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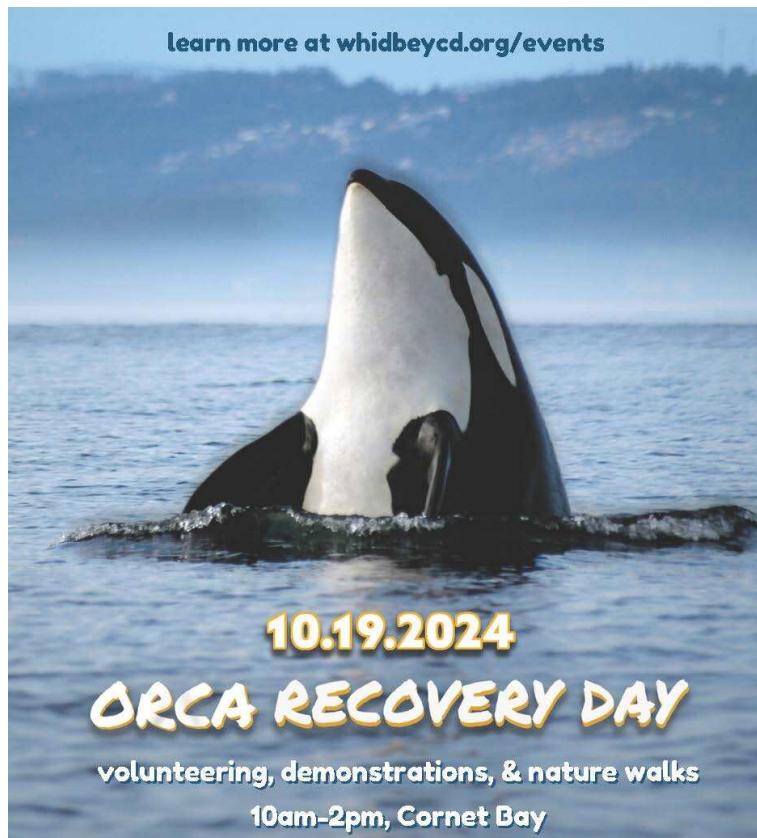


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### Announcements



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**Join us for Orca Recovery Day**

Join this year's Orca Recovery Day celebration at Cornet Bay! You can participate in several walk-and-talk events throughout the day, along with the opportunity to volunteer with shoreline restoration work. The Island County Marine Resources Committee and the Northwest Straits Foundation will be hosting a stewardship events focusing on planting and mulching to continue the great work at the Cornet Bay restoration site, including the now restored Hoypus Point.

Register for the event today by [clicking this link](#).

To learn more about salmon recovery and how it relates to Orca recovery, please check out these website from [Washington State](#) and [Island County](#).



## Shoreline Homeowner Workshop

If you own waterfront property in Island County, you may have concerns about protecting your home from sea level rise, enhancing habitats for fish, birds, and wildlife, and preserving the health of your shoreline. This workshop, tailored specifically for Island County shoreline property owners, will bring together local experts to discuss key topics, including how to boost the habitat value of your property, better understand coastal processes, and take advantage of programs and opportunities designed to support shoreline stewardship.

You'll discover practical steps to ensure your property remains resilient and enjoyable for generations to come.

Hosted in partnership with the Island County Department of Natural Resources and the Shore Friendly program, this informative session will take place at the Oak Harbor Library. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Join us on Saturday, October 5, from 11 AM to 3 PM for this valuable opportunity.

Space is limited, so please register by [clicking this link](#).

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## Programmatic Updates

### Marine Resources Committee

The Island County Marine Resources Committee (MRC) is an advisory body to county government established in 1999 and comprised of many community volunteers who represent diverse interests and industries, with the common goal to protect and restore marine resources in the Puget Sound area through scientific monitoring, restoration projects, and community education.

This meeting is held on the first Tuesday of every month from 4:00-6:00PM. For more information, visit our website by [clicking here](#).

Join using [this link via Zoom](#).

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## Citizen's Advisory Board

To ensure the properties purchased with Conservation Futures tax dollars are used in the best possible manner, the Conservation Futures Program Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) was created by the Board of County Commissioners to evaluate and make recommendations on project applications.

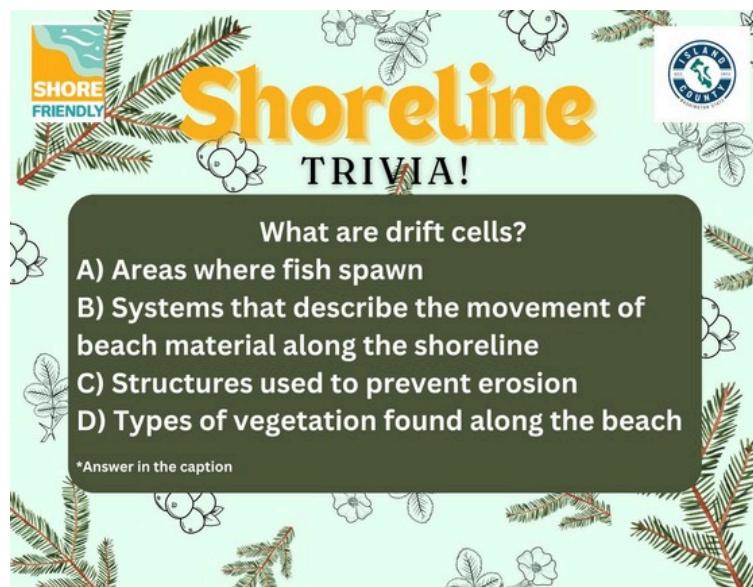
The CAB meets at 10 AM on the first Thursday of each month. You can find the Agenda and how to attend the meetings [here](#).

Use [this link](#) for more information.

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## Learn + Act

### Shoreline Trivia



The Answer is B!

### Salmon Recovery Technical and Citizen's Committee

In September the Salmon Recovery Technical and Citizen's committee meeting was replaced by a site visit to a project they had reviewed and ranked 2 years before.

For more information on this site see the Land Trust website by [clicking here](#). For information on the October meeting see the Salmon Recovery website by [clicking here](#).

### Farm May Get Special Designation

At the request of the Whidbey Camano Land Trust, Island County is considering a Comprehensive Plan amendment that would allow for the creation of a Special Review District at the Keystone Farm and Forest Preserve, a 216-acre property on Admiralty Bay. For more information, please [click through to this article in the Whidbey News-Times](#).



Thank you for your interest in Island County Natural Resources.

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