

WSU PUYALLUP HIGHLIGHT

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Education and collaboration dominate at Westside ANR Days Conference



Led by Jim Kropf (District Director-Northwest Extension District) and Darcy Batrua (King County Extension), a WSU multi-county task force organized two days of events and forums at this year's Westside ANR Days Conference. An interdisciplinary group of speakers shared research results and extension program impacts with an audience of almost 100 people. Presentations on climate change (Amy Stover, UW Climate Impacts Group, top left)



urban horticulture (Linda Chalker-Scott, WSU Puyallup Research & Extension Center, at left), and extension project recaps and plans

(Katherine Baril, Director, WSU Jefferson County, at right) laid the groundwork for WSU action groups. Faculty, Directors, Extension Coordinators and staff from all parts of western Washington met to listen and self-organize, taking on several important regional questions in need of solutions. Jim Kramer, Executive Director, Shared Strategy Puget Sound (at right,



bottom) spoke on the historic regional collaborative effort that created the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan and the new Puget Sound Initiative for salmon recovery. Ten volunteers will respond to Kramer's challenge and meet to develop interfaces and applied research actions in conjunction with this important regional challenge.

Thanks to all members of the Westside ANR task force that made this conference both provocative and productive. From King County: Darcy Batrua, Tara Zimmerman, Todd Murray, and Amy Grotta; from Skagit County: Andy Perleberg; from Pierce County: Curtiss Hinman; from Mason County: Bob Simmons; and from WSU Puyallup: Shiou Kuo, Craig Cogger, Jon Johnson, and Jim Kropf.



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