



NORTHWEST CENTER FOR ALTERNATIVES TO PESTICIDES

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**NCAP works to protect community and environmental health and inspire
the use of ecologically sound solutions to reduce the use of pesticides.**

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

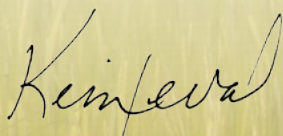
NCAP completes 39 years working to protect community and environmental health. As we enter our 40th year, we celebrate our progress and plan our future role inspiring alternative practices.

While current setbacks on the national level can be dispiriting, it's important to remember that we've made much progress on the pesticide front – and there's more to come! A host of synthetic pesticides have been banned, including 2,4,5-T, which was an early victory NCAP helped bring about. Demand for organic food has exploded, and NCAP continues to be a valued resource for organic farmers and backyard gardeners. People want the places they live to be safe and healthy and they increasingly look to solve pest problems without chemicals.

Thank you for joining us on this incredible journey. The world is a better place because of you, and we hope you will continue to strive with us for positive change through your actions and your giving.

There is, of course, much more work to do. By researching, demonstrating, educating, and reaching out with science-based and solution-oriented information, we will continue to build the movement that creates change. As I often say, "It takes all of us," to make change. You, and our other supporters, donors and advocates, play an essential role in carrying out NCAP's mission.

Thank you for your support!



Kim Leval



HEALTHY PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES

NCAP empowers impacted communities and works for stronger protections where we live, learn and play. We work to end reliance on harmful, chemical pesticides to improve the learning environment, both in the classroom and outside on the school campus.

Program Director Megan Dunn succeeded in working with parents in the Washington State PTA, passing a resolution to protect kids from environmental hazards and contaminants in schools. With this resolution, the PTA can support policy changes for minimum environmental standards in schools and promote green policies, such as Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The resolution recognizes the connection between the role of schools to protect children and environmental health as well as acknowledges the impact of toxics on student achievement.

We made positive gains with five school district site visits in Oregon and Washington, sharing tools and tips for reducing pesticides. Our Healthy Schools Action Team, made up of volunteer supporters across the region, stands ready to advocate for change.

NCAP continued to advocate for improved notification and pesticide use reporting in both agriculture and forestry. Expanded protections would provide new solutions for neighboring properties and farm workers who bear the burden of toxic exposure.

HEALTHY WILDLIFE & WATER

All living things need clean water and healthy habitat. This year NCAP protected pollinators and aquatic species from the harms of pesticides through a variety of approaches.

NCAP collaborated with Oregon State University (OSU) on a webinar, All-Seasons Approach to Monitoring and Managing Spotted Wing Drosophila, now online as a seven-part video series in both English and Spanish. The webinar emphasizes alternative methods to managing the invasive, soft fruit pest.

Program Director Sharon Selvaggio held two workshops on biological control methods for nursery growers in collaboration with OSU, offering the workshops in Spanish and English. We also produced a short video, *Harnessing Nature*, tapping nursery growers' experiences with biological control methods, now online.

We reviewed, commented on and provided highlights about risk assessments to endangered species and pollinators for seven pesticides to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We met with the head of EPA's Pesticide Program office to ask for adoption of measures to mitigate the impact of 25 pesticides on Pacific salmon and steelhead as identified by the National Marine Fisheries Service. We also successfully pressed the State of Oregon to adopt strict rules on the 2015 aerial spraying law (HB 3549).

We conducted outreach about mandatory, no-spray buffers along salmon waters and assessed awareness of these.



HEALTHY FOOD & FARMS

NCAP continued its strong emphasis on providing educational forums focused on alternatives to pesticides. Farmers and others interested in learning these methods attended NCAP's annual winter conference in Idaho, which focused on supporting the organic farming community, a blueberry workshop in Washington, a soft fruit workshop in Oregon, and two summer field days in Idaho. With a sole focus on the alternative methods, farmers regularly note that these sessions are highly valuable to the success of their farms.

While many farmers are interested in establishing habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects, they find site preparation and weed management to be a significant challenge. NCAP worked with The Xerces Society on two organic farms in Idaho to demonstrate organic methods of site preparation to replace herbicide use. In September, NCAP planted native, flowering shrubs and perennials. The plantings will provide pollen, nectar and shelter for beneficial insects for years to come.

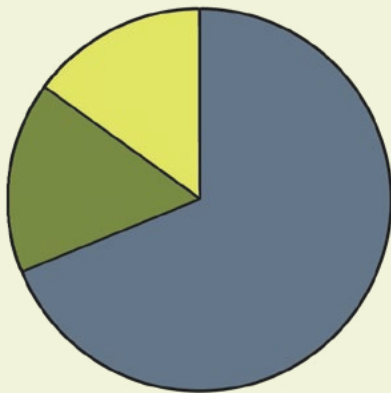
NCAP continued to advocate for federal investment in research to develop alternatives to pesticides in agriculture. We pursued this work in collaboration with organizations across the country, as a member of the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC).

Dr. Jade Florence was hired as the Healthy Food and Farms Program Director in May 2016 and began work in Boise, Idaho in July. Over the summer months, she joined NSAC to advocate for sustainable agriculture policy and began meeting producers throughout southern Idaho.

FISCAL YEAR EXPENSES

Program Services	\$318,546
Management & General	\$80,556
Fundraising	\$90,747
Total Expenses	\$489,849

Net Assets Beginning	\$322,970
Net Assets Ending	\$283,872
Change in Net Assets	(\$39,098)



65% Program Services
19% Fundraising
16% Management & General

FISCAL YEAR REVENUE

Contributions	\$116,093
Memberships	\$23,692
Grants	\$245,561
Special Events	\$28,793
Donated Services/Goods	\$21,577
Interest & Dividends	\$4,673
Investment Gain	\$10,362
Total Revenue	\$450,751

BY THE NUMBERS

HEALTHY PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

3 new school facts sheets: pesticide free control for lice, how to talk about pesticides, facts on pesticides use

35 participants trained at the Organic Landscaping in Large Spaces workshop, an event co-hosted with Pacific Northwest Coalition of Organic Land Care Professionals

65 area turf maintenance professionals received resources for turf care to promote pesticide alternatives for maintenance. This came as a response to the emerging issue of crumb rubber and promoting the healthiest alternative to artificial turf

400 Federal Way students learned about the connections between pesticides, pollinators and salmon at the annual "Salmon Release" party

HEALTHY WILDLIFE AND WATER

160 berry and cherry growers and agriculture supporters trained in monitoring, prevention and cultural methods to limit spotted wing drosophila

72 nursery and greenhouse growers and ag supporters trained in biocontrol methods

7 comment letters to EPA about pesticide risk assessments to endangered species and pollinators

2 videos or series produced, highlighting alternative growing methods

1 meeting with EPA on mitigations for Pacific salmon

1 report card on buffer awareness and state outreach efforts completed

HEALTHY FOOD AND FARMS

94 farmers and agriculture professionals learned about cover cropping and no-till methods at NCAP's annual winter conference in Idaho

50 native wildflowers and shrubs were planted in a beneficial insect/pollinator hedgerow

15 members of the sustainable agriculture community convened to discuss the state of sustainable agriculture in Idaho

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