



WALT Regional Peer Meeting – Thursday, September 29th, 2022

9:30AM-5:30PM

Host Organization: Skagit Land Trust

Event Location: [Samish Island Conservation Area](#)

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Overview: This is an opportunity for land trust practitioners in a particular region to come together to connect informally, hear about what is happening at the host organization, and have time for generative, facilitated discussion on pressing issues and opportunities.

Who: This is open to all staff and board of WALT member organizations, but priority members are Skagit Land Trust, Whidbey Camano Land Trust, Whatcom Land Trust, Lummi Island Heritage Trust, San Juan Preservation Trust, and Forterra.

Bring: Shoes for a short forest/beach walk, layers in case of wind and rain, your favorite beverage to share, and something to make sure you don't forget all your good ideas!

Travel: Everyone is on your own, and encouraged to carpool with fellow practitioners. Ferry pick-up and drop-off from Seattle can likely be arranged for a limited number of people.

9:30 am	<p>Arrival, Coffee, Chit-Chat <i>Take a few minutes to relax from the drive/ferry, catch-up with old friends and make some new ones!</i></p>
10:00 am	<p>Host Organization Project Tour <i>This is a chance to be outside in a beautiful place, and hear from SLT staff about some of their new projects/initiatives, plans for the future (coastal restoration and public access), and areas where they could use advice and support.</i></p>
12:00 pm	<p>Lunch <i>We'll all jump in our cars and take a 3-minute drive to Skagit's Samish – Miles Conservation Area. WALT will provide lunch from a delicious local eatery! While you eat, help determine and prioritize topics and issues you would like to discuss in small groups.</i></p>
1:00 pm	<p>Discussion Groups <i>We'll take most of the afternoon to break out into small groups for lightly facilitated discussions around different cohorts (stewardship, leadership, outreach, etc.) and around different topics based on feedback during the lunch hour.</i></p>
4:00 pm	<p>Happy Hour <i>As your travel schedule allows, decompress with a drink and good company; make sure to bring a few extras of your favorite beverage to share with the group! If the weather is wet or cold, we'll head over to the town of Edison (10-minutes away) with a great brewery/distillery.</i></p>
5:15 pm	<p>Go Home!</p>