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## Natural Resources Newsletter

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### Announcements



### Marine Resources Committee Volunteer Awards

The award selection committee came together this year (2025), and after many years of expressing that we wish we could celebrate more volunteers and their hard work, we decided to update the award to "volunteers of the year". Island County has so many amazing volunteers that we want to celebrate and acknowledge.

The Jan Holmes Island County Coastal Volunteer of the Year Award is named to honor the memory of Jan Holmes, who was an exemplary marine scientist, educator and champion for stewardship of our coastal resources. Our winners this year are great examples of community members who care deeply for the marine environment and have dedicated their time to the never-ending work.

<https://www.islandcountymrc.org/projects/volunteers-of-the-year/>



## **Island County Conservation Futures Meeting are Open to the Public!**

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAB) of the Conservation Futures Program meets the first Thursday of each month and is open to the public. The CAB is working hard on the outstanding applications received for the 2025 funding cycle. More information [here](#).

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## **Programmatic Updates**

### **Marine Resources Committee Meeting (MRC)**

Held the 1st Tuesday of every month 3:00p-5:00pm

Monthly Marine Resources Committee Meeting  
WSU Extension Office  
406 N Main St., Coupeville, WA 98239

[Join us via Zoom!](#)

For more information, please visit our page: <https://www.islandcountymrc.org/>

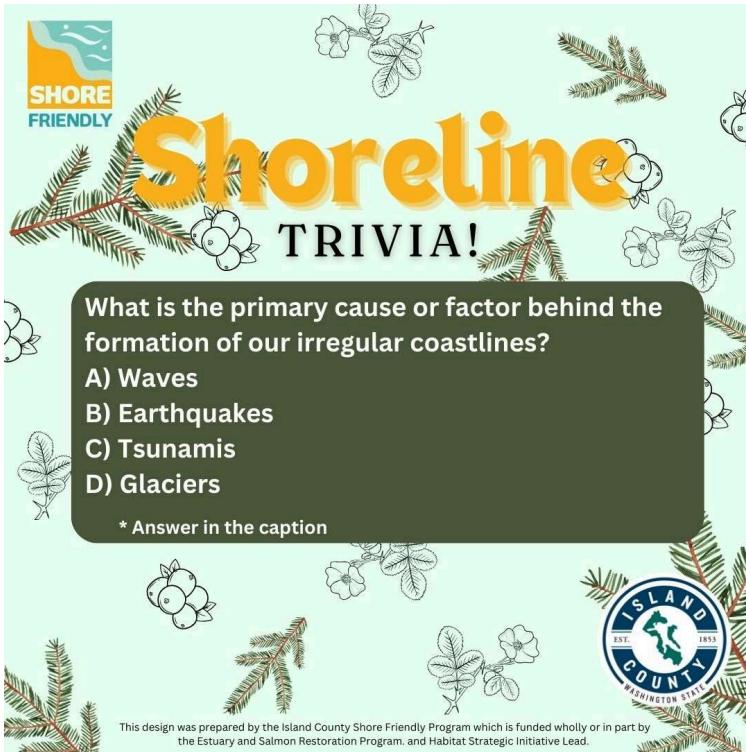
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## **Learn + Act**

### **Shoreline Trivia**

The primary goal of the Shore Friendly program is to help landowners protect their investments while maintaining healthy near-shore habitats.

[Learn more here..](#)



**SHORE FRIENDLY**

# Shoreline TRIVIA!

What is the primary cause or factor behind the formation of our irregular coastlines?

A) Waves  
B) Earthquakes  
C) Tsunamis  
D) Glaciers

\* Answer in the caption

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The Answer is D!

### Shore Friendly Plant of the Month



## Sitka Spruce

NATIVE SHORELINE VEGETATION OF THE MONTH

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Sitka spruce is a large evergreen conifer that prefers full sun and moist, well-drained soils and provides habitat for a range of birds and other wildlife.

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