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New phone: 360-393-4706

New address: 1015 Girard St, Bellingham, WA 98225

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Come see our new office at Kulshan Services!

OPEN HOUSE: Wednesday, October 14 4:30-6:00 pm

1015 Girard Street, Bellingham, WA 98225

Light refreshments will be served.

Parking available. We hope you will drop by!

Thank you to our clients and business supporters!

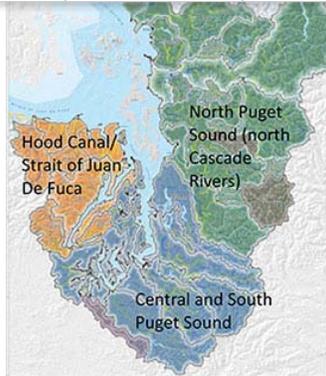
Nearly five years ago, David Roberts, our founder, left his secure day job and started Kulshan Services as a single shingle consultant in a humble home office in the middle of a long recession. He believed that our environmental communications and consulting company had much to offer our community.

Today... we celebrate our talented, curious, and hard-working staff of seven and our sunny new office space! We are so grateful for your continued support.

Please contact us if you have a project idea, lead, or need.

Also, we welcome your referrals.

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[Wild Steelhead Gene Bank](#)

[Public Meetings](#)

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) plans to designate a gene bank in each of at least three Puget Sound rivers. These gene banks will address federal steelhead protection requirements. The concept is to identify and manage certain watersheds so that wild steelhead genetic characteristics aren't diluted. Genetic diversity associated with robust populations can survive bouts of intense selection such as a natural disaster. Kulshan assisted staff with planning and carrying out all aspects of their four public meetings.



[Community Engagement](#)

[Planning in the Skagit](#)

Kulshan is supporting the Skagit Watershed Council in the development of a community engagement plan. We are currently facilitating discussions with staff and educators throughout the watershed to develop a framework to effectively reach members of the community at a variety of levels. Information and tools will be developed to build a knowledgeable, interested, and motivated constituency acting to protect the Skagit's salmon, natural environment, and communities. The process will increase communication about salmon recovery efforts and successes in the Skagit Watershed by providing access to information, context, and better documentation.

Photo by John Scurlock



[Mine Reclamation Planning and Permitting](#)

Kulshan Services is project manager for a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional planning effort to develop a new reclamation plan and obtain a revised operating permit for the Swen Larsen Olivine Mine in Whatcom County. Terry is acting as project manager for this effort with Reid Armstrong and Nate Rice providing technical support. This process will include local, state and federal agency coordination, an integrated NEPA/SEPA approach, environmental review and document preparation, and sub-contractor management. Our experience and attention to details in these complex processes allow our clients to focus on business operations while looking to the future.



[Subscribe](#)[Share ▼](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)[Trail Plan Environmental](#)[Assessment for Whatcom County](#)

Kulshan Services has been hired to complete an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Whatcom Park/Lookout Mountain Trail Plan (Plan). The EA will support the SEPA review process for the Plan and will provide an alternatives analysis for development of the preferred trail system design and other alternatives considered. This effort will also identify avoidance, minimization and mitigation strategies for potential impacts from the Plan. Our staff provide Whatcom County with an additional team component to achieve a successful public recreational planning outcome.

[Marine-Related Regulatory and Leasing Assistance](#)

Terry is currently working with several marina owners across the state to assist in land use planning and

[Gig Harbor Boating Needs](#)[Seminar and Survey](#)

Our team recently completed a community boating needs assessment for the Gig Harbor Downtown Waterfront, Alliance, the Gig Harbor Yacht Club, and local marine-related businesses. Primary components of the process included a well-attended community boating seminar and online survey. Results of the assessment included an analysis of local boater demographics, use patterns for existing marine-related and shoreside services, and satisfaction level with those services. This effort provides a valuable planning tool Gig Harbor community to define priorities for this important sector of their economy.

[Lower Nooksack SWIF](#)

The System Wide Infrastructure Framework team has achieved wonderful milestones under our facilitation and strategic planning support. The team is well on its way to addressing

[The HCP and management](#)[of Submerged Lands](#)

Terry continues to advise the Northwest Marine Trade Association (NMTA) and its members on the draft Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). After the initial public review and comment period in late 2014, DNR made a decision to re-engage stakeholders to determine appropriate steps for moving the process forward. Our team will continue to provide policy analysis and technical support to NMTA staff and training sessions to NMTA members on this unprecedented plan for the management of submerged lands in Washington.

[Farm Fish and Flood Initiative \(3FI\) Update](#)

The 3FI Team is making good progress on their Hydrodynamic Modeling effort for the lower part of

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permitting processes. These projects include lease amendment negotiations for a marina facility in Port Orchard and lease reauthorization negotiations for a Columbia River yacht club. Terry is also involved in continuing lease negotiations for the use of state-owned aquatic lands in Chelan County and defining management authority for waterway uses in Lake Union.



[Welcome Reid Armstrong!](#)

As one of the newest members of the Kulshan Services Team, Reid Armstrong comes to the company with a diverse set of skills developed over 10 years working as a fisheries and aquatic biologist. His primary expertise includes fisheries studies, habitat assessments, stormwater, flow studies, and water quality. Reid has resided in Bellingham for over 14 years and has extensive local knowledge of our natural resources, geography, and

their federal requirements for levee management. Successes include: development of a vegetation management plan, an analysis for the state's Floodplains by Design program, and a streamlined permitting process. We are on target to complete planning work by year end and then will address funding approaches after the first of the year.



[Hello Sarah Lane!](#)

Sarah Lane joins Kulshan in October to take charge of our office management. Sarah comes to Kulshan with a broad range of skill sets and experience which David will greatly appreciate as this will free up his time for additional projects. Sarah also has a strong background in environmental education. She is an avid fisher woman, guide, and Master Gardener.

Skagit River. This project will help identify the best sites for potential projects that could achieve a multiple-benefit outcome. In a parallel effort, we are working through a number of ideas to enhance Skagit County's protection of farmlands. David continues to facilitate the Oversight Team meetings ensuring that the group stays on track and there is a record of their discussions.



[Welcome Nathan Rice!](#)

Nate has a diverse background in fish and wildlife research, field surveys, GIS, ecological restoration, and project coordination, education, and journalism. He is completing his Masters in Environmental Science at Western Washington University where he is researching the abundance and road ecology of the North Cascades elk herd.

[Kulshan Offers Wildlife, Fish, and Aquatic Services](#)

Reid and Nathan bring strong

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surrounding communities.



[Stormwater Assistance](#)

Kulshan Services' stormwater assistance program is expanding rapidly. We continue to conduct stormwater system evaluations for Bellingham School District and Whatcom County including public education workshops, IDDE inspections, and stormwater system maintenance plans for homeowner associations. We are also assisting Lynden, Anacortes, and Ferndale with various aspects of their Phase II NPDES permit as well as stormwater compliance on a number of commercial sites.



[Meet our Summer Intern](#)

Ryan Roberts is a senior at Western Washington University studying Sustainable Business and Entrepreneurship. During his internship, he assisted with bookkeeping, payroll, invoicing, and time accounting. Ryan was tasked with several research projects recommending online business management, technology, and marketing tools. He also assisted with public meetings and planning for our office move. Thanks Ryan for your curiosity, knowledge, and research!

research, field experience,

data analysis, and decades of professional experience in wildlife, fisheries, and aquatic science. We also provide GIS mapping as well. **Contact us to see if we can assist you with your projects!**

360-393-4706!



We **LOVE** our new space! **John Blethen's talented crew** restored it into a beautiful gem. We have energy-efficient heating and lighting, natural light galore, an outdoor patio, and parking across the street.

Read our newest blog:

[Get Ready for the Rainy Season: Tips on Stormwater Maintenance](#)

<http://kulshanservices.com/1/post/2015/10/get-ready-for-the-rainy-season.html>

[Check out our team members](#)

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