



Community Science Volunteering

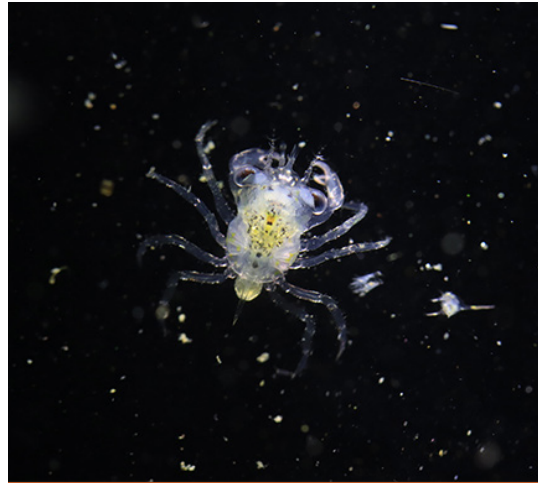
with Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium



Spot the Swallows

Witness the high stakes, drama-filled lives of local nesting purple martins while contributing to research. Purple martins are a type of bird listed as a species of greatest conservation need in Washington State. Volunteers are needed to help track the recovery at local nesting colonies in Tacoma.

Applications close March 18, 2026



Larval Crab Monitoring

Help uncover the mystery around larval Dungeness crabs in the Salish Sea. Join scientists from the Pacific Northwest Crab Research Group and Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium to monitor marine plankton samples for larval Dungeness crabs.

Applications close April 8, 2026



Beach Walk Naturalist

Help educate and connect visitors to the wonderful and fascinating intertidal marine life of Owen Beach. Volunteer beach naturalists are needed to help guide participants at summer low tide beach walks in animal identification, beach stewardship, and data collection.

Applications close May 17, 2026

**Do you like to explore the natural world?
Do you want to contribute to real scientific research while having fun outdoors?
Then Community Science is right for you!**

No prior experience is required to volunteer!

For more information on community science volunteer opportunities and to apply, please visit pdza.org/community-science

