



2017 Annual Report Submission form

It's time to submit your conservation district's 2017 annual report page! Please complete and submit this form by COB on **August 23, 2017**.

Before getting started, please review the following for important information about your annual report page and submission process:

1. [Annual Report FAQs](#)
2. [Five Best Practices for Annual Report pages](#)

Thanks in advance for your cooperation! We look forward to reading about your accomplishments.

Questions? Contact Laura Johnson, SCC Communications Coordinator (ljohnson@scs.wa.gov, 360.407.6936)

Contact information for person submitting Annual Report form:

First Name *

First Name*

Last Name*

Email *

Conservation District Information:

Please Select Your Conservation

District: *

District Manager *

Does your district manager prefer a different title (e.g. district coordinator, director)?

Yes No

Board Chair *

District email address for general inquiries: *

Website

Has your district contact information changed recently? If so, please check "yes" and fill out the contact information fields that open below. If not, check "no" and continue on. *

Yes, my contact information has changed. No. Please use the contact information you have in the district directory.

Share a quote/testimonial for one of your cooperators (optional):

We'd like to share quotes from landowners and stakeholders who have worked with your district. Please consider providing a quote from one of your cooperators in the space below. We'll try to include it in the annual report (as space allows) and/or in other legislative and budget materials.

"Whatcom Cd provided great information and it feels good to have a few different ideas for improving ou

Cooperator name: Elizabeth Chase

Affiliation (e.g. Lewis County landowner, Capitol High School teacher)

Whatcom County Farmer

2017 Feature Accomplishment:

Please describe one conservation district project or activity that your district launched, implemented, or completed within fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017).

Character count limits include spaces. We set character limits because our primary audience (elected officials) prefers concise text accompanied by strong project photos. Thanks for your patience!

FEATURE PROJECT TITLE (55 characters, including spaces) *

Shellfish closure upgrade in Drayton Harbor

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RESOURCE CHALLENGE (500 characters, including spaces): Briefly describe the challenge addressed by this project. Please use layman's terms - avoid technical jargon and excessive acronyms. What problem was occurring, and who did it impact? Why did your conservation district get involved

Since the late 1990s, high levels of fecal coliform bacteria in Drayton Harbor forced shellfish harvest closures for all or part of each year. Fecal coliform bacteria in water are an indicator for pathogens, or disease-causing organisms.

In Dec 2016, 810 acres of shellfish beds were reopened to year-round harvest. These 810 acres now meet the marine water quality standards as the result of on-the-ground actions taken by the community to improve water quality.

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PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS (625 characters, including spaces): Summarize how your conservation district was able to address the challenge. How did your services uniquely meet natural

resource and land use needs? What measurable / observable results occurred or are expected? If possible, include a quote from a project cooperator. *

Improvements to Blaine’s wastewater treatment plant, onsite septic systems, and farm practices in the Drayton Harbor watershed have lead Washington State Department of Health officials to upgrade 810 acres of shellfish beds in Drayton Harbor near Blaine in Whatcom County. Whatcom CD worked with dozens of farmers in the watershed to improve farm practices that influence water quality.

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KEY PARTNERS: List partners (other than your conservation district) who were a major contributor to this project / activity. Please spell out partner names (no acronyms). If no other partners were involved, write

Whatcom County Public Works; Washington State Dept of Ecology; City of Blaine; Whatcom County Health Department; Drayton Harbor Oyster Company; Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District; Washington Department of Agriculture; Puget Sound Restoration Fund, Port of Bellingham, Drayton Harbor Community Oyster Farm, Nooksack Indian Tribe, Whatcom County Planning and Development Services

PHOTOS: Provide at least one photo of your feature accomplishment. If possible, consider submitting a before and after picture.

Photo 1

Caption for photo 1 (125 characters, including spaces) *

After 21 years of shellfish harvesting restrictions, the Blaine community and partners celebrated in Drayton Harbor.

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Credit for photo 1 (if applicable)

Photo 2

Caption for photo 2 (125 characters, including spaces) *

Whatcom CD was honored with an Environmental Excellence Award from Dept of Ecology for services to the agricultural community

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Credit for photo 2 (if applicable)

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Other Accomplishments:

List a few other activities your conservation district accomplished this year. There are two options for this section. Please select one: *

Provide three photos of other activities we accomplished this year with short captions. PLEASE ONLY SUBMIT HORIZONTALLY-ORIENTED (LANDSCAPE) PHOTOS. Provide a list of 3-5 other activities we accomplished this year (no photos). This will be a bulleted list when formatted (575 characters).

Photo 1 *

Caption for Photo 1 (130 characters, including spaces) *

WCD installed 26 CREP projects improving 99,116 feet of stream bank with 95,006 native plants, while maintaining and supporting.

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Credit for Photo 1 (if applicable)

Photo 2 *

Caption for Photo 2 (130 characters, including spaces) *

The Whatcom Explorer Mobile Watershed reached over 3,000 local residents connecting them to the importance of land stewardship.

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Credit for Photo 2 (if applicable)

Photo 3 *

Caption for Photo 3 (130 characters, including spaces)

Edge-of-field water quality monitoring enables WCD and producers to measure nutrients and bacteria in runoff from a field, and compare improvements under different management systems.

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Credit for Photo 3 (if applicable)

More Work to Do:

List and briefly describe your top three priorities for next year - this will appear as a bulleted list on your page. (425 characters) *

Fish Passage: WCD will restore access to 8.4 miles of salmon habitat by replacing 14 fish passage barrier culverts with funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Portage Bay (PIC): In partnership with Whatcom County, WCD will continue offering education and technical assistance to landowner through the Pollution Identification and Correction program improving water quality.

ZAPs: As part of a multi-agency research effort, WCD is deploying and testing new real-time water quality monitoring technology called ZAPS units in the Nooksack watershed.

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CREP Totals for FY 2017

- 26 projects planted with 95,006 native trees and shrubs
- 99,116 lineal feet of stream buffer installed (18.8 miles, 220 acres)
- Maintained and supported 114 existing projects, covering 850 acres
- Provided mid-contract management support for 30 projects, covering 117 acres
- 32 new projects planned, covering 270 acres and 25 miles of stream buffer