

# South Sound Estuary Association

*SSEA is an educational non-profit dedicated to increasing knowledge and awareness of the south Puget Sound's special ecosystem—the intertwining of its hydrology, biology, geology and human history—through several programs:*



## Beach Naturalists

We put trained volunteers on four public-park beaches in Thurston County during summertime minus tides to help beachcombers better understand the ecosystem they're visiting.



## Discovery Speaker Series

We provide a free speaker series during the winter months, where experts in various marine-science subjects discuss their specialties at the LOTT auditorium in downtown Olympia.



## Pier Peer

Our nighttime underwater viewing of marine life at the Boston Harbor Marina. Many sea creatures are attracted to spotlights at night, like moths to a flame, providing a peek into their realm.



## South Sound Naturalists

In partnership with the Hands-On Children's Museum, we provide trained naturalists at the HOCM facility to help kids learn about the mysteries of their nearby marine environment.



## South Sound Estuarium

The first step in our goal of a permanent aquarium and marine science center on the Olympia waterfront. Opened at 608 Washington St. NE in July, 2013, the Estuarium features aquatic tanks and numerous displays and exhibits.

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