



## Nancy C. Thomas papers

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**NANCY THOMAS PAPERS**  
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**GUIDE**

Nancy Thomas, is an environmental activist from Tacoma, Washington, whose special interests have been related to water, wildlife, and shoreline management. The papers she donated in 1990 document her work in these areas as well as her participation in several environmental organizations from 1970 through 1989. She was the president of the Washington Environmental Council from 1976 to 1978 and served on its executive board from 1973 to 1980. During this period she was a vice-president of the Tahoma Audubon Society and a member of its board.

From 1970 to 1978, Ms. Thomas was involved in shoreline management planning for the Tacoma area. She chaired the Pierce County campaign for Initiative 43, served on the Pierce County and the Tacoma Shorelines Master Program Citizens' Committees, and chaired the Nisqually Area Shorelines Committee. She also worked on a committee which coordinated the work of the three groups. Efforts to protect the Nisqually Delta, which included establishing a national wildlife refuge and preventing construction of the Weyerhaeuser Export Facility at Dupont, are well documented in the Thomas papers. She kept extensive files on another long-term project (1973-1983) which resulted in the establishment of the Protection Island National Wildlife Refuge.

As an appointed member of a Forest Practices Advisory Committee for 1974 to 1981, and as a lobbyist for the Washington Environmental Council, Thomas helped in drafting the initial regulations in the Forest Practices Act. She was appointed to a State Water Advisory Committee which was formed to advise the Department of Social and Health Services on water supply planning and worked on other water resource issues through the Washington Environmental Council. As president, she was the WEC representative on a committee which helped to draft the Family Farm Water Act.

Thomas drew upon her study of the Columbia River system to write articles for Pacific Search Magazine on Columbia River fish and wildlife, the Department of Ecology's plan for the Yakima Basin, and wilderness protection of Salmon River and Hells Canyon.

Records generated by these projects include correspondence, writings, speeches, conference programs and notes, agency publications, and organizational newsletters. From her service on the WEC board and her presidency there are minutes, correspondence, memos, and position statements.

**Provenance**

Nancy Thomas donated these papers to the Libraries in 1990. A preliminary container list was prepared at that time by an intern from Western Washington University, Susan Fahey. The papers measure 60 linear feet.

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CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box/Fdr</u>		<u>Date</u>
1	Initiative 43	1972
	Shorelines Act - Nisqually	1974
	Scenic River	1975
	CZM	1980-1981
	Water Resources Conference Notes	1978
	McNeil Island	1979
	Columbia	1978-1979
	Water Law	
	Corps of Engineers	
	Photos	
	Shoreline Protection	
2	Public Access	1980s
	Whose Coast Is It?	1980s
	Letters, Info, Notes, Clippings	1980s
	Water Supply Advisory Committee	1983
	Correspondence	
	Columbia Conservation and Environment Speech	
	Commencement Bay Corps Study	
	Forest Practices	1985
	Seattle-Tacoma Transit Connections	1986
	Washington Wilderness Act Statement	1983-1984
	Dungeness NWR	1982
	Nisqually Parkway Association	1969-1971
3	Commencement Bay	1976-1981
	Mesa - Puget Sound	1977
	Citizens' Advisory Committee - Pierce County	
	Tacoma Planning	
	Shorelines	
4	Correspondence (mostly, does not include WEC)	1970s
	Foldered Project Material	
	Forest Practices	
	Oil Symposium	1979
	Alpine Lakes	
	Seph??/Water	
	Family Farm Water	
	Wetlands	1985

5	Shorelines/Oleran???Pollution Research Workshop Columbia River Notes (unsorted, some unfolded) Water Supply Advisory	1978 1982 1970-1978 1977
6	John Day McNary - WEC Statement (5-6 folders) Commencement Bay Asarco EIS Comments Notebooks (20-30)	1971 1976-1981 1974 1970s-1980s
7	WEC (most from NT's presidency, 1976-78, some more recent) Year of the Coast Shorelines/CZM DNR Marine Land Management Grays??? Harbor Corps of Engineers Permit Program Guide WEC Newsletter Copy	1970s-1980s
8	WEC Correspondence - Nancy Thomas Executive Committee Forest Practices Miscellaneous (some unsorted, unfolded)	1973, 1976, 1977, 1980
9	WEC Correspondence - Nancy Thomas & Others Board Meetings Executive Committee Policy Statements Issue Files Speeches	1974-1983
10	WEC Correspondence - Nancy Thomas & Others Board Meetings Executive Committee Policy Statements Issue Files Speeches Legislative Workshop with Audubon Annual Report	1971-1989     1983 1988
11	WEC Board Meetings Shorelines Workshops	1974

- 11 (cont.) WEC (cont.)  
Family Farm Water Act 1977  
Shorelines 1977  
Correspondence, etc. 1974-1978  
Speeches  
Tacoma Master Program/Shorelines with Audubon
- 12 AUDUBON  
Minutes  
Torohees  
Correspondence  
Shoreline's Master Program  
Army Corps of Engineers Permit Comments
- 13 AUDUBON Minutes  
Torohees  
Correspondence  
Shoreline's Master Program  
Army Corps of Engineers Permit Comments
- 14 WEC -- Comments on Army Corps of Engineers  
with Audubon permits (partly alphabetized) 1973-1978
- 15 WEC statements 1978  
Clippings, articles by Nancy Thomas  
Columbia River/Columbia Basin 1975-1980
- 16 NW Power Planning Council 1986  
Columbia  
Ben Franklin -- Speech by Nancy Thomas  
State Water Supply Advisory  
Fish & Wildlife
- 17 Columbia  
Water Supply 1974-1983
- 18 NISQUALLY DELTA REFUGE  
Taskforce  
Dupont/Weyco
- 19 NISQUALLY DELTA REFUGE  
Taskforce  
Dupont/Weyco
- 20 NISQUALLY DELTA REFUGE  
Taskforce  
Dupont/Weyco

21	CORRESPONDENCE - MISCELLANEOUS	
22	WEC -- WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM	1976-1977
23	WEC	
	Board Meetings	1976, 1977
	General	1976, 1977
	Speeches - Nancy Thomas	1979, 1980, 1981
24	COLUMBIA RIVER INSTREAM RESOURCE PROTECTION	
25	WATER QUALITY/SUPPLY	
25	WEC STATEMENTS	
26	AUDUBON - TAHOMA	1975
	Alpha Folders -- Olympic National Forest - Skagit Wild Rivers	1972-1976
27	WEC on Protection Island (article for Pacific Northwest) Pierce County Shorelines Miscellaneous	1977
28	Forest Practices WEC Testimony in Olympia Meeting Notes Minutes Correspondence	
29	Forest Practices WEC Testimony Meeting Notes Minutes Correspondence	
30	Forest Practices (2/3) Hell's Canyon (1/3)	
31	Hylebo's Grays Harbor Water Resources Program Council On Environmental Quality	1973 1976 1978 1979
32	Aquatic Lands for WEC (includes position statements)	1983
33	Dungeness NWR NT article <u>Pacific Search</u> Alpha files (rough) Fisheries	1971-1978

- 33 (cont.) State Game Department  
 State Land Planning Commission  
 State Parks  
 WETA Wildlife Refuge  
 Willap River
- 34 YAKIMA RIVER 1974-1979  
 Mel???Article/Notes for Pacific Search (3/4 full)  
 Issues of Pacific Search with articles by Nancy Thomas
- 35 Shorelines  
 State, Tacoma  
 Commencement Bay 1976-1981  
 "Shorelines and the Citizen" - speech by Nancy Thomas
- 36 PIERCE COUNTY SHORELINES (includes correspondence) 1976  
 37 CLIPPINGS (not foldered) 1970s-1980s  
 38 GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITY 1960s
- 39 ALPHA FILES  
 Legislation 1973-1973???  
 Oil Spill, Anacortes  
 Outer Hylebos 1974, 1978
- 40 Miscellaneous Correspondence 1971-1988  
 Personal Data File
- 41 Miscellaneous Reports, Publications