



Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group



Citizen Action Training School Now Accepting Applications

Our Sound, Our Community, Our Chance

The Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group is excited to officially announce the launch of the Citizen Action Training School! This modern iteration of a proven program from the early days of the Puget Sound recovery effort is funded by the Puget Sound Partnership and will be offered throughout the Puget Sound region in 2013 and 2014.

The Citizen Action Training School, or CATS, is modeled after a program first implemented in the late 1980s in Snohomish County by the Pilchuck Audubon Society. Our program will include the original watershed ecology and civic education and engagement components with an added focus on Puget Sound Recovery. CATS participants will be future community leaders who are aware, educated, and active stewards and advocates for our local watersheds and the greater Puget Sound. Participants will receive 50 hours of training over 3 months, and will give back by volunteering at least 50 hours to plan and complete a service project in their community. The service projects must be related to the Puget Sound Partnership's Strategic Initiatives: 1) Prevention of Stormwater Pollution, 2) Protection/Restoration of Habitat, 3) Recovery of Shellfish Beds. Check out the program website at www.pugetsoundcats.org for more information.



Applications for the Seattle session are due by February 28, 2014 and classes will be held every Tuesday from 6-8:30 PM until June 3rd with the occasional Saturday field session from 10 AM – 4 PM. To apply, contact Seattle CATS Coordinator Leihla Scharlau at Leihla@midsoundfisheries.org or (206) 529-9467.

CATS is a great opportunity for anyone interested in Puget Sound recovery and the fate of our shorelines, especially those who want the tools to be active in their community. The training sessions will be conducted on a diverse spectrum of issues related to Puget Sound recovery and by presenters who are experts in their field. So, this is a fantastic opportunity for students, government officials, concerned citizens and others to get a great education on both the natural and human communities of Puget Sound.

Thank you for all you do in support of our wonderful community!

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