



## Seeking Nominations for the 2016 Eleanor Stopps Environmental Leadership Award

**The Port Townsend Marine Science Center is seeking nominations for the 2016 Eleanor Stopps Environmental Leadership Award.** This award recognizes significant contributions in the protection and stewardship of our North Olympic Peninsula natural environment. The award pays tribute to Eleanor Stopps whose vision, advocacy and determination exemplify the power and importance of citizen leadership.

From the 1960s through the 1990s Eleanor Stopps was an active member of the NW conservation community. Eleanor founded the Admiralty Audubon Chapter and took over the work of Zella Schultz to protect the nesting habitat for 72,000 pairs of seabirds nesting on Protection Island. She was also a tireless educator working with groups of students and Girl Scouts to raise environmental awareness. Eleanor Stopps recognized the need to protect the uniquely important marine environment of the Salish Sea. With no special political base or powerful financial backers she formed a coalition of grassroots supporters who worked to get legislation and public support for protection of Protection Island and the surrounding marine waters. She was a primary driver behind the establishment of the Protection Island National Wildlife Refuge, one of the few established by an Act of Congress at that time. Today, it is a critical habitat link in the preservation of the whole Salish Sea region, providing breeding habitat for Pigeon Guillemots and Rhinoceros Auklets, Bald Eagles and Peregrine Falcons, Harbor Seals and Elephant Seals, and a myriad of other species.

The Eleanor Stopps Environmental Leadership Award is given annually to a citizen of the North Olympic Peninsula (Jefferson and Clallam counties) who has:

- Led a successful resource conservation effort that benefits the north Olympic Peninsula and its residents directly;
- Acted as a community catalyst for programs, initiatives or ventures that demonstrate a commitment to the future of the earth and its biodiversity;
- Become a model for future leaders in business and education; or has been an exemplary citizen or policy maker who has implemented decisions that, though they may entail risks, have helped our communities take the next step towards environmental sustainability.

**Port Townsend Marine Science Center is pleased to sponsor this award and invites nominations so we can continue to recognize positive leadership. You may nominate someone by downloading the nomination form from [www.ptmsc.org](http://www.ptmsc.org), [info@ptmsc.org](mailto:info@ptmsc.org), or calling (360) 385-5582 and requesting a form.**

NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL OR BE RECEIVED IN THE  
PTMSC OFFICES AT FORT WORDEN BY 5:00 PM AUGUST 23, 2016.

Winner(s) will be honored at the PTMSC Stewardship Breakfast at the  
Fort Worden Commons at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2016.

*Previous winners include: 2005: Katharine Baril, natural resource educator and planner Washington State University; 2006: Anne Murphy, Executive Director, Port Townsend Marine Science Center; 2007: Tom Jay and Sara Mall Johani, artists and environmentalists; 2008: Al Latham, Jefferson County Conservation District Ranger; 2009: Peter Bahls, NW Watershed Institute; 2010: Sarah Spaeth, Executive Director, Jefferson Land Trust; 2011: Dick & Marie Goins, lifelong Olympic Peninsula salmon habitat restoration activists; 2012: Judith Alexander, community catalyst for NW Earth Institute, Local 20/20, and EarthDay Everyday; 2013: Rebecca Benjamin, Executive Director, North Olympic Salmon Coalition; 2014: Ray Lowrie, salmon advocate and environmental educator. 2015: Jude Rubin, co-founder of the Northwest Watershed Institute.*

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Nomination Form

Date of nomination \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Nominee

Nominator

name \_\_\_\_\_

name \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

contact phone \_\_\_\_\_

contact phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide group affiliations and positions of the nominee:

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Please provide a comprehensive description and history of the nominee's experience and accomplishments in leadership of protecting our environment. If possible, please include dates and groups involved. A nominee may be considered for accomplishment in one or more of the areas addressed by the questions below. The Eleanor Stopps Environmental Leadership Award is awarded annually to a citizen of the North Olympic Peninsula (Jefferson and Clallam Counties). Please answer the following questions to help us learn about your candidate:

1. Has this person led successful resource conservation effort? Please describe.
2. How has this person's work yielded apparent benefits to north Olympic Peninsula?
3. In what ways has this person acted as a community catalyst?
4. Is this person already or likely to become a model for others?
5. How has this person demonstrated commitment to an environmentally sustainable future?

How may we learn more about your candidate? (Website, media source)

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Website: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there someone else we should contact?

Contact #1 (email/phone): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact #2 (email/phone): \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your nomination.

The award will be presented at the Port Townsend Marine Science Center Stewardship Breakfast at the Fort Worden Commons at 8:00am on Tuesday, September 27, 2016.

Please use the following page or attach your own pages to answer the questions about your candidate. Your descriptions need not be limited to one page. Thank you.

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Nomination Form Narrative

(Please describe your nominee by answering the questions on page one)

Please send to [info@ptmsc.org](mailto:info@ptmsc.org) or  
Eleanor Stopps Environmental Leadership Award,  
c/o PTMSC, 532 Battery Way, Port Townsend, WA 98368  
Due Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 @ 5pm