

PNW Blue Carbon Working Group

Key Reports and Publications

2014-2025

In Review

Diefenderfer HL, Gunn CM, Cullinan VI, Weisenhorn P, Borde AB. In review. (2023) Tidal effects on N₂O, CH₄ and CO₂ emissions from seawater-treated wetland soils and microbiota. *Scientific Reports* (in review)

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