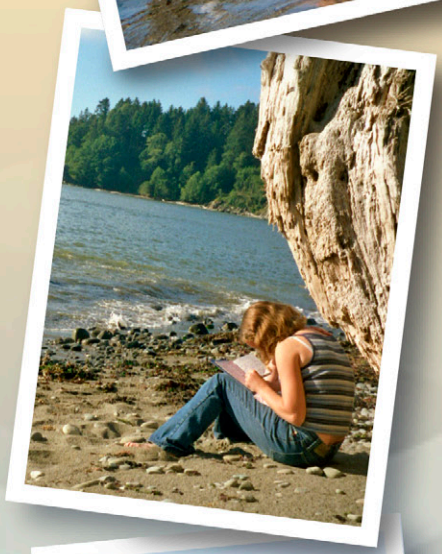
Pacific Northwest

B-WET Bay Watershed Education & Training Program

The Pacific Northwest Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program is an environmental education program that supports locally relevant experiential learning in the K-12 environment. The primary delivery is through competitive grants.

B-WET Activities Show an Increase in:

- Teachers' confidence in their ability and their intentions to implement experiential learning in their classroom
- Students' enjoyment of learning about the ocean and protecting the ocean
- Students' and teachers ability to identify ways watersheds and the ocean become polluted and ways to prevent this pollution



Priority Areas:

Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences for Students

- Weaves together classroom learning with field experiences
- Creates sustained learning opportunities
- Aligns with state and national standards of learning

Professional Development for Teachers

- Reinforces a teacher's ability to teach, inspire, & lead
- Teachers learn why and how to use inquiry based learning in their classrooms
- Develops teacher confidence in outdoor learning and science content

Target Areas: Funds are available for eligible applicants throughout the watersheds of Oregon and Washington with special focus on Ocean Literacy, STEM education, salmon population and habitat restoration and the education goals of the West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health.

Eligible Applicants: K-through-12 public and independent schools and school systems, institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, state or local government agencies, and Indian tribal governments.

Available funding: B-WET funds are appropriated each year by Congress. Proposals must be for a one-year duration; ongoing projects may apply in subsequent years for continuation. Pacific Northwest B-WET funds can be used for a variety of expenses to conduct programming including: buses, stipends, travel, substitutes, equipment, and professional evaluators.

To learn more about the Pacific Northwest B-WET Program contact Robert Steelquist, Robert.Steelquist@noaa.gov, or visit our website at:
http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/ocean_literacy/bwet.html

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