





NMEA 2023 Auction

Donations support scholarships for Marine Educators

The NMEA 2023 Conference, **Strait to Sound: Gathering at the Salish Sea**, is a special event that brings together hundreds of professional educators dedicated to teaching about our marine, coastal and aquatic environments. NMEA members are a group of inspired, passionate people who promote the conservation, enjoyment, and wise use of our aquatic resources by teaching others. Our local chapter, Northwest Aquatic and Marine Educators (NAME), is thrilled to co-host this year!

Each conference hosts an auction to raise funds to support the mission of NMEA. We are asking you to consider donating to the auction to support this organization. The 2023 NMEA banquet and auction will be held on Tuesday evening, July 25, 2023 at the Four Points by Sheraton Bellingham Hotel & Conference Center. The theme will be "Smells Like NMEA Spirit," a tribute to the early-90s Pacific Northwest grunge rock scene whose anti-establishment ethos gave us flannel, combat boots and mosh pits, but whose adherents now have 401Ks and drive Teslas. All of the funds raised at our annual silent and live auction will go to our scholarship programs, which directly support marine and aquatic educators.

To donate an item for our 2023 auction, please submit this form: bit.ly/NMEA2023auction or contact nmea2023@pacname.org

NMEA is a member-driven organization whose mission is *to make known the world of water, both fresh and salt*. With an active membership of educators, researchers, and government agency staff, NMEA provides the on-the-ground efforts that support and promote national initiatives in marine education and conservation. Through our shared endeavors, we have promoted ocean and science literacy and conservation in schools, aquariums, museums, parks, and programs throughout the world.



