

Contributors to King County's SciFYI

Tim Clark | Water Quality Planner II/Limnologist

Tim specializes in analyzing and interpreting water quality data for lakes and streams. His work spans from managing a floating wetlands project in a small, eutrophic lake in White Center to large-scale pollutant loading estimates as part of the County's Combined Sewer Overflow Control Program. He joined King County in 2014. Tim has a MS in Environmental Sciences and a MPA from the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs. His limnological interests include stormwater pollution modeling and management, exploring applications of remote sensing using satellite imagery, and fostering environmental stewardship through civilian science, education, and effective communication.



Jenée Colton | Water Quality Planner III/Ecotoxicologist

Jenée has over 20 years of experience as an environmental scientist. At King County, she designs and conducts studies and manages projects that address chemical contamination of water, sediments, and fish. Jenée leads King County's Marine Fish Tissue Toxics Monitoring program which tracks chemical bioaccumulation in Puget Sound fish over time. She also provides technical services on contaminated sediments, stormwater contamination and treatment, and water quality projects. Her specialties include chemical bioaccumulation in fish, air deposition of chemicals, and PCB contamination issues. Before King County, Jenée worked in the environmental consulting field on cleanup site characterizations and ecological risk assessments.



Kim Stark | Senior Water Quality Planner III/Marine Biologist

Kim is a project manager for King County's Marine Water Quality Monitoring Programs, including the phytoplankton and zooplankton programs. Her work supports a variety of special projects (such as siting of the Brightwater Treatment System marine outfall and eelgrass restoration).



Further, her work involves collaborating with other organizations conducting marine monitoring in Puget Sound (such as UW, Washington State Department of Ecology, and NOAA). Kim's skills and background include but are not limited to chemical and biological analyses (laboratory and field), marine biota, including charismatic megafauna and marine birds.

Wafa Tafesh | Water Quality Planner I

Wafa's work includes water quality sampling, managing water quality data systems, conducting quality assurance reviews, and assisting with report writing. The main portion of her time is spent supporting the Lake Stewardship Program by working with volunteers and providing data support. She also works with the Marine & Sediment Assessment unit to analyze data and create detailed data summaries. In addition, she is a part of the pollution source tracking team, supporting their efforts to identify, quantify, and control surface water pollution by determining relationships between water quality and land use activities.



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Jen Vanderhoof | Environmental Scientist IV/ Wildlife Biologist-Ecologist

Jen's work often focuses on issues related to wildlife and biodiversity (including beaver-related issues) and climate change. She frequently consults on wildlife and habitat-related questions and policies for King County Parks and Recreation Division, the Wastewater Treatment Division, the Director's Office, and the Floodplain Management Section.



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