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Surface condition report "The year 2015 in pictures" is now available.

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# Eyes Over Puget Sound

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**2015 Review**

ECOS  
ECOS STATE PROGRAM INNOVATION AWARD  
Presented by  
Washington's Ferries for Science  
and Eyes over Puget Sound  
August 2015  
March 2016

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

## The year 2015 in pictures:

Jellyfish patches persisted through the entire year in response to the exceptionally warm water caused by the Blob. Sediment loads are high as snow melts fast in the winter of 2015. Unexpected phytoplankton species occur in some bays in spring. Noctiluca, jellyfish and macro-algae appear in high numbers when rivers drop to record-low flows in early summer. Low river flows slow the renewal of in Puget Sound throughout summer and fall and jellyfish patches reach record highs.

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

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The pdf document is around 10 MB, upload times may vary.

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**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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