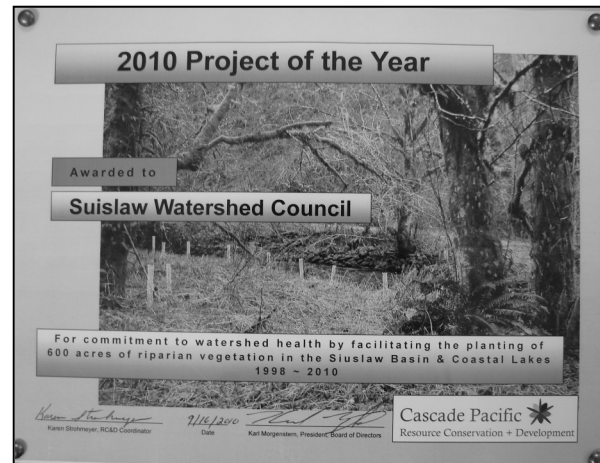


Message from the Coordinator...

Congratulations! The Siuslaw Watershed Council (SWC) won the Project of the Year Award from Cascade Pacific RC&D (CPRCD) for the Siuslaw Riparian Restoration Projects, aka the Native Plant Distribution. All of you who have participated as landowner participants, distribution volunteers, donors, agency partners, staff, contractors, and other volunteers have contributed to the success of these projects.

In assessments during the mid-1990s, a lack of riparian vegetation was identified as a limiting factor for watershed health in the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes. Native riparian vegetation can shade streams, filter nutrients, and provide future large wood recruitment. In the late 1990s, responding to these and other concerns, SWC volunteers started the Siuslaw Riparian Restoration Projects distributing conifer seedlings which had been donated as leftovers from agency planting efforts.

A few years later, Nancy Nichols, a volunteer, and Maria Levy, the SWC coordinator at the time, wrote a grant application to Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to expand the scope of the project. The OWEB grant, made up of lottery funds, enabled the SWC to buy hardwoods and other native plants. Industrial timber companies contributed thousands of conifer seedlings. For the last seven years the projects have been funded by the Siuslaw Stewardship Fund (now the Coast Range Stewardship Fund). The Stewardship Funds are timber receipts retained from the implementation of stewardship contracts on the Siuslaw National Forest. CPRCD administers the Coast Range Stewardship Fund.



Throughout the years over 375 riparian landowners participated in the Siuslaw Riparian Restoration/ Native Plant Distribution projects. Approximately 50 acres have been planted each year by the projects. Additionally, many acres of plantings are inspected, released, protected, and maintained through these and other projects. As you travel around the watershed you can see many trees and shrubs that have been planted since 1998 through the Siuslaw Riparian Restoration Projects. Native trees, shrubs, and plants are providing shade, nutrient filtering, habitat for native birds, insects, and amphibians, food for insects and fish, and future large wood recruitment along our streams and lakes. The projects have also been jumping-off points for many landowners to participate in more involved restoration projects. Many landowners have gone on to implement large wood placements, riparian fencing, invasive control, and fish passage projects on their land after first participating in the Siuslaw Riparian Restoration/ Native Plant Distribution projects. Not only has watershed health been enhanced, but the projects have also benefited our local economy. The projects have cre-



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ated contracts and jobs for local workers. We source as much of the plants and supplies locally as well.

You, as participants and supporters, should be proud of the accomplishments of the Siuslaw Riparian Restoration/Native Plant Distribution projects! And we thank the CPRCD for honoring us.

Busy Summer

Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes landowners, contractors, and SWC partners and staff have been busy implementing and preparing for restoration projects. At Alder Creek, a problematic culvert was replaced with a railcar bridge and large wood was placed in the stream. The project opened up 1.5 miles of habitat to all aquatic species, increased stream complexity, and generated contracts for local companies. Partners on the Alder Creek project included Davidson Industries, Rosboro, ODF, and ODFW. An OWEB Grant (Oregon Lottery Funds) helped to make the project possible. Up at Swamp Creek, a Lake Creek tributary, contractors removed old failed culverts and sloped back the stream banks. The multi-year Swamp Creek project is funded by BLM-RAC dollars. Project partners include Weyerhaeuser, BLM, ODFW, and ODF. We are also busy preparing for the implementation of the ARRA funded Knowles Creek Helicopter Large Wood Placement project in October. Contractors are now out felling trees for that project. Later in the newsletter you will hear from Katie Neall, the SWC Restoration Projects Manager, about the Condon Creek Project. In future newsletters we'll have updates on the Whittaker Tributary Project and the Knapp Creek Culverts Project.

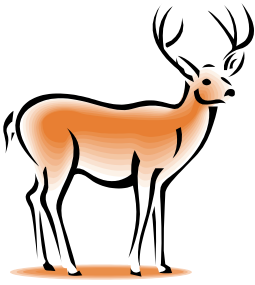
A change as we transition to autumn is that Sean Brown who has been our Seasonal GIS Intern this summer will be joining the SWC staff in a limited part-time capacity to provide GIS services. We're excited to have Sean as part of the team.

September and October General Meetings

Please join us at the Mapleton Grange on Wednesday, September 29, as we hear about the current data coming out of fish monitoring efforts on Knowles Creek. Jeff Jackson (USFS) and Katie Neall (SWC) will share the end-of-season summary for the smolt trap. Charley Dewberry (Gutenberg College) will present his most current and historic RBA data gathered on Knowles Creek. See the complete agenda on page 6 of this newsletter. Next month, our General Meeting will be in Lorane (no meeting in Mapleton). Topics will focus on the upper watershed. Everyone is welcome to the meeting in Lorane, especially upper watershed residents who cannot usually make it to the meetings elsewhere in the watershed.

Thank You,
Liz Vollmer-Buhl
SWC Coordinator/Executive Director

Fisher Crew Update—Here to Help



October is rapidly approaching, and the Fisher Crew has been working hard all through the summer and into the fall. Most recently, they have been assisting Jeff Jackson, USFS Fish Biologist, along Indian Creek, where they spent several long days releasing and planting native riparian trees. They performed release work along Smith Creek as well. The Crew also cleared invasives and released natives in front of the Mapleton Lions Club along the main-stem Siuslaw. The Fisher Crew is a valuable restoration resource available to provide plant release and protection for plants distributed through the SWC Riparian Plant Distribution. As we move into fall, young trees can increasingly become delicious targets

for deer and elk, plant tubes and cages can help protect your seedlings. If you have received plants through any year of the Native Plant Distribution projects, please remember that the crew is available to help you maintain these plants. For more information contact Katie Neall at restoration@siuslaw.org or call 541-268-3044.

Information about Ballot Measure

The Oregon Lottery Funds for Natural Resources Amendment, Measure 76 will be on the November 2, 2010 ballot in Oregon as an initiated constitutional amendment. Measure 76 would continue lottery funding for parks, beaches, wildlife habitats, watershed restoration that are set to expire in 2014. The Oregon Secretary of State certified the measure for the ballot in July after verifying that supporters had gathered more than the 110,358 minimum valid signature requirement. Many watershed council volunteers helped gather signatures.

In 1998 Oregon voters overwhelmingly supported the dedication of 15% of lottery proceeds to go towards parks and natural areas. Half of those funds are allocated for salmon and watersheds, with a portion of those funds available for competitive grants. These competitive grants include those that have provided funding for restoration, monitoring, and education projects for watershed councils and soil and water conservation districts. The campaign organizers are people from The Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Land, and other groups. The original 1998 measure was broadly supported by environmental and industry groups as a locally-based, non-tax approach to Oregon natural resource issues. For more information, please contact (503) 206-8933 or email campaign@waterparkswildlife.org.

Condon Creek Restoration Project Update

A lot of work has happened out at the Condon Creek Restoration Project site over the past few weeks. After initial site preparation, which included mowing and road grading, the rainy weather caused delays for a week or so, but once the roads were dry enough for access, the project resumed full force. The undersized fish-passage barrier culvert at Shirley Creek was removed and the new recycled



Railcar bridge installed to replace the undersized culvert at Shirley Creek.

railcar bridge was delivered to the project site and set in place. All eighty plus pieces of large wood have been strategically placed in the creek, resulting in complex structures. This project generated multiple local

and regional contracts. Project partners include the Andrus family, USFS, ODFW, Roseburg FP, ODF, and Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District. The project is made possible through an OWEB restoration grant, which is made up of Oregon Lottery Funds.



One of the complex large wood structures designed by Habitat Consulting LLC., placed as part of the Condon Creek Restoration Project.

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*Thank you for making
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Have You Seen this Invader?—Yellow Flag Iris

Yellow flag iris, also known as water flag, is an invasive water-loving iris species with showy yellow blossoms. Like many bulb plants, it tends to grow in large clumps that can block irrigation canal flow and flood control ditches. This unwanted species has been known to reduce the carrying capacity of wetlands, and can be quite difficult to eradicate. Yellow Flag has been seen invading mid-Willamette Valley riparian areas and has also been found along rivers in central Oregon. To report invaders Call Oregon Invasive Species Council 1-866-INVADER (468-2337) or report online at <http://oregoninvasiveshotline.org>.



Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, September 29: **SWC General Meeting**. 6:30—8:30 PM, Mapleton Grange, E. Mapleton Rd, Mapleton.
- Thursday, September 30: Siuslaw Stewardship Group tour. Contact Ross Holloway at 541-728-0539 or rholloway@inciplan.net for information.
- Monday, October 4: **Siuslaw SWCD Board Meeting**. 6:30 PM, Contact SWCD for information 541-997-1272.
- Thursday, October 7: **SWC Technical Team**. 9:30—11:30 AM, Siuslaw Watershed Council office, Upper US Forest Service Compound, Mapleton.
- Thursday, October 7: **Siuslaw Stewardship Group**. 1—3 PM, Siuslaw Watershed Council office, Upper US Forest Service Compound, Mapleton.
- Wednesday, October 13: **SWC Executive Committee meeting**. 5:30 PM, Siuslaw Watershed Council office, Upper US Forest Service Compound, Mapleton.
- Wednesday, October 27: **SWC General Meeting** Time TBA, Lorane Grange, Old Lorane Highway.
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- Wednesday, November 10: **SWC Executive Committee meeting**. 5:30 PM, Siuslaw Watershed Council office, Upper US Forest Service Compound, Mapleton.



Other Events to Consider

- Artwork and a reading of *The Invasion of the Yellow Flag Iris* will occur in conjunction with the **Rural Art Center's Dinner and a Movie program**, October 9, beginning at 6 PM. Call Lisa Livelybrooks at 541-935-9502 for questions.
- **6th Annual Heceta Head Coastal Conference** *In Partnership with Oregon Sea Grant*. 2010 Theme: "Oregon's Ocean: Working Waterfronts." October 28 & 29, 2010. www.hecetaheadconference.org/

Announcements

Pharmaceuticals and cosmetics are being increasingly being found in surface water. One of the ways that these products enter our waterways is when medications and other substances are flushed down toilets. To help address this there are several drug take back programs throughout the state and nation. Here are some options to help keep our fish off drugs:

- The federal Drug Enforcement Administration, in partnership with local law enforcement agencies, are sponsoring a national drug take back event on **September 25th**. Events are planned all around Oregon and all around the US. You can find the drug take back event being planned in your local area by using the search engine at the following link, <http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/takeback/>
- <http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/pubs/factsheets/sw/HouseholdPharmaceuticalWasteDisposal.pdf>
- The Florence Police Department has a medication drop box. For more information visit <http://florencepolice.net/pages/safety/disposal.php>



Earn money for the SWC by signing up with eScrip. The Siuslaw Watershed Council has registered with eScrip. It is an easy way at no cost to you to generate donations to the SWC education programs when you make purchases from participating retailers. Visit www.escrip.com for information or to sign-up.





Siuslaw Watershed Council

September General Meeting

6:30 pm, Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mapleton Grange, E. Mapleton Rd, Mapleton.



6:00pm – Doors Open

6:30-6:40 – Welcome and Introductions

6:40-7:10 – Knowles Creek Fish Monitoring Update: Smolt Trap End of Season Summary, Jeff Jackson (USFS) & Katie Neall (SWC)

7:10-7:15 – Q & A – Jackson/Neall

7:15-7:25 – Reports: Chair, Coordinator/Tech Team

7:25-7:35 – Refreshment Break

7:35-8:05 – Knowles Creek Fish Monitoring Update: Rapid Bio-Assessment (RBA) Data Update, Charles Dewberry (Gutenberg College)

8:05-8:15 – Q & A – Dewberry

8:15-8:25 – Open Mic

8:25-8:30 – Announcements

Please note that the October General Meeting will be in Lorane! Details TBA.

Charitable Giving and the Siuslaw Watershed Council

If you are reading this newsletter, we assume you have an interest in or are already an avid supporter of the Siuslaw Watershed Council (“the Council”). The Council is involved in many worthy projects, such as aquatic and riparian restoration projects, assessment of waterway health and water quality monitoring, summer camps for kids, and watershed education programs for youth and adults. The Council is principally dependent upon competitive grants for its support, many from public sources. Major public funding sources include Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, United States Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management. Private sources include Ecotrust, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, and Western Lane Community Foundation. Enhancement of its private giving sources would make an immeasurable difference to the Council’s present activities and allow it to expand into other worthwhile project areas.

The Council is a qualified tax-exempt entity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This allows you to receive tax deductions for monetary and in-kind gifts to the Council. An outright gift is always appreciated; make it before December 31, 2010, to receive credit on your 2010 tax return. Also, through your estate plan, you can give to the Council in a very meaningful way. Testamentary gifts, such as outright cash gifts or establishment of a charitable trust, will yield tax benefits to your estate and create a stable source of support for the Council. Such a trust or other giving program can be established while you are living, and it can continue to provide benefits after your death. A charitable trust can provide an income stream to the Council for a period of time, and the remainder be distributed to an heir later on, or vice-versa—provide an income stream to your heirs or other beneficiary, and then be distributed to the Council outright, as a gift. You may also establish an endowment that can continue after your death to fund a specific legacy project in perpetuity. Your tax advisor or attorney can best advise you regarding the tax benefits to such a gift, and of course, the overall benefits will depend upon your personal situation and upon the structure you choose for your gift. Addition of a simple charitable gift in favor of the Council to your Will or Trust is not difficult or expensive. If you are one of the persons seeking to escape the Oregon Inheritance Tax (currently imposed on gross estates of \$1 million or more, as measured by Federal estate tax rules as of December 31, 2000) charitable giving during your lifetime or at your death is an attractive and socially-responsible means to achieve that goal.

In this newsletter instead of a Leadership Board Representative article we are including this article by a local volunteer and attorney, Jane C. Hanawalt.

Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program Update

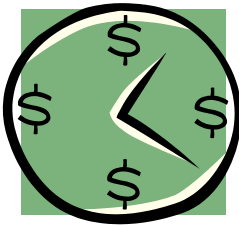
Updated graphs of water quality data are now posted for viewing on the monitoring page of the SWC's website. The Project Completion Report for the 2009-2010 monitoring cycle was submitted to OWEB for review at the end of August. An updated VWQMP application will be submitted to OWEB in October for the upcoming 2011-2012 grant year. Our long-term goal for this program is to close the gaps in our knowledge of water quality, eventually producing quality data for each 5th field HUC in the Siuslaw Basin, which can then be used to develop more effective restoration projects by allowing the SWC to more specifically target problem areas in our watershed.

Fall is rapidly approaching, and that means that students from Mapleton Schools will be re-joining the Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Programs monitoring efforts. Students assist with the collection of water quality samples in the field, and also get first-hand experience in the water quality lab helping process water samples for dissolved oxygen content. Their presence and support in the lab is always welcome.

If you are interested in participating in our monitoring efforts, or learning more about the SWC's VWQMP, please e-mail Katie Neall at monitoring@siuslaw.org, or call 541-268-3044.



Time and Mileage



Thank you to the many individuals who volunteer their time and efforts to the SWC. Please remember to document the time and mileage that you donate to the SWC on the Volunteer Time Logs (available at SWC meetings). Your recorded volunteer time and mileage can be used to "match" or leverage grant funding. You can fill out and turn in your logs at General Council Meetings. Thank You!

Siuslaw Watershed Council Membership Form

Sept. 2010

Type of Membership:

Landowner _____ Community Member _____ Industry _____

Government Agency: _____ Tribal: _____

Name: _____ **Today's Date:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____ **Telephone:** _____

E-mail: _____ I would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically.

Please choose and circle any of the following:

- Tax-deductible membership enclosed (\$25 supporting, \$10 regular, \$0 students).
- Additional tax-deductible donation enclosed. Amount \$ _____
 Direct to: General Fund Endowment Research Program (name): _____
 - Water Quality Monitoring
 - Siuslaw Water Trail
 - Summer Watershed Camp
 - Native Plant Distribution
 - Outreach Events & Road Signs
 - Dirk-Edmunds Gift Fund
- We like to recognize our donors. Please check here if you do not wish to be acknowledged in our newsletter.
- I am interested in volunteer opportunities with the Siuslaw Watershed Council.
- If you are interested in planned giving (remembering the SWC in your will) please contact the SWC office for more information. The SWC Tax Id Number is 93-1234456.

Thank You!

Native Plant Distribution—Start Thinking About Your ‘Wish List’

Saturday, February 12, 2011 will be the Free Native Riparian Plant Distribution. The mailing with the plant list and information will go out in November, but you can start preparing now. Look around at your stream banks, lake shore, or wetland edges. Where do you have gaps or lots of invasives? They might be good places to plan to put in some Douglas spirea, Pacific ninebark, or willows. Do you have a lot of shrubs? You may want to consider adding some conifers such as Western Red Cedar, Western Hemlock, or if you are near the Coast, Sitka Spruce. The conifer seedlings can grow into large trees shading the stream and becoming large woody debris in a hundred years. Now is also a good time to start to prepare areas for your winter plantings. As noted on page 3 in the newsletter, the Fisher Crew is available to help maintain or prepare sites for riparian plantings. If you do remove invasives from a large swath of bank, you may need to put down temporary erosion control until you plant during the winter. Technical assistance may be available to help you plan and prepare. Please contact the SWC with questions, nativeplants@siuslaw.org, 541-268-3044. We will not be taking plant requests until the November mailing.



Siuslaw Watershed Council Mission Statement

The Siuslaw Watershed Council supports sound economic, social and environmental uses of natural and human resources in the Siuslaw River Basin. The Council encourages cooperation among public and private watershed entities to promote awareness and understanding of watershed functions by adopting and implementing a total watershed approach to natural resource management and production.

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