



# PNW-SETAC Newsletter

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## Greetings!

Hello PNW-SETAC members,

I hope that you all have enjoyed the summer and took full advantage of the long stretches of beautiful weather we've had in the Pacific Northwest.

There are a few items from your Board of Directors to share with you, and then updates and reminders for the many relevant science meetings that will be coming up in this fall and next spring.

**Maggie Dutch**  
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## Chapter Survey – results are in!

**Heather Henson-Ramsey**  
PNW-SETAC President  
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We would like to thank all the members who took the time to give us valuable feedback on the conference. We learned a few things that can help us to make the regional chapter meetings even more valuable to the membership.

First, we were thrilled to note that the members felt like the 2013 conference was just as successful as we did. All attendees who responded to the survey felt that the scientific information provided as well as the short courses and the tour were very valuable. There was feedback that having social activities easily accessible is highly desired.

In response, we are planning some social activities for the 2014 conference in Tacoma, possibly a band and dancing, sponsored by local membership.

A change based upon the feedback is that we are going to try to make our meetings more "green". We will no longer be providing paper copies of the proceedings unless members wish to purchase a copy. Electronic copies will be provided with the conference registration. We hope to make more "green" choices as we plan our events at the conferences.

There were also excellent suggestions as to future locations of PNWSETAC meetings. We are currently scouting for an Oregon location for 2015. If any members would like to be the on-the-ground liaison for this meeting, we would love to hear from you!

We would also like to plan for a meeting in Alaska, possibly Anchorage, in order to better represent the Alaskan members of our chapter. Plus, it would make an excellent meeting to tag on a sightseeing vacation! This is a possible location for a 2016 or 2017 meeting.

Thanks again to all who provided the feedback and for your engagement in the PNW SETAC chapter. We plan on continue to do more surveys so that we can better represent the needs of the members.

## Second call for New Officers and Board Members

Serving as an officer or board member is a great way to participate in your PNW-SETAC chapter and give back to an organization that provides much to its membership.

There are two positions that will soon be vacant, including **Vice-President** and **Student At-Large**.

If you are interested in either position, please e-mail a letter of intent and your CV to **Heather Henson-Ramsey** [hlhensonramsey@lcsc.edu](mailto:hlhensonramsey@lcsc.edu) by October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will hold elections from October 15 through October 31<sup>st</sup> via Survey Monkey. Newly elected officials will begin serving their terms on January 1, 2014.

Position descriptions are currently being updated by the chapter Officers and Board, and have been attached to this newsletter e-mail. They will soon be posted to the PNW-SETAC website.

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## 2014 PNW-SETAC Annual Meeting – Focus on Urban Stormwater

**APRIL 24-26, 2014**

Ideas and proposals for the Short Course are currently being solicited by the board for this meeting. If you have thoughts on this, please contact John Stark or Teresa Michelsen, meeting coordinators.

Planning continues for the for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual PNW-SETAC meeting April 24-26<sup>th</sup>. This event will be hosted at three venues located just off the I-5 corridor in Tacoma and Puyallup, WA, including:

- **University of Washington, Tacoma**
- **Center for Urban Waters, Tacoma**
- **Washington State University, Puyallup**

The focus of the 2014 meeting will be on urban stormwater issues, low-impact development, the impacts of urban contaminants on freshwater ecosystems and Puget Sound, and urban estuary restoration.

Hands-on workshops and a short course will be hosted on Thursday at the WSU-Puyallup and the Center for Urban Waters in Tacoma, with our Thursday evening reception at WSU-Puyallup. Platform sessions will be held on Friday and Saturday at the UW Tacoma campus at Philip Hall. Our Friday evening dinner

will be held at one of the many great restaurants in Tacoma or at the Pt. Defiance Zoo!

Additionally, the 2014 conference may be extended to include a Saturday afternoon session including presentations from the Urban Clean Water Technology Innovation Partnership Zone of Tacoma. This collaboration of business, research, education, and local government leaders was created to develop globally competitive, research-based urban clean water technologies and businesses in the Tacoma-Pierce County area.

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## Tox Talks Update: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Graduate Student Symposium

**October 26, 2013  
Simon Fraser University**

The date has been set for this all-graduate student symposium focused on the interdisciplinary research field of drugs, carcinogens, and environmental pollutants in humans and in the environment.

Abstract submission is currently open now through September 14th, 11:59pm. Registration opens July 31st, and the registration and late abstract submission deadline is Saturday, October 5, 2013. 11:59 PM.

Details are now posted on the following web page:  
[www.sfu.ca/conferences/toxtalks.html](http://www.sfu.ca/conferences/toxtalks.html)

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**SETAC 2013:  
Nashville, TN**

(Logo courtesy of [www.setac.org](http://www.setac.org))

**November 17th –21st, 2013**

Gaylord Opryland, Nashville, TN  
[nashville.setac.org](http://nashville.setac.org)

Registration is now open for this meeting

and sessions details can be viewed at <http://www.setac.org/event/id/244644/SETAC-North-America-34th-Annual-Meeting.htm>

John Stark, our regional chapter vice president will be attending the Nashville meeting. He will be organizing a regional chapter booth, and will also facilitate a chapter meeting to be held during the week.

If you are attending the conference, please visit the chapter booth, and consider signing up to take a turn manning the booth. Also, check your itinerary for the date, time, and location of this PNW-SETAC regional chapter meeting and plan on attending!

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## Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference

**April 30 - May 2, 2014  
Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Seattle, WA**

- **Session Proposals due September 30, 2013**

Details are currently being posted at the following website:

<http://www.wvu.edu/salishseaconference/index.shtml>

**Note:** “Toxicology is one of the general themes highlighted and being solicited for this conference.

This conference, coming on the heels of our PNW-SETAC chapter meeting, assembles scientists, First Nations and tribal government representatives, resource managers, community/business leaders, policy makers, educators and students to present the latest scientific research on the state of the Salish Sea, and to guide future actions for its protection and restoration.

## SETAC North America 35th Annual Meeting

9–13 November 2014,  
Vancouver, British Columbia,  
Canada

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Plans are already underway for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual SETAC NA meeting to be held in Vancouver, B.C. Canada November 9-13, 2014. The Planning Committee met in Vancouver on July 15<sup>th</sup> and came up with the meeting theme “*Sea to Sky – Interconnecting Ecosystems*” and “design element” (SETAC no longer does meeting logos) for the meeting.

Discussion also centered on changing the “stand-alone” daily plenary speaker presentations to integrating the plenary presentations with key session tracks. The benefits include enhanced sessions that would attract more attendees while freeing up more time during the day for people to attend the poster sessions.

The need for more volunteers in addition to the student volunteers was also discussed. Lessons learned from the 2010 SETAC NA meeting in Portland, OR was the need for more people to help with onsite duties so that the Planning Committee members can attend sessions and events at the meeting as well.

The registration form will include a check box for those SETAC members interested in helping onsite. Incentives to offer volunteers were also discussed, including reduced or waived registration fees. The Planning Committee will discuss this further with SETAC NA staff at future meetings.

The rest of the meeting was spent at the Vancouver Convention Center touring rooms and options for staging areas for the Registration Desk, Exhibits, Sunday night Welcome Reception, etc. More information will be forthcoming at the SETAC NA meeting in Nashville, TN in November. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

## SETAC Snippets

SETAC Europe 24th Annual Meeting  
11–15 May 2014, Basel, Switzerland

SETAC Asia/Pacific 2014 Biennial Meeting  
September 2014, Adelaide, Australia

SETAC North America 36th Annual Meeting  
1–5 November 2015, Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT, USA

7th SETAC World Congress/ SETAC North America 37th Annual Meeting  
6–10 November 2016, Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, FL, USA

Learn more at:

<http://www.setac.org/?page=AnnualMeetings>

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## Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation



### 22nd Biennial Conference

Toward Resilient Coasts & Estuaries,  
Science for Sustainable Solutions

November 3-7, 2013  
San Diego, California, USA

Conference information at:

<http://www.sgmeet.com/cerf2013/>

## Editors Corner



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Articles for the newsletter or announcements for the membership may be submitted to me at [PNWSETAC@comcast.net](mailto:PNWSETAC@comcast.net) at any time.

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