



# THE SPORTSMAN

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## BREMERTON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026 EDITION

### Conservation Pledge:

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend  
from waste the natural resources of my country  
– it's air, soil and minerals; it's forests, waters and wildlife.

**President:** Vacant, **Vice President:** Bob Overly | **Secretary:** Ron Flerx, **Treasurer:** John McIntosh  
**Trustees:** Pos 1. Jack Gaudette (term expires 2027), Pos 2. Trevor Guyton (term expires 2026),  
Pos 3. Carl Peterson (term expires 2027), Pos 4. Steve Christensen (term expires 2026)  
**Membership Chairperson:** Vacant | **Newsletter Editor:** Ron Flerx

## Message from the BSC Secretary / Newsletter Editor

**WOW 2026 is here!** I'll start by reminding everyone it is now time to renew your annual BSC membership. New and renewal of memberships are for the calendar year January first to the end of December. Without a membership chair I'm keeping a running list of who has renewed or joined BSC. At this upcoming general meeting I'll give a report on membership.

At this January general meeting I expect the club will be given an update on Banner Forest by the Save Banner Forest group leaders. Banner was last logged approximately 30 plus years ago and is now maturing and transitioning into an OLD Growth Forest but now Kitsap County Parks Department is currently planning on harvesting the timber on these 6 hundred acres.

**Washington State 2026 Legislative Session:** The session started on January 12 th and Ends on March 13 th . I personally will be paying attention to proposals and new bills being presented during the session.

**2026 North of Falcon public meeting schedule:** See timeline and outline of public meetings at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon/public-meetings>



# UPCOMING EVENTS:

**SATURDAY  
JANUARY 24TH  
2:00-4:00PM**

## SCIENCE-BASED STEWARDSHIP: AN EXPERT PERSPECTIVE

From our friends from Banner Forest <https://www.savebannerforest.org/>

**Location:** South Kitsap High School - 425 Mitchell Ave, Port Orchard WA 98366.

**Details:** Join internationally renowned conservation scientist Dr. Dominick A. DellaSala for an expert presentation on why Banner Forest matters, what is at stake, and how science-based stewardship can guide its protection.

**More information:** <https://www.savebannerforest.org/event-details/science-based-stewardship-an-expert-perspective>

**TUESDAY  
JANUARY 27TH**

## BREMERTON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETINGS:

The club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. January's general meeting will be held on Tuesday the 27th. We are meeting at the Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club's facility found at 7553 State Hwy 3 SW, Bremerton WA, 98312. Pot luck at 6:00 PM, General meeting Start at 7:00 PM

**JANUARY 28TH  
- FEBRUARY 1ST**

## 39TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

**Location:** Washington State Fair event Center - Mattress Firm ShowPlex, Pavilion, Expo Hall

**Details:** It's Washington's largest Sportsmen's Show with hundreds of fishing and hunting exhibitors, guides and outfitters, new gear, boats, ATVs and thousands of items on sale at show-only prices.

**More information:** <https://www.thefair.com/events/washington-sportsmens-show/>

**FEBRUARY 11-15**

## THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST SPORTSMAN SHOW

**Location:** Portland Expo Center

**More information:** <https://www.pnwsportsmensshow.com/>

**APRIL 25TH**

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## LIFE

### Kitsap organizations assessing forest health by recording birds

By Molly Hetherwick Kitsap News Group • December 23, 2025 1:30 am

If you're out walking in the forested areas of Kitsap County, tread lightly and speak softly — there may be someone listening, but they're not looking for you.

Four Kitsap-based conservation organizations have embarked on a multi-county project called the "Listen Up Collaborative," a unique method of assessing forest health by recording birds and other wildlife in areas treated for habitat improvements.

The Great Peninsula Conservancy, the Bainbridge Island Land Trust, the Point No Point Treaty Council and the Kitsap County Parks Department have teamed up with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, the Northwest Natural Resource Group and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology to conduct audio recordings of sensitive habitats all over Western Washington.

By reviewing which bird species are visiting an area, conservationists can infer whether their efforts to restore native plants and establish healthier forests in Western Washington are effective.

Strategies like selective forest thinning, the creation of brush piles and standing snags, and restoration of native plants in areas invaded by non-natives may all have different effects on biodiversity in a given area, which can be difficult to measure, explained Mac Davenport, communications coordinator at BILT.

But birds can tell scientists about what plants, insects and predators may be in an area, just by their presence — and conveniently, they're chatty.

"We have the same habitat challenges on Bainbridge Island as those our partners face on the Kitsap Peninsula — stressed forests with too many similar trees packed together, letting no light through for a healthy understory, and disturbed openings covered in weeds," said Gina King, conservation director at BILT, in a press release. "[This project] enables us to test the impacts of shared management strategies for the benefit of collaborators as well as for small forest landowners throughout the region."

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Wikimedia Commons courtesy photo A Swainson's thrush perched on a branch in Western Washington.

Right now, the project is listening for 58 bird species, including seven “Species of Greatest Conservation Need” and 13 “Species of Continental Concern,” per the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Some species may already be familiar to Kitsap backyards: brown creepers, chestnut-backed chickadees, Pacific wrens, pileated woodpeckers, spotted towhees, Swainson’s thrushes, western flycatchers, Wilson’s warblers and red-breasted nuthatches are all focal points on the project’s list.

“Recent data from the project indicate that Swainson’s Thrush vocalizations increased dramatically in restored forest patches, proving that thoughtful intervention helps birds thrive,” Davenport wrote.

BILT has deployed acoustic devices, called “AudioMoths,” in the Manzanita Ridge and the Quitslund Preserve. Both sites are part of the land trust’s efforts to improve climate resilience, but the organization has plans for the Manzanita Ridge site. The group plans to establish a rare oak and wildflower woodland habitat in the area.

### READ MORE AT:

<https://www.kitsapdailynews.com/life/kitsap-organizations-assessing-forest-health-by-recording-birds/>



## CRUNCHY BAKED FISH

**4 Servings**

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 whole (1-1/2 to 2 pounds) trout, sole, or flounder
- 1/4 cup of whole wheat flour
- 1/4 cup Grape Nuts cereal
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- 1 tbs chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup plain low fat or nonfat yogurt

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Rinse fish under running water and remove scales.
2. Mix dry ingredients and parsley together
3. Dip fish in yogurt, then in flour mixture
4. Place on foil-lined shallow baking dish that has been preheated.
5. Bake at 400 deg F for 20 to 25 minutes. For a crisper crust, brown under broiler for 2 to 3 minutes.

Garnish with lemon.