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Mark Buford is the Executive Director of the Northwest Clean Air Agency, the local clean air agency with jurisdiction in Island, Skagit, and Whatcom counties in Washington state. As Director, Mark is responsible for overall operations and for working with a talented and capable staff to develop and implement strategies to achieve the mission of the agency.

He has broad experience and perspective in air quality, having worked for industry, consulting, and government in the U.S. and internationally to improve public health by improving air quality. Mark is a professional engineer, with bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He also has an executive master's degree in public administration from the University of Washington.



Craig Kenworthy

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Craig Kenworthy, Executive Director of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, leads a team of professionals working every day to protect the health of the 4 million people living in the central Puget Sound region. Previously, Craig worked on conservation issues in the Greater Yellowstone region, protecting an area encompassing parts of three states, 20 counties and two national parks. Craig earned his law degree with distinction from the University of Nebraska and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University.



Kathy Taylor

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Kathy Taylor manages the Air Quality Program at the Washington Department of Ecology. Prior to this position, she served the Air Quality Program as the Deputy Program Manager. Prior to joining the Air Quality Program, Kathy held other positions at Ecology including Acting Program Manager and Statewide Resources Section Manager in the Spill Prevention, Preparedness and Response Program. She also served in Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program and Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program. Prior to joining Ecology, Kathy worked for the Puget Sound Action Team and prior to that she served as Director of the Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Western Washington University and she earned her Ph.D. from Louisiana State University.