



WASHINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

2020 Report of Accomplishments

OUR MISSION

The mission of Washington Conservation Society is to promote natural resource conservation efforts in Washington State by providing a philanthropic center for investments in citizen-led, voluntary-based conservation projects, activities, education, and outreach efforts.

WHAT WE DO

- ❖ Support educational opportunities for youth by sponsoring Conservation Education Programs in Washington State.
- ❖ Support conservation of natural resources by utilizing our 501 c (3) status and acting as a pass-through entity for district's seeking grants.
- ❖ Honor the life-long dedication and service of notable Washington State conservationists by including them in our Leaving a Legacy booklet.

EDUCATION

2020 Conservation Education Mini-Grant Update

Lincoln County CD – The 6th Grade Conservation Day was cancelled due to COVID, but Lincoln County CD was able to purchase promotional items for future events.

WA State Envirothon – The 2020 State Envirothon event was cancelled however WCS funds will be used to support Envirothon 2021 which will be a statewide virtual competition in the Spring of 2021.

Benton CD – The 2020 Salmon Summit was cancelled due to COVID. Benton CD will be utilizing their mini-grant to move the Salmon in the Classroom to a virtual format in 2021. Monies will be used to purchase a video camera and to create a professionally produced salmon dissection video.

Underwood CD – Was able to conduct some in-person education activities before the shutdown but since then they have moved to on-line presentations. They will utilize the remainder of their funds this year to implement their virtual outreach efforts.

Conservation Education Mini-Grant Applications FY21

1 Application Was Received,
Ranked and Approved for Funding:

- ❖ Thurston CD ~ Views into Unseen Worlds

LEAVING A LEGACY

- ❖ Created to honor conservationists for their outstanding dedication and service to our natural resources.
- ❖ 5 New Inductees
- ❖ Book is Available Electronically

Edward Paul Manary

Washington Conservation Commission
May 23, 1939 - December 9, 2009

Ed was born to Stanley and June Manary in Vancouver, Washington. He attended Oregon State University, eventually graduating from Seattle University with a degree in Commerce and Finance in 1963. He was an avid fisherman, loving husband, father and grandfather.

When salmon populations in Washington State were starting to hit the Endangered Species List in the late 1990s the legislature provided funding to the Conservation Commission to work with local, state, federal, and private entities in development of Salmon Habitat Limiting Factors reports. In 1998, Ed was recruited to lead this effort for the Commission, staying on through 2005.

Several great legacies came out of this work. The Salmon Habitat Limiting Factors reports formed the foundation for salmon recovery plans that are used today, more than 20 years later. Many people still describe the reports as the most valuable technical document in their basin.

Ed had amazing “people-sense”. He knew that relationship-building was the single, most important function that we need to do for every project undertaken.

Relationship-building is the foundation for trust development, which must exist for flourishing partnerships. Ed’s immense patience, insight, and “people-sense” was, and still is, a very rare find. (Carol Smith)



Ed first met many of his conservation colleagues when he served as Assistant Director in the salmon program with Department of Fisheries from 1981-1998.

“He had many phrases, or Manaryisms that he would repeat on a regular basis...the meaning behind his messages were to “do what’s right, not what pleases others” ...” Carol Smith, Executive Director WCC

Conard Gene Petersen

Cascadia Conservation District

September 28, 1933 - February 26, 2020



His legacy is the example he set, following the word of God, having integrity in all things and showing unconditional love to others.

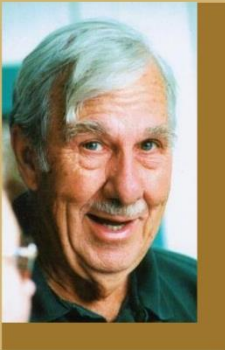
Conard Gene Petersen was born on September 28, 1933 in Wenatchee, WA, to parents, Martin and Margaret Petersen. He attended Washington State University and returned to Entiat, WA, to join his father and uncle in the logging business. He married Sarah Elizabeth Collins on November 28, 1954, and they spent 65 years together.

Conard was an un-assuming Renaissance Man, long before the term became fashionable. A man firmly committed to his “extended family” which included his actual family, members of his church, the Entiat watershed and the NCW community at large. He was both a logger and farmer at heart, building the Entiat family orchard from 20 acres of apples to 70 acres of pears. With family and friends, he explored the canyons and mountains of not only the Entiat Valley, but all the major mountain summits in Washington State. He was a voracious reader and pursued knowledge in a wide range of arenas. He was a 41-year member of the Wenatchee Apollo Club and served as the group’s music librarian. He was a member of the Entiat Historical Society and the Knapp-Wham Ditch Association.

Conard served on the Cascadia Conservation District Board for nine years and was always available as a consultant to CD staff. He provided critical input and guidance during both the development and implementation of the Entiat Watershed Plan. Conard played a major role in helping shape Cascadia into the pro-active conservation partner that it is today.

Harry Jess Petersen

Thurston Conservation District
December 28, 1926 - April 6, 2014



Growing up during the Great Depression and serving during WWII, Harry was a member of the Greatest Generation.

"It's spelled with a 'e', not a 'o'."

Harry was born December 28, 1926, in Tacoma to Harry James and Jessie (Schultz) Petersen. In 1933, Harry moved with his parents to a farm on the Nisqually River near Yelm. After he graduated from Clover Park High School in 1944, Harry enlisted in the US Navy and served as a Hospital Corpsman. On December 26, 1949, Harry married Jerrilee K. Hjelm of Olympia. He attended the University of Washington and graduated from Pacific Lutheran College in 1950 with a Bachelor of Education. In 1958, he earned a Masters of Education from the College of Puget Sound.

Harry raised cattle and timber on the family farm before and after his retirement. An outgoing and social person, Harry was active in numerous volunteer and civic organizations. He loved a good glass of red wine and telling stories with family and friends.

Harry was a supervisor for the Thurston Conservation District from October 1998 to 2008. Both he and his wife Jerri participated in many CD and related activities. As social people with all kinds of friends from many walks of life, they brought a wealth of knowledge about people and places to the conservation district community. They came into our lives as a "set" – you got both of them and you'd enjoy their company and perspective. Seeing their place on the Nisqually River just outside of Yelm was a treat – and you'd have to be impressed by Harry's collection of what might be the most cast-iron cookware on the west coast. They became friends with many of us. And they did a lot for conservation, too. The easement on their property along the Nisqually is a gift to this and future generations.

Alan Stromberger

Lincoln County Conservation District
November 23, 1951 – August 5, 2020



Alan served nearly 30 years as a Fire Commissioner for the Lincoln County Fire District #1. During this time Alan successfully raised \$2.5M of funds to construct a fire station/emergency response center that is recognized as a model statewide.

Alan was raised on a farm outside of Sprague, WA, where he and his wife, Sharlene, raised four children. In addition to operating the family farm, Alan was highly involved in various local and state organizations. He dedicated 24 years to conservation efforts at the state and county level, serving on the Lincoln County Conservation District Board of Supervisors since 1994, and the Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Board of Directors from 2006 to 2015 including serving as acting WACD President in 2014-2015. Alan also served as a North East Area Director. He valued the experiences he gained, the relationships he built, and the conservation efforts he was able to positively influence during this time.

Those who knew Alan will agree that he was a dedicated, tireless worker when it came to preserving the natural resources of Eastern Washington, as well as the preservation of conservation practices across the state. Alan spent a lot of time for many years in Olympia, representing the concerns and sharing the successes of Eastern Washington with legislators. His family is immensely proud of the work he achieved for his community and his dedication to never settling for the status quo.

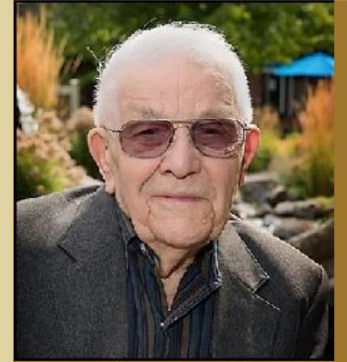
Chester "Chet" Templin

Adams Conservation District

Chester "Chet" Ernest Alfred Templin passed away at 100 years old on February 2, 2020 in Spokane, WA. He was born on December 11, 1919 in Ralston, WA to Ella "Elsie" (Wellsandt) and Ernest Templin. Chet graduated from Ritzville High School in 1938, and farmed wheat and raised livestock with his father near Tokio, WA until he purchased the farm himself.

In 1948, he was among the first farmers in Adams and Lincoln counties to put in irrigation for green crops like alfalfa and blue grass seed. Chet was the first Ritzville FFA president, a 4-H livestock club leader and a master and member of the Crab Creek Grange.

In 1963 he played a pivotal role as a founding board member in the establishment of the Adams Conservation District. When Chet stepped down from the board he continued on as an associate supervisor until his passing.



Chet supplemented the farm income by selling and installing grain storage tanks. Over 1000 of his grain storage bins now pepper Adams, Lincoln, Grant, Spokane, and Whitman counties.

Elected Board of Directors

- ❖ North Central ~ John McLean
- ❖ South Central ~ Heather Wendt
- ❖ Northeast ~ Hilary Sepulveda
 - ❖ Northwest ~ Larry Davis
- ❖ Southeast ~ Jerry Hendrickson
- ❖ Southwest ~ Doug Rushton

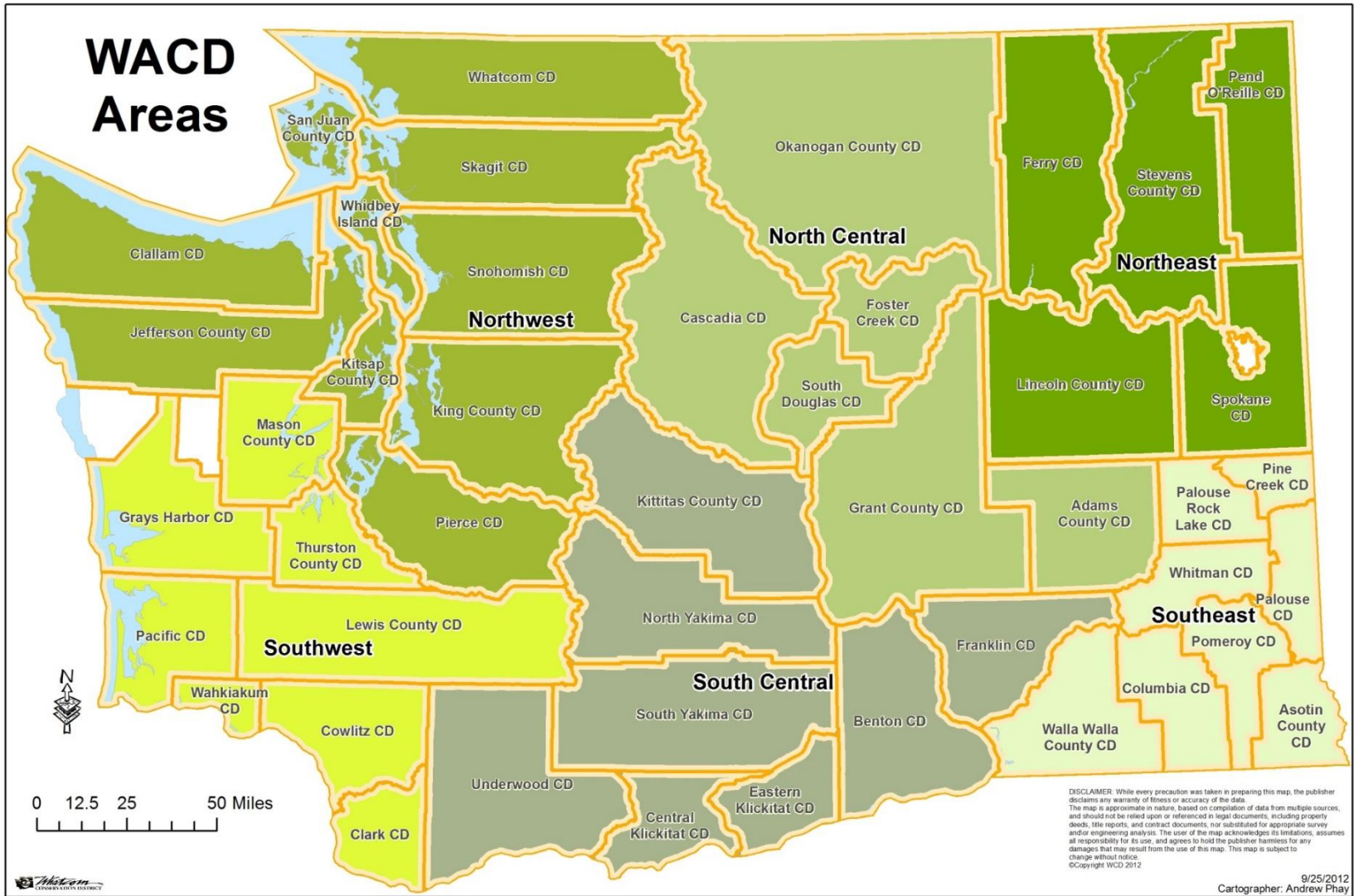
Elected Officers

President ~ Larry Davis

Vice President ~ Doug Rushton

Secretary – Treasurer ~ Heather Wendt

WACD Areas



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FUTURE GOALS AND PROJECTS

- ❖ Continue partnering with CD's as a grants pass through
- ❖ Promote donations through Combined Fund Drive and Amazon Smile
- ❖ Tribal Envirothon Support Grant