

Eleanor Stopps papers, 1940-2008

Overview of the Collection

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| Creator | Stopps, Eleanor |
| Title | Eleanor Stopps papers |
| Dates | 1940-2008 (inclusive) 1940 2008 1974-2008 (bulk) 1974 2008 |
| Quantity | 4.17 cubic feet (4 boxes, 1 tube, 1 vertical file) |
| Collection Number | 4563 |
| Summary | Papers of an environmental activist related to campaign for Protection Island, Washington |
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| Languages | English |

Biographical Note

Eleanor Stopps was an environmental activist and leader known for helping to get Protection Island, located in the strait of Juan de Fuca north of Discovery Bay, established as a wildlife habitat. Starting in the 1960s, she worked with fellow Seattle Audubon Society member Zella Schultz, an artist and ornithologist, to study and band glaucous-winged gulls on Protection Island. The island had been recognized since the 1930s as an important habitat for sea birds and wildlife, but it later became privately owned and was destined for development. Schultz had begun an effort to convince the state or federal government to purchase and protect the island and its species. When Schultz died in 1974, Stopps vowed to continue her friend's work to protect Protection Island. She testified before the Washington State Legislature and the U.S. Congress. She led a nine-year grassroots effort that finally proved successful in 1982 when Congress allocated \$4 million for the purchase of Protection Island as a national wildlife refuge.

Stopps was a resident of Jefferson County, Washington, from 1974 to 2012, when she was diagnosed with terminal cancer and moved to Gig Harbor to be closer to her family. In her long career as an environmentalist, she received a Citizen Appreciation Award in 1988 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and was acknowledged as Jefferson County Citizen of the Century for 1889-1989. In 1992 she received the Nature Conservancy's Oak Life, its highest award. Since 2005, her legacy has been honored through the Eleanor Stopps Environmental Leadership Award, now administered through the Port Townsend Marine Science Center. The award recognizes citizens on the North Olympic Peninsula

who have provided leadership in protection and stewardship for the environment. Eleanor died on April 25, 2012 in Tacoma at the age of 92.

Content Description

Correspondence, writings, reports, legislation, news releases, minutes, clippings, maps, property records, photographs, and other material related to Stopps' campaign for Protection Island, Washington. Also includes writings of and material about Zella M. Schultz, ornithologist, artist, and mentor to Stopps; circa 1967-1983. Major correspondents include Audubon Society, Nature Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and members of the Washington State congressional delegation.

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Organized into 2 accessions.

Accession No. 4563-001, Eleanor Stopps papers, 1940-1990

Accession No. 4563-002, Eleanor Stopps papers, 2003-2008

Detailed Description of the Collection

Accession No. 4563-001: Eleanor Stopps papers, 1940-1990

4.17 cu. ft. (4 boxes, 1 tube)

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Acquisition Info: Donated by Eleanor Stopps, 4/19/1996

Arrangement: Arranged in 19 series.

- Series 1, Biographical/Historical Features, 1988
- Series 2, Correspondence, 1976-1990
- Series 3, General Correspondence of Others, 1978-1990
- Series 4, Minutes & Agendas, 1979-1984
- Series 5, News Releases, 1980-1991
- Series 6, Reports, 1940-1986
- Series 7, Plans - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1982-1985
- Series 8, Speeches and Writings, 1941-1985
- Series 9, Subject Series, 1974-1988
- Series 10, Photographs and Ephemera, 1979-1983
- Series 11, Resolutions, 1978-1984, undated
- Series 12, Lists, 1958-1985
- Series 13, Legislation and Court Papers, 1980-1987
- Series 14, Clippings, 1969-1988
- Series 15, Maps, undated
- Series 16, Awards, 1986
- Series 17, Miscellaneous, 1983, undated
- Series 18, Government Publications, 1978-1989
- Series 19, Subgroups, 1973-1987

| Container(s) | Description | Dates |
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| Series 1: Biographical/Historical Features | | 1988 |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |
| 1/1 | 4563-001 Biographical/Historical Features | 1988, undated |
| Series 2: Correspondence | | 1976-1990 |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |
| 1/2 | 4563-001 Incoming Letters - Donations and offers of help | 1980-1983 |
| 1/3 | 4563-001 Outgoing Letters | 1978-1983, undated |
| 1/4-7 | 4563-001 Audubon Society | 1978-1985 |
| 1/8 | 4563-001 Bonker, Don | 1980-1986 |
| 1/9 | 4563-001 Breaux, John | 1980 |

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| 1/10 | 4563-001 Dicks, Norman D. | 1980-1985 |
| 1/11 | 4563-001 Gorton, Slade | 1981-1983 |
| 1/12 | 4563-001 Jackson, Henry M. | 1981-1983 |
| 1/13 | 4563-001 re: McClure, James A. and funding for land purchases | 1983-1984 |
| 1/14 | 4563-001 Nature Conservancy (Robert Pyle & Fayette Krause) | 1979-1992 |
| 1/15 | 4563-001 Swift, Al | 1980-1983 |
| 1/16-17 | 4563-001 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | 1976-1990 |
| 1/18 | 4563-001 Washington Game Department | 1978-1985 |
| 1/19-22 | 4563-001 A-Z Miscellaneous | 1978-1991 |
| 1/23 | 4563-001 Unidentified Correspondence | 1982, 1985, undated |
| 1/24-26 | 4563-001 Incoming Letters to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | 1981-1982 |
| Series 3: General Correspondence of Others | | 1978-1990 |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |
| 1/27 | 4563-001 Breaux, John | 1980-1981 |
| 1/28 | 4563-001 Jefferson County [Government] | 1979-1984 |
| 1/29 | 4563-001 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | 1980-1990 |
| 1/30 | 4563-001 Washington [State Agencies] | 1980-1985 |
| 1/31 | 4563-001 Washington State Congressmen | 1980-1985 |
| 1/32 | 4563-001 Wiedemann, Al | 1978 |
| 1/33 | 4563-001 Miscellaneous | 1978 |

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| Series 4: Minutes & Agendas | | 1979-1984 |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |
| 1/34 | 4563-001 Minutes & Agendas | 1979-1984 |
| Series 5: News Releases | | 1980-1991 |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |
| 1/35 | 4563-001 Protection Island Update | 1981-1986 |
| 1/36 | 4563-001 Miscellaneous | 1980, 1983, undated |
| 1/37 | 4563-001 Audubon Society | 1980-1981 |
| 1/38 | 4563-001 Audubon Society [Chapters] | 1980-1981 |
| 1/39 | 4563-001 Miscellaneous | 1980-1991 |
| Series 6: Reports | | 1940-1986 |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |
| 1/40 | 4563-001 Appraisal - Protection Island | 1940, undated |
| 1/41 | 4563-001 Coastal Wildlife and Seabirds | 1986, undated |
| 2/1-2 | 4563-001 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | 1980 |
| 2/3 | 4563-001 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Guideline & Planning | 1983-1986 |
| 2/4 | 4563-001 Washington Game Department | 1980-1983 |
| Series 7: Plans - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | | 1982-1985 |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |

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| 2/5 | 4563-001 Environmental Assessments | 1982, undated |
| 2/6 | 4563-001 Land Protection Plans | 1983-1984 |
| 2/7-10 | 4563-001 Master Plans | 1984-1985, undated |
| Series 8: Speeches and Writings | | 1941-1985 |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |
| 2/11 | 4563-001 Speeches and Writings Including Testimony | 1980-1982 |
| 2/12-15 | 4563-001 Speeches and Writings of Others re: Birds | 1941-1985 |
| 2/16 | 4563-001 Speeches and Writings of Others: Testimony | 1980-1982 |
| 2/17-19 | 4563-001 Speeches and Writings of Others: Miscellaneous | 1975-1983, undated |
| Series 9: Subject Series | | 1974-1988 |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |
| 2/20 | 4563-001 Admiralty Audubon Society Land Donation | 1982 |
| 2/21 | 4563-001 Adopt a Refuge | 1984 |
| 2/22 | 4563-001 Adopt a Seabird | 1979-1980 |
| 2/23 | 4563-001 Anchor Realty, Lots, Liens, etc. | 1980 |
| 2/24 | 4563-001 Giraffe Project | 1989-1990 |
| 2/25 | 4563-001 Geoduck Harvesting | 1979-1980 |
| 2/26 | 4563-001 Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge | 1987-1989 |
| 2/27 | 4563-001 Gulf Oil Conservation Award to Stopps | 1985 |

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| 3/1 | 4563-001 Olympic National Park Boundaries - Quillayute Needles and Flattery Rocks | 1986-1987 |
| 3/2-3 | 4563-001 Protection Island National Wildlife Refuge Dedication | 1988 |
| 3/4 | 4563-001 Rally - Don Bonker Day | 1980 |
| 3/5 | 4563-001 Sequim Bay Marina | 1983 |
| 3/6 | 4563-001 Water Supply Line | 1981-1983 |
| 3/7-8 | 4563-001 Zella M. Schultz Seabird Sanctuary | 1974-1975 |
| Series 10: Photographs and Ephemera | | 1979-1983; undated |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |
| 3/9 | 4563-001 Photographs | undated |
| 3/10 | 4563-001 Ephemera | |
| Series 11: Resolutions | | 1978-1984, undated |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |
| 3/11 | 4563-001 Resolutions | 1978-1984, undated |
| Series 12: Lists | | 1958-1985 |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |
| 3/12 | 4563-001 Birds | 1958-1981 |
| 3/13 | 4563-001 Miscellaneous | 1980-1985 |
| Series 13: Legislation and Court Papers | | 1980-1987 |

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| 3/14 | 4563-001 Legislation | 1980-1983 |
| 3/15 | 4563-001 Court Papers | 1986-1987 |
| Series 14: Clippings | | 1969-1988 |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |
| 3/16-17 | 4563-001 Newspaper Articles/Clippings | 1969-1988 |
| 3/18-22 | 4563-001 Protection Island | 1981-1992 |
| Series 15: Maps | | undated |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |
| 3/22-23 | 4563-001 Maps | undated |
| Tube 5 | 4563-001 Plat Maps | undated |
| Series 16: Awards | | 1986 |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |
| 3/24 | 4563-001 Awards | 1986 |
| Series 17: Miscellaneous | | 1983, undated |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |
| 3/25 | 4563-001 Miscellaneous | 1983, undated |
| Series 18: Government Publications | | 1978-1989 |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |

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| 3-4 | 4563-001 Government Publications | 1978-1989 |
| 4 | 4563-001 Publications - with articles about Protection Island | 1978-1988 |
| Series 19: Subgroups | | 1973-1987 |
| Box/ Folder | Accession | |
| 4/1 | 4563-001 Audubon Society, Admiralty Chapter | 1978-1984, undated |
| 4/2 | 4563-001 Protection Island Beach Club: Organizational Features | 1983, undated |
| 4/3-4 | 4563-001 Protection Island Beach Club: General Correspondence | 1975-1987 |
| 4/5 | 4563-001 Protection Island Beach Club: Minutes | 1981-1987 |
| 4/6-7 | 4563-001 Protection Island Beach Club: Property Records | 1968-1984, undated |
| 4/8 | 4563-001 Protection Island Beach Club: Lists - Lot Owners | undated |
| 4/9 | 4563-001 Protection Island Beach Club: Newsletters | 1973-1986 |
| 4/10 | 4563-001 Protection Island Beach Club: Financial Records | 1980-1984 |
| 4/11 | 4563-001 Protection Island Beach Club: Testimony | 1981 |
| 4/12 | 4563-001 Protection Island Beach Club: Miscellany | 1983 |
| 4/13 | 4563-001 Schultz, Zella M.: Outgoing Letter | 1967 |
| 4/14 | 4563-001 Schultz, Zella M.: General Correspondence | 1982-1983 |
| 4/15-23 | 4563-001 Schultz, Zella M.: Speeches and Writings | undated |
| 4/24 | 4563-001 Schultz, Zella M.: Drawings and Photographs | undated |
| 4/25 | 4563-001 Schultz, Zella M.: Subject Series - Z. Schultz Bird Paintings Show | 1975-1976 |

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| 4/26 | 4563-001 Ephemera | undated |
| 4/27-28 | 4563-001 Clippings | undated |

Accession No. 4563-002: Eleanor Stopps papers, 2003-2008

1 vertical file

Scope and Content: Correspondence, photographs, and newspaper clippings related to Eleanor Stopps' work with Protection Island.

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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Conservationists--Washington (State)--Archives
 Environmental policy--Washington (State)
 Environmental protection--Washington (State)
 Environmentalism--Washington (State)
 Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)
 Political activists--Washington (State)--Archives

Personal Names :

Stopps, Eleanor,--Archives

Geographical Names :

Protection Island (Wash.)
 Protection Island (Wash.)--History--Sources
 Protection Island National Wildlife Refuge (Wash.)--History--Sources

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Bonker, Don, 1937-
 (creator)
 Breaux, John B
 (creator)
 Buckmaster, Doug
 (creator)
 Dicks, Norman D
 (creator)
 Gorton, Slade, 1928-
 (creator)
 Jackson, Henry M. (Henry Martin), 1912-1983
 (creator)

Krause, Fayette Florent
(creator)
McClure, James A
(creator)
Pyle, Robert Michael
(creator)
Schultz, Zella M. (Zella McMannama), 1920-1974
(creator)
Swift, Al, 1935-
(creator)

Corporate Names :

Audubon Society. Admiralty Chapter
(creator)
National Audubon Society
(creator)
Nature Conservancy (U.S.). Washington State Chapter
(creator)
Protection Island Beach Club
(creator)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
(creator)
Washington (State). Department of Game
(creator)

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