to support organizations that are working to ensure long-term protection and stewardship of our planet.

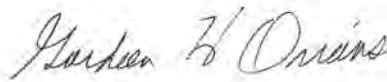
Introduce your children and grandchildren to the value of being a Nature Conservancy member. Buy them memberships for a few years until they get in the habit of doing it for themselves. Show them that they can make a difference in the next 50 years, as you and others like you have done for the last 50. Pass on your commitment and passion for nature to the next generations.

Thank you for all you have done for the natural environment we all strive to maintain. We hope you enjoy this special photography issue celebrating the incredible diversity around us.

Sincerely,



KAREN ANDERSON
Washington director



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Washington board chair

What do we have to gain by
taking on our greatest
challenges?

Everything.



Washington's Salmon Coast



OCEANS

Identifying and protecting the most important ocean habitats for generations of people, salmon and marine life.

FORESTS

Restoring thousands of acres of coastal forest so people can work while wildlife thrives and rivers stay wild.

RIVERS

Protecting the best places for salmon along our most important coastal rivers.



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In this part of the world, nature runs on salmon. By restoring these forests, you can secure a healthy future for fisheries, forestry and local traditions.



© Brett Cole

On the coast we have a rare opportunity to
preserve wild places and the rhythms of nature.

Extraordinary beauty and bounty
are ours to shepherd where the forest meets the sea.

© Bill Hinton



Puget Sound Waters

© Joel Rogers



SHORES
BAYS
RIVERS

Protecting and restoring the water's edge, where people connect with our rivers and the Sound.

Ensuring our saltwater nurseries grow the wildlife we depend on for food and fun.

Restoring a balance that delivers clean water for people, salmon and other wildlife.



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The pulse of life in Puget Sound is the heartbeat of our state,
where both human and wild Washington live.

Puget Sound nurtures an incredible diversity of life,
all counting on us for their shelter and clean water.





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Harnessing the power of public policy, we can live in balance with nature, enjoying its abundance and taking pride in its care.

Eastern Washington



FORESTS Restoring hundreds of thousands of acres in our east Cascades forests, creating local jobs now and in the future.

SAGELANDS Creating incentives to restore and connect vast expanses of sage country.

WATERS Securing clean water by finding solutions to challenges facing our rivers, streams, lakes and wetlands.



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**By investing in our greatest opportunities, you can preserve
the wide open spaces and wild nature of eastern Washington.**



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Nature provides our best playgrounds,
where you can still find wildlife in wild places.

Guided by science, we can ensure that people will always benefit from the healthy forests, sagelands and waters of eastern Washington.

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CANADA NORTH AMERICA



British Columbia's Great Bear Rainforest is a land of old-growth forests and rich salmon streams. The Conservancy is helping to protect more than 20 million acres of this, the largest remaining coastal temperate rainforest on Earth.

LOCAL FOCUS — GLOBAL REACH

Galapagos Islands

CHILE

The Valdivian Coastal Reserve is a remnant of millennia past, when it was connected to the forests of New Zealand and Australia. Working with local people, the Conservancy helped create the nearly 150,000-acre reserve.



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CHINA

Four hundred million people depend on the Yangtze River for fresh water, and generations have relied on the river's fish. Now China turns to the river to electrify the world's fastest-growing economy. The Conservancy is working with the Chinese government, hydropower companies and nonprofits to develop sustainable alternatives for dams planned for the river.



AFRICA

In Africa, local people are driving a new conservation movement. In Tanzania, the Conservancy is partnering with the Jane Goodall Institute, Frankfurt Zoological Society, Tanzania National Parks and local communities to conserve forests and wildlife.



Micronesia

AUSTRALIA

These indigenous dancers are celebrating the declaration of two new protected areas that together span 5 million acres. The Warddeken and Djelk Indigenous Protected Areas are protected by a partnership between the Conservancy, Pew Environment Group, Australian government and indigenous landholders, and managed by the indigenous people.





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The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants, animals, and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.

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