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Surface Conditions Report, May 2, 2016

Critter of the Month

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Sandra Weakland, Sediment Team, Ecology

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

What you will find:

Spring air temperatures are higher - it has been sunny and dry. The snowpack is quickly disappearing as temperatures are up to 7 °F warmer at higher elevations. Snowmelt-fed rivers are running very high. How does this affect water quality in Puget Sound? A strong spring phytoplankton bloom extends across Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Water temperatures are still higher than normal and jellyfish are already numerous in southern inlets. The high biological activity is causing organic material to drift at the surface and wash onto beaches. Do you know how fast a Sand Star can move?

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

The pdf document is around 10 MB, upload times may vary. It has clickable navigation links.

Source images of the entire flight are located at:

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 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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