

The Official

# AEG Nisqually Chapter Newsletter

## Meeting Details

Monday, December 9th, 2024

Location: Mercato Ristorante

111 Market St NE

Olympia, WA

6:00 to 8:00 pm: Dinner,  
Social, Mini Presentations,  
Trivia, Games, Rock/Soil  
Sample Display &  
White Elephant Gift Exchange

Dinner: Pizza and Salad

**\$25 Member or Non-Member**

**\$15 Educator or Job Seeker**

**\$5 Student**

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## Upcoming Events in 2025:

**January dinner meeting:**  
Joint AEG Puget Sound & AEG  
Nisqually meeting in Tacoma on  
Thursday, January 16th, 2025  
Speaker: Douglas Boyer (FERC)

**February dinner meeting TBD**

**March dinner meeting:**  
Tuesday, March 4th, 2025  
Mercato Ristorante, Olympia  
Speaker: Megan Anderson (WGS)

**Bernstein Bears Field Trip:**  
Tentative: Sat., March 22nd, 2025  
Amber rock hounding in the  
Issaquah Alps



## AEG Nisqually 2024 Holiday Party

Join us at our annual AEG Nisqually holiday party on Monday, December 9th. Friends and family are welcome! We have a lot of fun activities planned this year:

- **Rock & Soil Sample Display**—We'll be displaying your favorite rock and soil samples from 2024. *\*\*If you'd like to participate, please bring one or more soil and/or rock samples you personally collected within the past 12 months.*
- **White Elephant Gift Exchange**—Our traditional white elephant gift exchange continues this year, and we hope it's as revelrous and riotous as in years past. Helmets, mouth guards and elbow pads not provided. *\*\*If you'd like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift valued between \$20 and \$30 dollars.*
- **Geologic Trivia**—Test the hardness of your rock-solid knowledge in a lively trivia session. We've delved into Moria to find the most excellent geology-themed trivia questions.
- **Lidar Geomorphology Contest**—How well can you identify and trace landslides, alluvial fans, faults and other geomorphic features in lidar? We'll have hard copies of lidar maps for you to test your geomorph skills...and your artistic skills!
- **Mini Presentations by Nisqually Chapter Members**—Keeping with tradition, we'll have a handful of short presentations (<5 minutes) from our chapter members displaying fun activities, vacations or projects they've been involved with in 2024. *\*\*If you'd like to participate, let us know at [AEGNisqually@gmail.com](mailto:AEGNisqually@gmail.com), and bring a thumb drive with a few photos or a brief powerpoint presentation to the meeting.*

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## Message from the Chair

### Announcements:

#### **Professional License Review Act, HB 1301**

As discussed at the November AEG Nisqually dinner meeting, the Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) recently emailed all licensed geologists in Washington State with information regarding the Professional License Review Act in 2025 (HB1301). This act requires DOL to submit an annual report reviewing 10 percent of professional and business licenses every year (i.e. 100 percent of all professional and business licenses every decade). This year, professional geologist licenses fall under that 10 percent, and are up for review.

As part of this review, DOL has invited all licensed geologists to participate in one or more virtual listening sessions to assist DOL in complying with HB 1301. The intent of the listening session, per DOL, will be to gather feedback on any barriers or concerns licensees face when getting licensed, **and why licensure is or is not currently working as is**. Importantly, DOL also wishes to hear from larger organizations related to the profession, such as AEG. **As the current chair of AEG Nisqually, I intend to speak up at this meeting in support of continued licensure. I encourage all licensed AEG Nisqually members who can attend to join the meeting and make their voices heard.** AEG Nisqually is also in communication with AEG Puget Sound about drafting a joint letter to DOL in support of professional licensure, which we hope to read at the upcoming December 17th, 2024 listening session.

#### **Upcoming WA Department of Licensing Geologist Listening Session**

**Date:**

December 17, 2024

**Time:**

11:00am – 12:00pm

**Location:**

Online Microsoft Teams Meeting

**[Click here to join the meeting.](#)**

Meeting ID: 270836 821 365

Passcode: A25Db7

Dial in by phone: +1 564-999-2000,306424021#

We encourage all AEG Nisqually members to attend and make their voices heard.

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## Message from the Chair continued...

### January 16th Joint Dinner Meeting with AEG Puget Sound in Tacoma

We are excited to be holding a joint meeting with the Puget Sound chapter in Tacoma. Our speaker will be Douglas Boyer (FERC), and his talk will be titled: *2017 Oroville Spillways Incident and Subsequent Reconstruction*. More details to come in early January.

**Date:**

Thursday, January 16th, 2025

**Time:**

TBD, likely 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**Tentative Location:**

La Quinta Inn & Suites—Tacoma  
1425 E 27th St, Tacoma, WA 98421

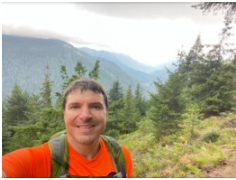
### Bernstein Bears field trip Sat., March 22nd, 2025

Did you know you don't have to travel to the Baltic Sea to find amber? There are amber (bernstein) deposits waiting to introduce themselves to your rock hammer in our very own Tiger Mountain State Forest. Geologist Will Gallin (GSI Environmental) will help lead an amber rock-hounding field trip to Tiger Mountain, tentatively planned for Saturday March 22nd, 2025. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months!



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