

# THE WILLIAM D. RUCKELSHAUS CENTER

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## Amanda Murphy

*Project and Research  
Lead*

Amanda is the Project and Research Lead at William D. Ruckelshaus Center and Washington State University Extension Faculty. At the Ruckelshaus Center, Amanda serves as project manager and/or lead facilitator and teams with other Center and University faculty and staff on a variety of projects. She provides facilitation, mediation, strategic planning, project management and other services for multiparty public policy processes involving federal, state, local, and tribal governments; non-profit organizations; citizen groups; private entities and others. She also leads the Center's collaboration training program and research efforts, and co-leads the Center's internship program.

### KEY AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Project Management  
Situation Assessment  
Survey Design and Interviewing  
Facilitation/Mediation  
Conflict Resolution and Collaborative Problem Solving  
Collaboration Training  
Intergovernmental Relations  
Strategic Planning

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Conflict Resolution Environment and Public Policy Section, Leadership Council and Co-Chair of Professional Development & Member Services Committee, 2012-2015  
University Network for Collaborative Governance

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

BS, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona, 2007  
MMA, Marine & Environmental Affairs, University of Washington, 2011

### HONORS AND AWARDS

Rob Williams Award for Emerging Environment and Public Policy Leaders, Association for Conflict Resolution, Environment and Public Policy, 2012  
Marc J. Hershman Endowment for Marine Affairs, UW, 2011  
Hewlett Endowed Fund for Environmental Studies & Marine Affairs, UW, 2011

## Selected Project Experience

### Collaboration Training, 2011-present:

Developing and leading the Center's training program, providing training in collaborative problem-solving, conflict resolution, facilitation and building long-term working relationships. For example: Provided communications, conflict resolution and consensus-seeking training to incoming students participating in The Evergreen State College's 2013 Civic Engagement Institute; teamed with Oregon Consensus to provide communication and collaboration training to the Columbia River Gorge Commission and; teamed with the National Policy Consensus Center at Portland State University to provide collaboration training to the staff at the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' Aquatics Division.

### Columbia River Gorge Commission, 2012-2015:

Teaming with Oregon Consensus at Portland State University to help the Columbia River Gorge Commission explore and implement opportunities for collaborative engagement among the many parties interested in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (NSA).

### Joint SR 530 Landslide Commission, 2014:

Project manager and co-facilitator for a joint commission formed by the Governor and Snohomish County Executive in response to the SR 530 landslide of March 2014 that took the lives of 43 people in the Stillaguamish Valley. The Commission reviewed the incident and the collective response, and provided recommendations to help plan for and respond to similar events.

**Puget Sound Monitoring, 2014:** Conducted a review of the Puget Sound Partnership's Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP), to assess whether essential characteristics, particularly transparent decision-making, availability and credibility of data, and accountability and trust, are being achieved. Such a review was included in the resolution that created PSEMP to evaluate progress towards ecosystem recovery and improve the scientific basis for management actions throughout Puget Sound.

## Selected Project Experience, continued

**Voluntary Stewardship Program, 2010-2014:** Provided facilitation, coordination, and logistical support for this project that has led to a landmark agreement and state legislation on how to collaboratively protect and enhance environmentally critical areas on agricultural land, while preserving a strong farm economy.

**Columbia River Basin Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Situation Assessment, 2013:** NOAA Fisheries asked the Ruckelshaus Center - in partnership with Oregon Consensus at Portland State University - to conduct a situation assessment of regional views about salmon and steelhead recovery planning in the Columbia River Basin over the long term. Project coordinator and member of the assessment team that conducted over 200 interviews with a broad array of regional parties and produced a report summarizing key themes and potential process options to better achieve desired outcomes regarding long-term salmon and steelhead recovery.

**Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Council, 2011-2013:** Project manager and neutral convener of a coastal stakeholder advisory body that provided the WA State Ocean Caucus and the Governor's Office with input on marine and ocean policy issues on Washington's Pacific Ocean Coast.

**Surplus Salmon, 2010:** Provided support for this project to help the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife ( WDFW ) work with its stakeholders to make recommendations for disposing of salmon at hatcheries in order to best utilize the resource, increase revenues to regional fisheries enhancement groups, and enhance the provision of nutrients to food banks

**Sacred Sites on US Forest Service Forests and Grasslands, 2010-2011:** Provided project management support and coordination for a year-long effort to review Forest Service policy on tribal access to, and protection of, Sacred Sites on lands managed by the US Forest Service.

**Establishing Water Quality Standards on the Nez Perce Reservation, 2010-2011:** Provided project and facilitation support for the Nez Perce Tribe, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 who have agreed to work together through a collaborative approach to explore ways to establish appropriate water quality standards that apply within the Nez Perce Reservation.

**Public Involvement Plan and Facilitation of Shoshone Bannock Tribal Water Quality Standards (WQS) Development, 2010-2011:** Provided coordination and logistical support to EPA and the Shoshone Bannock Tribes to develop and implement a public involvement strategy, public involvement process, and documents for the public to review for the tribe's water quality standards.

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