

Ecology's Marine News: "EYES OVER PUGET SOUND"

Surface condition report "July, 2019" is now available.

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At a glance:

In July, the recent trends of warm, dry conditions lessened; however, river flows remain low. Extensive macroalgae drifted through South and Central Sound and washed up on beaches. Macroalgae growth is fueled by excessive nutrients and sunshine. When it washes onto the beach, it is called beach wrack, and it can be a health risk to beachgoers because of bacteria it can harbor. From our aerial photography, we saw that Southern Hood Canal looks tropical because of a bloom of coccolithophores coloring the water turquoise. Schools of fish congregate in South Sound and southern Hood Canal. Jellyfish are abundant in Quartermaster Harbor.

Commented [FR(1)]: Pulled this from my edits to the EOPS summary page. Is this description of beach wrack okay?

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We hope the images are inspiring and informative.

With best regards, Christopher Krembs and the Marine Monitoring Unit

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