

## An Ode to the Orca

### A PNW Icon

October 17th is dedicated to #OrcaRecoveryDay. Conservation districts, non-profits, and agency partners around the state came together to take action on this critical issue. Shore Friendly Kitsap is proud to have been a part of these efforts! Now more than ever, our planet needs our help.



Before: The shoreline covered in scotch broom, an invasive plant that harms native growth.

After: A clean shoreline with a beautiful view!



Orca Recovery Day isn't simply about one day of action, it's one day to connect us to all to the actions we can be taking everyday. Our positive impact can create change not only for orcas, but for ourselves, and other beloved PNW icons like bald eagles and salmon. One upcoming way to get involved is taking part in WSU Extension's Kitsap Salmon Tours. This is a great way to learn more about how salmon play an important role in our local environment.

### Kitsap Salmon Tours - A Month of Salmon

Washington State University Extension is taking their annual Kitsap Salmon Tours virtual this year. This will be a free, three-part webinar series hosted on Thursdays, starting October 29th! The webinars will include:

- Intro to Salmon and Their Lifecycle
- Water Quality and Salmon
- Climate Threats, Cultural, Human and Economic Aspects

You can learn more about the WSU Kitsap Virtual Salmon Tours by visiting the WSU web page or Facebook listed at the bottom of this newsletter.



### Orca Recovery Day Recap

This year, Shore Friendly Kitsap combined efforts with the Harper Stewardship Group and Kitsap County Parks Department to put on a socially distanced event for Orca Recovery Day! We had two wonderful groups of volunteers help us.

One group planted a garden with native plants around the new Harper Park sign and the other group removed a large section of invasive scotch-broom from the edge of the estuary so that native plants have room to grow and visitors have a better view.

A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers for spending a few hours helping our community in honor of Puget Sound Orcas!



### About Shore Friendly Kitsap

*Shore Friendly Kitsap is your waterfront partner.*

**Our mission is to empower Puget Sound waterfront landowners to create beautiful, environmentally friendly shorelines for themselves and generations to come.**

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