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# Understanding the underwater forest: Kelp research and monitoring at North Beach

**Thursday May 15th, 2025**

**6:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Port Townsend Public Library, Carnegie Reading Room**

Come learn about one of our local marine state forests - the bull kelp bed at North Beach. Bull kelp is a critical nearshore habitat and at North Beach, this extensive bed also serves as a long-term research site for regional kelp scientists and the seed source for restoration efforts where bull kelp in Puget Sound has been lost.

Speakers will discuss the importance of kelp forests, regional conservation efforts, and insights the North Beach kelp bed is providing about kelp forests more broadly. They will also highlight the new buoy installed at North Beach, one of 14 regional sites equipped to monitor the ocean conditions kelp are experiencing, as a part of the 'Eyes on Kelp' program.



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