Salish Current Managing Editor

Salish Current, a four-year-old nonprofit newsroom serving Whatcom, San Juan and Skagit counties in Northwest Washington, is seeking a Managing Editor to direct our staff of freelance writers and editors and provide content for our readers.

Our Managing Editor needs to know and understand the community we serve and its players. In addition, our newsroom leader must:

- Be willing and able to work independently without a physical newsroom
- Understand and support the mission, vision and developing strategy of the Salish Current
- Be able and willing to mentor and guide freelancers and community essayists who have varying degrees of reporting and writing skills
- Have strong experience in reporting, editing, journalistic ethics, planning, story budgeting and strategic thinking
- Be willing to accept the challenges, ambiguities, and uncertainties of working for a nonprofit news organization in a competitive marketplace.

The Managing Editor:

- Reports to Co-Publisher/Editorial
- Participates in freelance reporter recruitment and manages team
- Assigns and approves articles for publication
- Guides and assists reporters with sourcing and story framing, providing feedback on all stories
- Reports bylined news stories on a daily/weekly basis
- Works with copy editor to evolve articles to final versions
- Ensures adherence to Society of Professional Journalists and Salish Current guidelines
- Solicits and reviews partner newsroom copy for appropriateness, style and adherence to Salish Current guidelines
- Consults with publications’ legal counsel as needed
- Consults with Co-Publisher/Development to coordinate content dealing with fundraising, membership and event promotion activities
- Curates, formats and publishes daily and weekly newsletters containing Salish Current content and local news summaries
- Edits letters to the editor.

The Managing Editor may also:
- Hire, supervise and provide mentorship and liaison for interns.

All Salish Current staff and contractors will maintain and demonstrate the highest level of journalistic ethics and practice

Salary: $50,000–60,000 annually (DOQ) plus stipend for health insurance.
Two weeks paid time off annually, plus 10 paid holidays.

Send application with qualifications and supporting materials to: SalishCurrent@gmail.com