



WWRP Funding Benefits Wildlife, Quality of Life

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The Washington State Legislature deserves our thanks this year for not only funding the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, preserving its mandate to protect our wildlife and waterways, but also for keeping the integrity of the program intact.

Despite a long and difficult session, legislators came together, reached across party lines and did what is best for our state and best for future generations. Fifty years from now, our children and grandchildren will still be able to enjoy the quality of life that we enjoy today — thanks to this year's budget.

Among those who reached out and made sure that the sound policy of the WWRP wasn't lost in the fray was Rep. Kris Lytton. We are grateful for her leadership in standing up for the integrity of the WWRP grant program and fighting for conservation and recreation in our community.

In the past, the WWRP has funded many projects throughout the Anacortes Parks & Recreation system, as well as county and state parks projects on Fidalgo and Guemes islands. Thanks to Rep. Lytton, the WWRP will be around for our community and for future generations.

Conserving our land isn't just about preserving our quality of life. Thousands of jobs, and hundreds of small businesses in our community rely on the recreation economy generated by projects like those funded by the WWRP.

Again, thanks are due to a Legislature that was able to put partisan politics aside and look to the future.

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