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# Eyes Over Puget Sound

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The drought meets the "blob" in Puget Sound as warm air temperatures have left little snow to feed the rivers.

## Surface Conditions Report

April 29, 2015

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*Up-to-date observations of visible water quality conditions in Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca*

**Puget Sound is feeling the heat!** Warm waters from "The Blob" in Puget Sound combine with drought conditions as warm air has left little snow to feed the rivers. Water temperatures throughout Puget Sound are the highest in 25 years and oxygen is exhibiting record lows. High suspended sediment in the north is still coming in from the Frasier River. Otherwise, the surface waters appear very clear due to recent low river flows and weak blooming activity. A red bloom is present in Sinclair Inlet and in some confined bays. Patches of jellyfish, however, are going strong in inlets of South Sound and Sinclair Inlet. What does this all mean for salmon? Get to know some intertidal critters!

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We created a survey to get your feedback on EOPS, [click here.](#)

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Source images of the entire flight are located at:

[ftp://www.ecy.wa.gov/eap/Flight\\_Blog/latest\\_pictures/](ftp://www.ecy.wa.gov/eap/Flight_Blog/latest_pictures/)

**Note:** If you wish to have access to images right after the flight please send me an e-mail at [ckre461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ckre461@ecy.wa.gov) and I will put you on a pre-release alert list with an ftp link.

We hope the images are inspiring and informative.

With best regards,

Christopher and the Marine Monitoring Unit

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