PHASE 2: MUNICIPAL LEVEL CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING FOR THE NORTH OLYMPIC PENINSULA

Building on the 2015 Climate Change Preparedness Plan for the North Olympic Peninsula (CCP NOP), this project will establish regional adaptation and mitigation goals for the North Olympic Peninsula and develop specific climate action plans for local communities that integrate with the CCP NOP plan, local government comprehensive and shoreline master plans and other relevant plans.

Regional and Local Climate Action Planning

Local governments and community stakeholders will come together to agree on actionable, regional goals to address climate change. Local communities will develop detailed climate action plans for implementation. Goals include:

- Develop region-wide actionable goals for adoption by all partners;
- Create a climate change planning “toolkit” with sample decision-making checklists, code and regulations;
- Develop local climate action plans for at least four North Olympic Peninsula communities.

Climate change may bring reduced snow pack to the Olympic Mountains.

WHY IS THIS ISSUE IMPORTANT?

Local communities are already feeling the effects of climate change. Local governments must begin planning now to develop policies and infrastructure to prepare for projected effects such as sea level rise, extreme rain and snow events and increased wildfire risk.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Encourage local leaders to take the threat of climate change seriously and to plan for its effects. Join public planning efforts and work with others to develop concrete goals and strategies.

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Warming of the Elwha and other rivers as a result of climate change will affect salmon and other species.