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Surface Conditions Report, August 28, 2017

Critic of the month:
The Common Sun Star

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Up-to-date observations of water quality conditions in Puget Sound and coastal bays

At a glance:

Warm air temperatures, abundant sunshine, and drier conditions persisted. River flows are lower in the north. Puget Sound waters are still fresher than in the past 17 years from the combination of abundant spring rain and weak upwelling bringing less salty water from the ocean. July upwelling was stronger, however. Warmer water temperatures are notable in parts of Central Sound, accompanied by large rafts of drifting macroalgae. Diverse blooms in colors of green, orange and red-brown are present in many inlets. Jellyfish abundance is lower this year. Find out how we assess if the benthos is changing.

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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 Krembs and the Marine Monitoring Unit

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