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Fire District Fewer on duty draws critics

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Aim to: out or retire union cites reserves

By Christopher Dunagan
BAGBAM - Sunlight glared off the water as the 24-foot rowing boat headed out of Baboquivah on a cold November day.

THE THREATENED MARBLED MURRELET
From the majestic great blue heron to the tiny western sandpiper, Puget Sound is home to an amazing assortment of marine birds.



THREATENED SPECIES
Decline in population caused by loss of old-growth trees
Population in Washington, Oregon and California were listed as "threatened" in 1992

26 years later, Powers set to retire

Port Orchard councilwoman's tenure praised
By Chris Henry
PORT ORCHARD - Carolyn Powers left the speechmaking to others.

SEABIRDS
In the spring, the female lays a single egg on a moss-covered branch in a large, old-growth tree.

INDICATORS
Seabirds
Conditions: More than 70 seabird species are common in Puget Sound.

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Radio Station northwest of Marysville in Snohomish County. It's one of the last old-growth stands in that area.

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Barrows Goldeneye
Overview: These large-honeycreepers often swim together and rook on islands and offshore rocks.

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Western Sandpiper
Overview: One of the most abundant in Washington.

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Brant
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Marbled Murrelet
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Tufted Puffin
Overview: Striking appearance with white "mask" and tuft of blond feathers sweeping back from its head.

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Great Blue Heron
Overview: The largest heron in North America, this stately bird is commonly seen prowling the shorelines of Puget Sound.

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GREBS
Overview: Four species are common in Puget Sound - horned grebe, 22-spines grebe, necked grebe, and western grebe.

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SCOTERS
Overview: Puget Sound supports large numbers of scoters, including surf scoters, white-winged scoters and a smaller number of black scoters.

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PIGION GULLMOT
Overview: Common resident of Puget Sound. One of the few members of its family to fly to nest.

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