

October 2020

ASCE SEATTLE OCTOBER MEETING:

SALMON RECOVERY IN THE GREEN/DUWAMISH WATERSHED

JOIN US VIRTUALLY ON TEAMS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
12:00PM - 1:00PM



Salmon Recovery in the Green/ Duwamish Watershed

Speaker: Suzanna Smith, Habitat Projects Coordinator for WRIA 9

The Green/Duwamish River winds through one of the most populated, diverse, and wealthy regions in the state; setting up a complicated and challenging backdrop to recover salmon and restore salmon habitat. Suzanna will give a high-level overview of the structure and status of salmon recovery in WA state, then dive deep into salmon habitat recovery in the Green/Duwamish watershed. Talking through some of the major limiting factors and barriers to recovery and how we're addressing them through a collaborative, community based approach. Suzanna will also give some insight on how she sees opportunity for seemingly disparate capital programs to work in alignment with, and in support of, efforts to protect, conserve and restore our natural systems for both fish and people.

[Click to Join on Teams!](#)

Date: Thursday, October 15
Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm

No registration required, join us from the comfort of your own home or offices through Microsoft Teams!



October President's Column

By Javier Homero Flores Cervantes, PhD, PE
ASCE Seattle Section President

Hello Seattle Section. It is an honor to be serving as the President of the Section for the next 12 months. It is a strange time to be in because of the pandemic, which has affected us all and changed the way we work and live, presenting us with challenges and opportunities.

As President, I am excited about the opportunity to foster connection among our civil engineering community. I believe that will allow our Section to grow vibrant and strong. The connections I've made in ASCE have helped me throughout my professional life, and I see a great value in having a network of colleagues outside of my agency where I gain technical knowledge, industry knowledge, and friends. I am very thankful for the people I've gotten to know here. These connections also make it a pleasure to be serving you here today.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers that have

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been serving for the Section this past year, and those that will serve this next year, at different levels, from our Student Chapters, to our Branches, our Younger Member Forum, our Technical Committees, our Standing Committees, and the Section Board! We have a very large group of colleagues making sure that a wealth of services are provided to you. Please take a peek at our [organizational chart!](#)

Please join me in welcoming all of our volunteers in the leadership positions at the Section, and thanking those who have served in the past.

I'm sure some of you are surprised to find that we have so many leadership positions; I was the first time I saw the organizational chart. One of the Section goals for the past few years has been to improve the communication and connection among all these different parts of the Seattle Section. We want our students to transition into younger members, and our younger members to transition into the Section Board and committees, and remain engaged with the Section as they move into more senior positions. We can only achieve this by integrating better our groups. I see clear progress regarding this goal: we have more students attending our dinner meetings, we have more younger members joining the Section Board and Committees, and we have more communication and interaction among our different technical and standing committees. Even the younger members are connecting better with the Portland and Tacoma/Olympia branches, and with the BCU students!

Please take a look at our open positions, and our different committees and groups, and [reach out to us](#) if you're interested in them.

Speaking of reaching out, we want to learn a little bit more about you, and all of our civil engineer colleagues in the region. We're sending out a survey this month, please find the link below and on our social media. Your responses will help to guide us as a Section.

We're hoping to bring a great program of dinner meetings to you this year. We're starting off with a [joint meeting with the EWRI Seattle Chapter for the month of October](#). It will be a lunch time virtual meeting about Salmon Habitat Recovery efforts in the region. We would love you to join us.

Colleagues, these are challenging times for many of us because of the pandemic. It adds extra stress to our lives, uncertainty, and isolation. And it also presents us with new opportunities. It will be a challenge to create connection, and it also presents the opportunity to connect in new ways. I'm looking forward to making this a great year for our Section.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

All ASCE Seattle Members are always invited to join the Seattle Section Board Members at the monthly Board Meeting. Interested in attending? Check the [calendar on the ASCE Seattle website](#) for the meeting time and location and email president@seattleasce.org if you plan on joining us!

Membership Survey

Help the ASCE Section better serve you!

As we transition into our new ASCE year, we want to hear from you! Please complete our brief [survey](#) to share what you'd like to see from our Section in the coming year.

Share with your coworkers and friends (ASCE membership not required). Participants will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card to GrubHub.



ASCE Seattle Director Openings

The Seattle Section is seeking volunteers for **Directors of Standing Committees** and **Director of Technical Committees**. Please reach out to [Seattle Section President](#) if you are interested in volunteering!

Director duties include:

- Provide training, guidance, and assistance to committee leaders as may be necessary.
- Encourage support and assist Committee Chairs to apply for grants.
- Act as the committee advocate on the Board.
- Encourage committee activities that will foster ASCE goals and enhance member activity.
- Meet with the Committee Chairs periodically to provide them with positive assurance of
- Board support.

Standing Committees include:

- Audit Committee
- Awards & Scholarships
- Community Service
- Communications
- Continuing Education
- Diversity
- Engineers without Borders
- History & Heritage
- House & Hospitality
- Legislative
- Programs
- Puget Sound Engineering Council
- Scholarships

Technical Committees include:

- Geotechnical
- Ports & Harbors
- Structural
- Sustainability
- Urban Development & Transportation
- Water Resources
- WAsafe

Introducing WAsafe!

WAsafe is a new program to train, enroll and dispatch volunteers to perform post-disaster building safety assessments. These volunteers can assist city and county building officials whose workload, following a disaster such as an earthquake, flood, or catastrophic storm, is expected to be overwhelming.

There will be a pressing need to evaluate homes, businesses and shelters to confirm they are safe to occupy after a large disaster. Local governmental building officials will need additional labor resources to perform thousands of assessments on partially or significantly damaged buildings.

Volunteers will be deployed under Washington State's Good Samaritan Laws (RCW 38.52.180 - Immunity from liability for covered volunteers).



The flyer features the WAsafe logo at the top, which consists of the letters 'WAsafe' in a blue, sans-serif font. Below the logo is the text 'Washington State Safety Assessment Facility Evaluators'. The main body of the flyer is divided into several sections: 'OBJECTIVES', 'COALITION', and 'CONTACT'. The 'OBJECTIVES' section lists four bullet points: 'Assist building officials with building safety assessments following a disaster (earthquake, flood, storm)', 'Develop a group of qualified volunteer evaluators', 'Provide WAsafe volunteer evaluator training', and 'Maintain registry of volunteer evaluators'. The 'COALITION' section lists four organizations: 'Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO)', 'Structural Engineers Association of Washington (SEAW)', 'American Institute of Architects (AIA) Washington Chapter', and 'American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Seattle Section'. The 'CONTACT' section provides contact information for the program. A small photograph on the left side of the flyer shows a construction worker in a hard hat and safety vest standing in front of a damaged building. A red box with white text on the left side of the flyer reads: 'WAsafe is a resource for Emergency Managers performing post-disaster building safety assessments'.

[Check out the WAsafe flyer to learn more here!](#)

Lessons Learned from the Pandemic

When: **Wed, Oct. 14**
Time: **12:00 - 1:00 PM**
Where: **Your own home!**

Speaker: **Roger Millar**
WSDOT Secretary of Transportation

Join the ASCE Tacoma-Olympia Section for a special presentation from Roger Millar, Washington Department of Transportation Secretary.

Secretary Millar will be sharing WSDOT's lessons learned from the pandemic.



RSVP!

The event is open to all ASCE members.

YMF Virtual Happy Hour



Join Seattle ASCE YMF for a Virtual (spooky) Happy Hour!

Please join the Seattle YMF for a spooktacular evening carving pumpkins and a class on making your favorite potions (cocktails)!

When: **Tuesday, Oct. 27**
Time: **6:00 - 7:30 PM**
Where: **Your own home!**

RSVP!

So please come with a pumpkin and your favorite beverage. Feel free to come in a costume as well.

If you have any questions, please [contact our networking Chairs Josh Shin & Carson Cheung](#).

Hope you can carve out sometime for this event!

North Branch Board & YMF Volunteers Needed!

The North Branch is currently looking for motivated individuals to be part of the North Branch Board starting from October 2020 until September 2021. We have the officer positions of **President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer** open. The North Branch serves approximately 150 members in the counties of Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan, Island and Snohomish.

The 2020-2021 North Branch Board will help grow the Branch through member engagement and providing value to its members through events and communications such as membership meetings, email newsletters, and other means which the North Branch Board envisions as paths for growth to continue the momentum for the established Branch. The leadership positions will include the full support from the Seattle Section Board and its resources, leadership training opportunities for the new officers, and Society (ASCE National) level resources and contacts. Prior experience in ASCE leadership positions is not required. Please contact Tony Nguyen, Director of Branches, at branches@seattleasce.org for more information.

The North Branch is also seeking YMF volunteers to continue to maintain and grow it's YMF. Please contact Mark Rose, North Branch YMF President, at mrose@geoengineers.com for more information.

Volunteers Needed for ASCE Seattle Diversity Committee!

The Seattle Section is looking for committee members to revitalize the Diversity Committee. If you are interested, please fill out this [google form](#) and we will get started on creating a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive community for our membership! The first ask in the committee will be to propose modifications to the mission and responsibilities of the committee.

Mission: The mission of the ASCE Diversity Committee is to enhance access to the profession for minorities; to empower existing members to become visible mentors and counteract historical imbalances in the workforce; and to demonstrate that diversity and inclusion contribute to a healthy, productive work environment.

Responsibilities: The Diversity Committee shall be responsible for promoting awareness of ASCE policies with respect to diversity, as well as legislation and local regulations regarding equal employment opportunity.

Volunteers Needed for ASCE Seattle Legislative Committee!

If you are interested in joining the [Legislative Affairs Committee](#), please reach out to legislative@seattleasce.org.

ASCE Seattle Section is searching for volunteers to assist with the Legislative Affairs Committee. The

level of Involvement can vary and can include providing engineering judgement on current legislative issues to assisting with lobbying. The committee is interested in a Legislative Drive-In to Olympia during the 2020 WA State Legislative Session.

The Legislative Committee functions in the political arena with focus on federal, state, county or other governmental issues that are of interest to the civil engineering profession; such as university engineering budget considerations, issues that affect the practice of or employment of civil engineers, and environmental issues of significance to the profession. The committee reviews proposed legislation and comments on it with regards to its effect on the civil engineering profession and may also be called upon to testify at Legislative hearings or for other governmental committees. It is also responsible for disseminating information from the Architects and Engineers Legislative Council (AELC) pertaining to state legislation. The committee typically sends at least one representative to the Society's annual Legislative Fly-In in Washington D.C.

ASCE Seattle LinkedIn Group

Looking for more ways to connect with your fellow ASCE Seattle members? Want to stay up to date on our events and opportunities? Join the NEW ASCE Seattle LinkedIn Group to share your experience and make new connections!



Follow this link to join: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13859426/>

Current Job Openings

- No current listings - consider advertising today to have your job listed in the October newsletter and the Section website!

Click here to apply or post your job today!

Click to View Job Descriptions & Apply!

**REACH OVER 2,000
ENGINEERING
PROFESSIONALS**

**Click Here to Post
Your Employment
Ad on the Seattle
Section Website**

Advertise your current open positions to ASCE Seattle members today for only \$75 for the first month and \$50 for each subsequent month.

[Email communications@seattleasce.org](mailto:communications@seattleasce.org) to [learn more.](#)



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