

Lynda Mapes

Lynda V. Mapes is a reporter at the *Seattle Times*, where she specializes in coverage of the environment. She is a two-time winner of the international Kavli Gold Award for science journalism from the American Association for the Advancement of Science, for her reporting on orcas (2019) and dam removal on the Elwha River (2012.) She also won top honors in 2019 from the national Online News Association and national Headliner's award for the *Seattle Times* series, "Hostile Waters: Orcas in Peril." The Western Washington Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists named Lynda journalist of the year in 2019 and NOAA Fisheries recognized her in 2016 with the prestigious Dr. Nancy Foster Habitat Conservation Award.

In 2013-14 Lynda was awarded a 9-month Knight fellowship in Science Journalism at MIT. In 2014-15, she was a Bullard Fellow at the Harvard Forest, exploring the human and natural history of a single, 100-year old oak.

In addition to her staff position at the *Seattle Times*, Lynda has authored five books. She lives in Seattle.