

Member Biographies

Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Parks and Outdoor Recreation

VOTING MEMBERS

Barb Chamberlain, Task Force Co-Chair

Executive Director, Washington Bikes

Barb Chamberlain has been the executive director for Washington Bikes since 2012. Washington Bikes (formerly the Bicycle Alliance of Washington) works to grow bicycling statewide through public policy, education, support for local advocates, and promotion of bike travel and tourism. As a result Washington has been ranked the top bicycle-friendly state in the nation 6 years in a row by the League of American Bicyclists. Before joining Washington Bikes, Ms. Chamberlain spent 14½ years with Washington State University Spokane as director of communications and public affairs, playing an active role in community and economic development. She served on numerous boards in the Spokane region. Her community service included 2 years as chair of Friends of the Falls, a nonprofit focused on thoughtful activation of the Spokane River Gorge through recreation and conservation projects, and 3 years on the board of the Empire Health Foundation, which focuses on reduction of childhood obesity as its top priority. The youngest woman ever elected to the Idaho State House and Senate, she served 4 years in the Idaho Legislature, receiving high marks from the Idaho Conservation League.

Doug Walker, Task Force Co-Chair

Retired CEO of WRQ, Inc. and Chair of The Wilderness Society

For 25 years, Doug Walker was the founding partner and chief executive officer of WRQ, an integration software company that served Fortune 500 companies and had customers in 51 countries. He is an active supporter of charitable, environmental, and community organizations. Currently, Mr. Walker is the chair of the Governing Council of The Wilderness Society and vice president of The American Alpine Club. He also serves on the boards of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle Parks Foundation, Conservation Lands Foundation, Forterra, University of Washington College of the Environment, William D. Ruckelshaus Center Advisory Board, Sierra Club Foundation, and Outdoor Alliance. Doug is an avid hiker and mountain climber and a year-round bicycle commuter.

Marc Berejka

Director Government and Community Affairs, REI

Marc Berejka has served as REI's first, full-time government affairs professional since 2011. REI is a national outdoor retail cooperative, with more than 5 million active members and annual sales exceeding \$2 billion. REI's mission is to "inspire, educate and outfit people for a lifetime of outdoor adventure and stewardship." Mr. Berejka guides REI's engagement in policy matters at the federal and local levels. This includes advocacy on issues that affect retailers in the outdoor recreation sector, such as main-street business regulation, Internet sales, and international trade. And it includes efforts to assure REI's current and future members can continue to enjoy outdoor recreation – whether that be recreating close to home or at the nation's many outdoor destinations. Mr. Berejka also oversees REI's community grants program, which annually distributes several million dollars to hundreds of local, regional, and national organizations that help sustain the country's recreation infrastructure. Before joining REI, Mr. Berejka served as technology policy advisor to then-Secretary Gary Locke at the U.S. Department of Commerce. Before that, he worked for 12 years in various public policy roles at Microsoft, both in Washington D.C. and in Washington State, and he spent the first part of his career as a telecommunications attorney. He holds a law degree from Georgetown University and a bachelor of arts degree from Princeton University.

Joshua Brandon

Military Organizer, Sierra Club Outdoors

Joshua Brandon is the military organizer for Sierra Club Outdoors, where he pursues his passion of leading the military community in the outdoors in a variety of roles ranging from mountaineering and therapy to conservation and advocacy. Originally from Cleveland Ohio, Mr. Brandon is a graduate of The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. He served as an army infantry officer from 2002 to 2012, which included three combat tours in Iraq where he was awarded the Silver Star and two Bronze Stars with Valor Device. In 2010, he founded the Hound Summit Team, a veteran and combat wounded mountaineering team, and in 2013 he joined Veterans Expeditions on the board of directors. He also serves as the American Alpine Club's Cascade Section chair.

Russ Cahill

Retired State Parks Manager, Washington and California

Russ Cahill is a retired parks manager and lifetime outdoorsman. He served as a national park ranger in California, Alaska, Hawaii, and Washington D.C., and was director of both the Alaska state parks and California state parks systems. He has worked in Washington State natural resources and parks since 1980 and was the first executive director of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition. After a stint as the deputy director for the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Mr. Cahill retired and since has served as a member and chair of the Washington State Fish and Wildlife Commission and a member of the Washington State Parks and Recreation

Commission. Mr. Cahill has been a member of the Audubon Society and The Nature Conservancy, where he was a member and chair of the Washington and Alaska board. He is married to Narda Pierce, commissioner of the Washington Supreme Court. They enjoy birding, kayaking cross-country skiing, and fishing. His children, grandchildren, and two great grandchildren are all Washington and Alaska park users.

Dale Denney

Owner and Outfitter, Bearpaw Outfitters

Dale Denney's family is a sixth generation northeast Washington family that hunts, shoots, fish, boat, attend rodeos, rides horses and recreational vehicles, sightsees, and likes to travel. He started outfitting hunters while at the same time working 2 years in the oil drilling industry and 17 years in all aspects of an industrial manufacturing company from handling raw materials to testing new products and traveling extensively representing the company. The outfitting business grew and by 1995, Bearpaw Outfitters became a fulltime endeavor, which now outfits hunters and anglers in four western states. During their 38 years in business, Bearpaw Outfitters has been featured on numerous outdoor television shows. Mr. Denney promotes hunting, fishing, and other recreational pursuits and is an active member of many conservation and industry organizations, donating several hunting trips annually to these groups. He has facilitated student internships and helped organize the purchase and remodel of the closed Colville Fish Hatchery, which now operates as a non-profit collaborative fisheries science and vocational learning center where high school students gain credits, knowledge, and experience raising fish to benefit the resource and community. Mr. Denney and his wife Tara (who also guides hunters at times) have three adult children. In their spare time, they enjoy family barbecues, reunions, community functions, and adventure vacations.

Patty Graf-Hoke

Executive Director, Visit Kitsap Peninsula

Patty Graf-Hoke is the executive director of the Visit Kitsap Peninsula. She has a 35-year career as a communications professional, assisting regional and international clients in the public and private sectors. Before being selected executive director in 2009, Ms. Graf-Hoke was chief executive and financial officer of a full-service advertising and public relations firm in Seattle and a private marketing and public relations consultant. As executive director of the Visit Kitsap Peninsula, Ms. Graf-Hoke has worked with public and private groups to establish the 371-mile Kitsap Peninsula Water Trails, which was adopted by the Washington Water Trails Association and is slated to be officially designated a National Water Trail by the Department of Interior. Ms. Graf-Hoke has a successful history of working with recreation organizations, local businesses, and government agencies to identify opportunities to collaborate and create shared economic and environmental benefits. She is a native of Washington State and grew up hiking and camping in the Cascade and Olympic Mountains, exploring caves along the Columbia River, and cleaning Washington's ocean beaches. After raising four children on the Kitsap Peninsula, she and her husband, Bill, now live in

the Manette District in Bremerton and continue to enjoy outdoor activities locally and on road trips around the United States and overseas.

George Harris

Chief Executive Officer, Northwest Marine Trade Association

George Harris is president and chief executive officer of the Northwest Marine Trade Association, which is the oldest and largest regional marine trade association in the country. Founded in 1947, the Northwest Marine Trade Association represents more than 700 companies engaged in the recreational boating industry, including boat dealers, boat brokers, marinas, boatyards, recreational fishing businesses, boat and boating accessory manufacturers, and retailers and suppliers of boating accessories and services. Its mission is to grow and promote recreational boating in the Northwest. The Northwest Marine Trade Association produces the Seattle Boat Show, the West Coast's largest boat show, each January. Mr. Harris has been at the Northwest Marine Trade Association since 1999, and has served as its boat show director and vice president. In 2009, he was promoted to president and chief executive officer. Before joining the Northwest Marine Trade Association, he spent 8 years with Connelly Skis as a product and sales manager. He is a lifelong boater and angler, certified scuba instructor, graduate of Michigan State University, and 2009 graduate of Seattle Chamber of Commerce – Leadership Tomorrow. He lives in Seattle with his wife, Lisa, and their two daughters.

Connor Inslee

Chief Operating Officer and Program Director, Outdoors for All

Connor Inslee is the chief operating officer of Outdoors for All Foundation, an organization that provides outdoor recreation opportunities for people with disabilities. Mr. Inslee has 6 years of experience administering diverse adaptive recreation programs including cycling, kayaking, rock climbing, canoeing, and Nordic and alpine skiing. He is an avid skier, kayaker, and sailor, and also serves on the board of the Washington Water Trails Association and leads environmental education-based kayak tours. Before joining Outdoors for All, Mr. Inslee worked as a kayak instructor and guide throughout the Pacific Northwest, as a wilderness therapy instructor in Idaho, and a ski patroller at Stevens Pass.

John Keates

Director, Facilities, Parks, and Property Director at Mason County Parks

John Keates is the director of Mason County's Facilities, Parks, and Property Department. From 1982 to present, Mr. Keates has worked with city and county parks and recreation organizations, and has been department head for 21 years. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in parks and recreation management from Western Washington University. He has been an avid off-road motorcyclist for 45 years and an active hiker, cross-country skier, runner, bicyclist, and hunter.

Ben Klasky

Chief Executive Officer, IslandWood

Ben Klasky is the president and chief executive officer of IslandWood, a nonprofit organization that provides environmental education to more than 150 schools throughout Washington annually. Based on Bainbridge Island, IslandWood's 255-acre headquarters hosts some of the most environmentally sustainable buildings in the world. Many of the low-income kids served by IslandWood have never spent time in the outdoors before. Mr. Klasky and his team are working to expand IslandWood's programs throughout Washington State and onto the national stage. Before to joining IslandWood, he served as the executive director of Net Impact, a global network of thousands of people with master in business administration degrees committed to using the power of business to address social and environmental issues. Mr. Klasky is the co-founder of Camp Galileo, the largest set of day camps in the San Francisco Bay Area, with 23 campuses throughout northern California. His career ranges from advising Fortune 500 leaders as a management consultant at Deloitte, to fundraising as a development director at Teach for America, to teaching third grade in a severely under-resourced school district in Louisiana. He holds a master in business administration and a master in education from Stanford University. Mr. Klasky has been an active volunteer throughout his life – having led outdoor trips for children from New York's Harlem and Chinatown neighborhoods and having served on numerous boards. He spends his free time restoring a cabin with his wife on Puget Sound, and chasing after his 5- and 7-year-old boys.

Noah McCord

Leader, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Youth Council

Noah McCord is on the Youth Council for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and a senior at Capital High School in Olympia. He has developed an interest in and understanding of the public process surrounding parks and outdoor recreation by participating on the Olympia Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. An avid outdoor enthusiast, Mr. McCord believes strongly in the various benefits of outdoor recreation for youth and young adults, and hopes to promote participation in outdoor recreation across all ages by identifying and targeting factors that stand in the way of Washington residents' knowledge of and access to their outdoor resources. He also is chair of the Thurston Regional Fields and Recreation Planning Committee, an effort of the PARC Foundation of Thurston County.

Dan Nordstrom

Chief Executive, Officer Outdoor Research

Dan Nordstrom is the chief executive officer and owner of Outdoor Research, a manufacturer of equipment and apparel dedicated to the pursuit of human-powered adventure. Outdoor Research is based in Seattle and employs more than 150 people in all phases of product development and manufacture. Before his purchase of Outdoor Research, Mr. Nordstrom spent 17 years as part of the management team of the Nordstrom department store chain. He served as co-president for 4 years with responsibility for menswear, investor relations, information technology, credit, and catalog and Internet sales. Following that, he spent 3 years as chief executive officer of Nordstrom.com,

building what is now the largest branded fashion apparel Web site in the world. Mr. Nordstrom is married with three sons aged 25, 22, and 17. He graduated from the University of Washington with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and a master of business administration degree. On a good day he's either climbing or skiing.

Spencer Olson

Communications Hub Director, Fuse

Spencer Olson is the communications hub director of Fuse Washington. He is a fourth generation Washingtonian and a native of Pierce County. Having grown up in the Puget Sound region, Mr. Olson had an early and active childhood hiking and snowshoeing around Mount Rainier, skiing in the Cascade Mountains, and generally enjoying the tremendous outdoor experiences in his community's backyard. At Fuse Washington, he manages a statewide communications capacity building and technical assistance program integrating narrative and storytelling techniques into policy and advocacy conversations. Before joining Fuse, Mr. Olson worked with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth in Washington, D.C. in the fight against HIV and AIDS and organized around the country on several environmental campaigns, working with organizations including the Natural Resource Defense Council, CREDO Action, and Energy Action Coalition. Mr. Olson is a graduate of George Washington University with a double major in environmental studies and geography.

Tom Reeve

National Leadership Council Chair, Trust for Public Land

Tom Reeve is chair of The Trust for Public Land's National Leadership Council, sits on its National Board of Directors and is the former chair of its Washington State Advisory Board. Mr. Reeve is past president of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition board and serves on the National Council of the Land Trust Alliance. He was active in the community efforts that resulted in the 2013 presidential creation of the San Juan Islands National Monument. The Reeve family lives on its Lopez Island farm, which is protected by land preservation agreements. Mr. Reeve spent 18 years at Microsoft working in a variety of technical and management jobs. Joining Microsoft when he was young, some of his jobs included managing teams focused on consumer software, internal tools, international software versions, the Works business, media production, and the MSN.com portal site. Born and raised in Honolulu, Mr. Reeve earned his bachelor degree from Harvard University.

Shiloh Schauer

Executive Director, Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce

Shiloh Schauer is the executive director of the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce. Recognized in 2010 by the Wenatchee Business World as one of the best and brightest leaders under the age of 35, Ms. Schauer is the epitome of passion, purpose, and persistence. A Wenatchee native, she graduated from Wenatchee High School and Wenatchee Valley College, serving as

student body president at both schools. She then attended Eastern Washington University, earning a bachelor of art degree in social work. Ms. Schauer topped 75 candidates from around the nation to lead the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce as it launches new tourism promotions and seeks to boost economic development. Before leading the chamber, Ms. Schauer spent ten years working for the Washington State Senate. She believes servant leadership creates authentic relationships and stronger communities. Her leadership capabilities, years of experience cultivating, maintaining, and improving relationships with individuals, community organizations, and government entities are just some of her strengths. Ms. Schauer is the fourth generation owner of her family's pear orchard in Sunnyslope. She and her husband, Andrew, enjoy riding motorcycles and they have a collection of vintage Japanese motorcycles. She volunteers her time working with high school leaders in the summer at Mount Adams Leadership Camp, and she is a classroom volunteer for Wenatchee High School's Associated Student Body.

Louise Stanton-Masten

Executive Director, Washington Tourism Alliance

Louise Stanton-Masten is executive director of the Washington Tourism Alliance, a statewide organization formed to sustain Washington State tourism following the closure of the state tourism office in 2011. The Washington Tourism Alliance mission is to advocate, promote, develop, and sustain the economic well-being of the Washington tourism industry. Ms. Stanton-Masten previously served as president and chief executive officer of the Everett Area Chamber of Commerce and as business development director for the Economic Alliance Snohomish County. Before that, she founded and managed a planning and public policy consulting firm providing services to local, regional, and state government clients throughout the Pacific Northwest. Ms. Stanton-Masten has been a Washington State resident since 1983. She serves on the board of directors of the Future of Flight Foundation and the Mukilteo Community Orchestra. She has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Vermont, a master degree in urban planning and policy from the University of Illinois, and is a graduate of the U.S. Chamber's Institute for Organization Management.

NON-VOTING AGENCY MEMBERS

Allyson Brooks

Director, Archaeology and Historic Preservation

Allyson Brooks is the state historic preservation officer and director of the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, the sole agency in state government devoted to archaeological and cultural resource issues. Dr. Brooks is the state's primary advisor on archaeological and cultural and historic preservation issues as well as the Main Street program. Before coming to Washington State, Dr. Brooks was the historian and historic archaeologist for the Minnesota Department of Transportation. While in Minnesota, she was a planning commissioner for

the city of Chanhassen. She has worked as an archaeologist for the state of South Dakota, the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, and various consulting firms. Ms. Brooks has conducted archaeological excavations of prehistoric and historic sites in Alaska, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, New York, South Dakota, Virginia, and Wyoming. She has given numerous public presentations around the nation on archaeological and historic preservation issues.

Jim Cahill

Senior Budget Analyst, Office of Financial Management

Jim Cahill is the senior budget assistant to the Governor for natural resources at the Office of Financial Management. He began working for the Office of Financial Management in 1987, but also served 4 years as the finance director for the Puget Sound Partnership, before returning to the Office of Financial Management in 2011. His current duties include advising the Governor and the Office of Financial Management director on the budget and related issues for the natural resource agencies in Washington State. He served on the 1992 State Wildlife and Recreation Lands Management Task Force, which examined long-term funding sources for the operation and maintenance of state lands and has a long history working on parks, outdoor recreation, and habitat acquisition funding programs. Jim graduated from the University of Puget Sound with a bachelor of art degree and the University of California, Berkeley with a master degree in public policy. He is an avid cross-country skier and road biker as well as a hiker and occasional surfer.

Kaleen Cottingham

Director, Recreation and Conservation Office

Kaleen Cottingham was appointed to lead the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office in 2007. During her career, she has worked for four governors and the elected Public Lands Commissioner in a variety of management and advisor positions. She got her start in Olympia serving as legal counsel for several Senate committees. She also practiced law and provided strategic advice on natural resource and land use issues. Ms. Cottingham received her bachelor of science degree in forest resources from the University of Washington and her law degree from the University of Puget Sound School of Law, now part of Seattle University. Ms. Cottingham, who was born and raised in Washington, resides in Olympia.

Nick Demerice

Director External Affairs, Commerce

Nick Demerice is the director of external affairs at the Washington State Department of Commerce. He joined the department in 2006 and is responsible for communications, policy development, research, and governmental affairs. Before entering state service, Mr. Demerice worked in non-profit management, for a member of congress, and a former governor. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington in political science and lives in the Olympia area with his family.

Brock Milliern

Recreation Manager, Department of Natural Resources

Brock Milliern is the statewide manager of recreation for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. He started his career in 1999 with the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, where he worked as both a park aide and park ranger, and he has continued to work in recreation and conservation throughout his career. Before coming to the department last year, he worked for the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department in various positions including stewardship and sustainability manager, where he oversaw programs such as green infrastructure, volunteer coordination, and urban food systems. He has a bachelor's degree in outdoor recreation from Western Washington University. Mr. Milliern is married to Mindie and they have a 3-month-old son Dylan. On weekends, you can find them spending time with friends and family, hiking, biking, backpacking, and exploring the beaches in Ocean Shores.

Rodger Schmitt

Commissioner, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Rodger Schmitt was appointed to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission in 2009, where he has served as secretary, vice-chair, and chair. Mr. Schmitt also has served on the Jefferson Land Trust's board of directors for 8 years and as its operations director. He has been secretary, treasurer, and vice-president for a number of committees during his time with the land trust. He continues to serve on the Governance Committee in addition to the Resources Board of the Jefferson Land Trust. Mr. Schmitt retired from the federal government in 2003 with 34 years of experience in natural resource and outdoor recreation work. He ended his professional career as the director of recreation for the Bureau of Land Management, providing leadership to the bureau's recreation program with responsibility for all outdoor recreation programs and policy development for visitor services, interpretation, recreation management information system, land use permitting and management, recreation fees, wild and scenic river use and management, and planning and accessibility.

Joe Stohr

Deputy Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife

Joe Stohr is the deputy director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. He was born and raised outside of Yakima and earned his bachelor of science degree in fisheries and a master of science degree in health physics and radiological sciences from the University of Washington. He spent the early part of career with Washington Departments of Health and Ecology as staff lead studying health impacts to the public from historic Hanford operations followed by management of state regulatory programs during the Hanford transition from nuclear weapons production to environmental cleanup. Mr. Stohr served as a Department of Ecology program manager for the Oil and Hazardous Substance Spill Prevention and Response program and the Water Rights Program and as a water policy advisor for two directors.

Becky Wallace

Agriculture Program Supervisor, OSPI

Becky Wallace is supervisor of the Career and College Readiness Department's Agriculture Sciences Education Program in the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. She has the privilege of serving as the state advisor to the Future Farmers of America Association in Washington. The Washington association is a youth leadership organization that includes more than 7,000 high school students enrolled in agricultural education courses throughout the state. As program supervisor, she oversees the agriculture sciences programs in the state, which have more than 15,000 high school students enrolled in natural resource and environmental services and management courses. A graduate of Washington State University, Ms. Wallace enjoys taking in the beauty of our state with her 4-year-old daughter, and is a passionate advocate for agriculture and education.

NON-VOTING LEGISLATORS**Representative Vincent Buys**

Washington State House of Representatives

Vincent Buys is serving his second term representing the 42nd District. He grew up on a dairy farm outside of Lynden and graduated from Bellingham Technical College. He has studied abroad in Europe and participated in missions to Africa, Mexico, and Haiti. Representative Buys has worked for Intel and Horizon Air and currently owns and operates his own company, Dutchman Construction. He serves on three House committees and is the ranking Republican on the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. Along with his legislative committees, Representative Buys is an appointed member of the Washington State Building Code Council. He is involved with many community groups including Toastmasters, the Whatcom Young Professionals, the Northwest Business Club, and the Lynden Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he is very involved with Starfish Ministries, a non-profit organization that provides assistance to people in Haiti through schools, feeding programs, and by drilling wells in impoverished communities to bring them clean water.

Senator Linda Parlette

Washington State Senate

Senator Linda Parlette was elected to the state House of Representatives in 1996 and 1998, and the state Senate in 2000, 2004, 2008, and 2012. She represents Washington's 12th Legislative District and is the fourth generation in her family born and raised in Central Washington. Senator Parlette graduated from Washington State University with a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy. Senator Parlette was selected by her peers in 2004 to be the Senate Republican Caucus deputy leader. In 2006 she was elected caucus chair, the number two leadership role in the caucus, and was reelected to this role in 2008, 2010, and 2012. Senator Parlette serves on four standing Senate

committees: Health Care, Rules, Ways and Means, and Natural Resources and Parks. Senator Parlette's experience as a pharmacist serves as a good foundation for her work on health care issues and her work as an orchardist helped her understand first-hand the importance of agriculture in the state, and the needs of small businesses owners. In 2008, Senator Parlette received the Farm Bureau's "Legislator of the Year" award and the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Association's Stu Bledsoe Leadership Memorial Award, given each year to leaders who make a difference in their communities. She is a ten-year recipient of the Association of Washington Business' "Cornerstone" award and in 2006 received the National Federation of Independent Business's "Legislator of the Year" award. When the Legislature is not in session, Senator Parlette resides in Wenatchee with her husband Bob. Together they have five grown children and three granddaughters.

Senator Kevin Ranker

Washington State Senate

Senator Kevin Ranker possesses an extensive and diverse background developing and advancing public policy, community development strategies, and conservation initiatives both in the United States and internationally. For several years he has focused his expertise on the advancement of coastal and ocean policy with a particular emphasis on the combination of coastal economic development, energy policy, and conservation. Senator Ranker has advanced key legislation focused on climate, energy, coastal and marine management, transportation, agriculture, and equal rights. Legislative highlights include the sponsorship and co-sponsorship of comprehensive marine management, oil spill response and preparedness efforts, and landmark legislation making Washington the seventh state to recognize full marriage equality. Senator Ranker served as a San Juan County commissioner and was a senior fellow at the Ocean Foundation. In 2011, he received a White House appointment to serve as an advisor to President Barack Obama's National Ocean Council. He is the vice president of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region, a partnership of ten states and Canadian provinces that works to increase economic well-being; coordinate energy, economic, and environmental strategies; and enhance the competitiveness of the region. He lives on Orcas Island with his wife and daughter while his son proudly serves in the U.S. Navy. Senator Ranker is an avid runner, sailor, paddler, fisherman, and surfer.

Representative Steve Tharinger

Washington State House of Representatives

First elected in 2010, Representative Steve Tharinger is a former three-term Clallam County commissioner and small business owner who represents the 24th Legislative District. He is a past member and chair of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, and has served on several state planning efforts from watershed planning to biodiversity. He is a state-certified volunteer mediator and past treasurer of the United Way of Clallam County. He is a member of the Sequim Sunrise Rotary and received the Clallam County Community Service Award in recognition of his long-standing

community involvement. Representative Tharinger graduated with a bachelor of art degree from Colorado College and resides in Sequim with his wife, Yvonne.