

SIOUSLAW WATERSHED COUNCIL NEWS

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Message from the Coordinator...

Thank you for your hard work in 2009. We just wrapped up another successful year thanks to the efforts of our volunteers, partners, funders, and staff. A map on page 3 highlights some of our accomplishments in 2009. We had a field season busy with surveys, project implementation, and project development. Education programs reached both youth and adults with information about our coastal watersheds. Monitoring efforts grew, as did communication between the agencies and individuals working on water quality within the basin. We move into 2010 with solid groundwork laid for projects and programs this year and beyond.

Restoration Projects

Working with ODFW, the Port of Coos Bay, BLM, USFS, private landowners, and others, SWC staff or partners surveyed over 50 stream crossings for fish passage. The problem crossings were prioritized and projects have been or are being developed to replace several of the crossings that pose barriers. The projects are designed to address passage for aquatic species and to restore aquatic and riparian habitat with large woody debris (LWD) placements and riparian plantings. These and other projects will make for busy summers in 2010 and 2011.

This summer, over 5 miles of stream were treated with LWD placements. On Miller Creek, partners on the excavator LWD placement and riparian planting project include ODFW, Roseburg Forest Products, individual private landowners, OWEB, NFWF, the SWC, and others. ARRA funding enabled large wood placement in Buck, Prindel, and part of Knowles Creek using a heavy lift helicopter. Project partners include Working with

Sword Fern



partners include the Alsea Watershed Council, the USFS, ODFW, Rosboro, and Columbia Helicopters, The second phase of Knowles will be completed in 2010. LWD and other projects resulted in work for local contractors.

Survey and monitoring work continued on several key tidal wetland properties in the estuary. In addition, the SWC began a partnership with the City of Florence through an EPA grant awarded to the city. With the EPA funding, the SWC, our contractors and partners, including the McKenzie River Trust, will perform baseline monitoring and develop management plans for important wetlands in the estuary.

Education Projects

Informative presentations at regular General Council Meetings and Issues Forums continued to provide educational opportunities to watershed residents at several locations throughout the Siuslaw Watershed. Topics included wave energy, invasive species, and the OR Forest Practices Act. The youth of the Siuslaw Watershed and Coastal Lakes had many educational opportunities in 2009. Three Siuslaw

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Secretary: Wesley Voth

Treasurer: Nancy Nichols

Representatives:

Barbara Beers

Cindy Chambers

Jim Grano

Noland Huntington

Gus Gates

Watershed Exploration Camps were offered this summer. SWC staff taught watershed education units in the Mapleton LEAF afterschool program. And SWC staff and volunteers led activities in the Florence Stream Team programs. Our education and outreach efforts will continue in 2010.

Monitoring Projects

The Siuslaw Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program expanded this year thanks to partners including the Siuslaw Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, the Dunes City WQ volunteers, and other community volunteers. Several sites have been re-established and other new sites have been added. December marked the first meeting of the SWC Technical Team's Water Quality Subcommittee. The meeting had a mix of agency staff, scientists, and landowners/managers. Summaries of DEQ, USFS, ODA, and SWC monitoring and WQ efforts were presented. The next meeting, in February, will continue a sharing of data and plans for future monitoring efforts.

Your involvement as active landowners, volunteers, project partners, and members and donors helped to make the 2009 accomplishments possible. Please continue to be part of a successful 2010. You will find a membership/donation form on page 7 and information about serving on the Leadership Board on page 4. If you already joined or donated for 2010, we appreciate your support.

January Meeting and February Festivities

Our next General Council Meeting will be Wednesday, January 27, 2010. We will be having the 2010 Leadership Board and Executive Committee Elections, see page 4 for more information. We will also be continuing the discussion and decision making process on the potential bylaws changes regarding the geographic area of the SWC and the near-shore ocean. This is the third meeting at which the matter is covered, as is our process, we hope to come to a decision about the potential changes by consensus at this meeting. Visit our website for more information on the process and past discussions. Don't forget the 10th Annual Free Native Riparian Plant Distribution on Saturday, February 13. Distribution sites will be in Mapleton, Blachly, Deadwood, and Lorane. See the back cover for more information.

Thank You,
Liz Vollmer-Buhl
Coordinator/Executive Director



Changes

Mike Sovinski is headed east for new adventures in North Carolina. Mike has been the Siuslaw Watershed Council Projects Manager since February 2008. We appreciate Mike's enthusiasm for educational programs, his work on restoration and monitoring projects, and his sense of humor. Mike's last day is Friday, January 22, 2010. We wish Mike the best on his new endeavors.

Thanks, Mike!

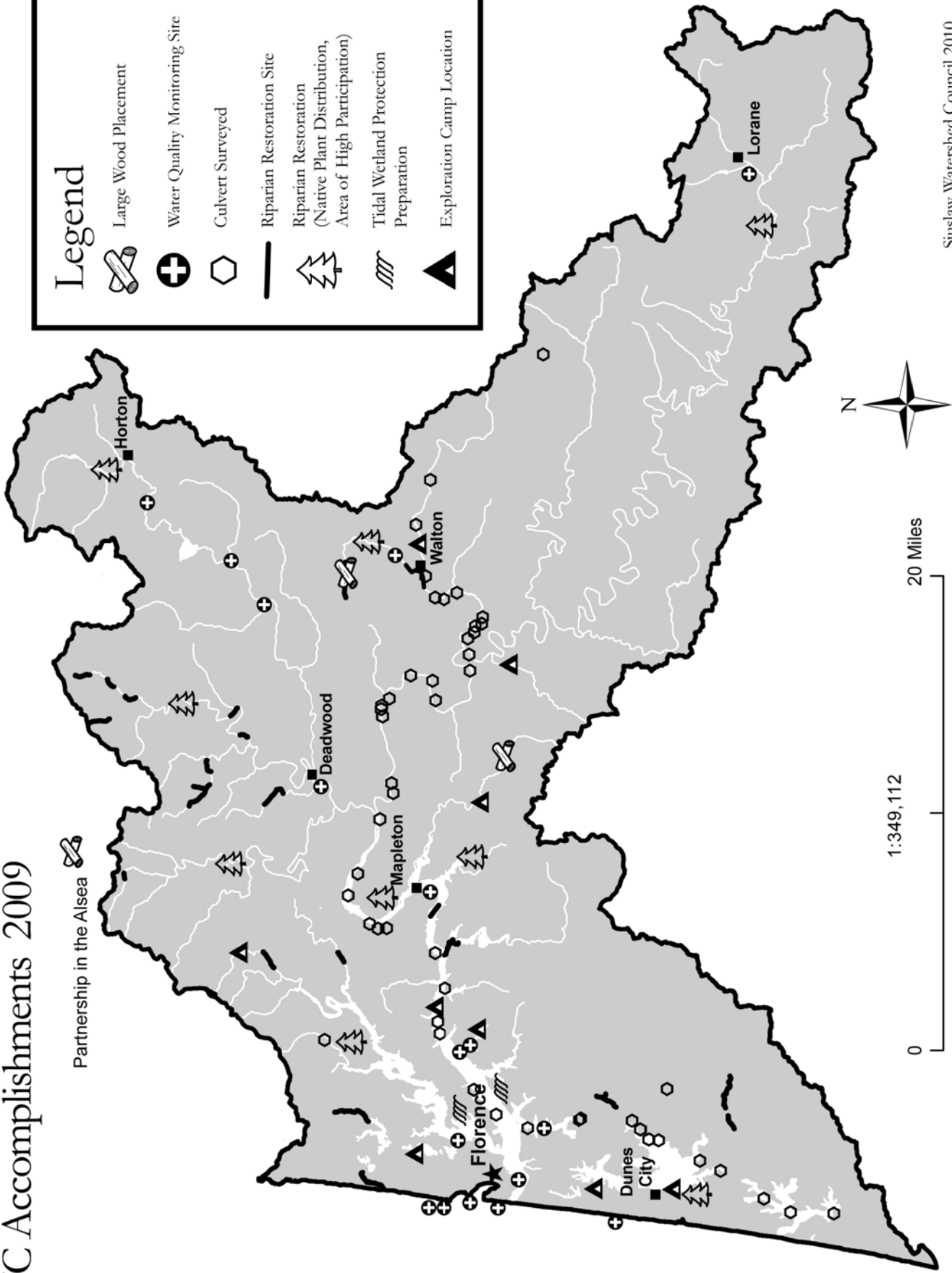
Siuslaw Watershed and Coastal Lakes

SWC Accomplishments 2009

Partnership in the Alsea

Legend

- Large Wood Placement
- Water Quality Monitoring Site
- Culvert Surveyed
- Riparian Restoration Site
- Riparian Restoration (Native Plant Distribution, Area of High Participation)
- Tidal Wetland Protection Preparation
- Exploration Camp Location



2010 Elections

Thank you to everyone who served on the Leadership Board and Executive Committee in 2009. Your service has benefited community members and the watershed. Elections for 2010 will take place at the January 27, General Council Meeting. Please review the list of positions below; it contains 2009 representatives. An updated list of nominees for 2010 will be available in the Leadership Board section of the website (www.siuslaw.org). If you would like to run for a Leadership Board Representative position or would like to nominate someone for a position, please contact Ginger at watershed@siuslaw.org, or 541-268-3044. We will be accepting nominations at the January 27 meeting and elections will follow during the meeting. If you have questions about the roles and responsibilities of Leadership Board Representatives, please contact Liz at coordinator@siuslaw.org, or 541-268-3044.

No.	POSITION	2009 REPRESENTATIVES
Area Representatives		
1	North Fork Siuslaw	Noland Huntington
2	Lower Siuslaw	Hayden Sears
3	Middle Siuslaw	Steve Elliot/Wesley Voth (Alt)
4	Upper Siuslaw (Incl. Wolf)	VACANT
5	Indian Creek	Barbara Beers
6	Wildcat Creek	Dave Eisler
7	Deadwood Creek	Nancy Nichols/Bill Cirino (Alt)
8	Lake Creek	Gary Hale
9	No. Coastal Lakes & Siuslaw Bay	Gus Gates
10	South Coastal Lakes	Steve Hager
11	At Large	Cindy Chambers
Interest Group Representatives - Elected		
12	Academic/Scientific	Tom Steinberg
13	Commercial Fishing	VACANT
14	Federal Land Management	Paul Burns
15	Public Education	Jim Grano
16	Small Woodlot	David Rankin
17	SWCD	Ray Kinney
18	Agriculture/Ranching	Johnny Sundstrom
19	Industrial Timber	Mark Wall
20	Environmental	Jan Wroncy
21	State Government	John Spangler
22	Ecosystem Workforce	Jeff Jones
23	Resource Recreation	Jeff Jackson
Interest Group Representatives - Appointed		
24	Tribes CTCLUSI	John Schaefer
25	Port of Siuslaw (Appointed)	John Scott
26	Lane Co. Government (Appointed)	Mary Moffat
27	City of Florence (Appointed)	Wendy Farley
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
1	Chair	Steve Elliot
2	Vice Chair	Dave Eisler
3	Secretary	Wesley Voth
4	Treasurer	Nancy Nichols
5	Position 5	Barbara Beers
6	Position 6	Noland Huntington
7	Position 7	Cindy Chambers
8	Position 8	Jim Grano
9	Position 9	Gus Gates

One of the requirements of Leadership Board members is that they are paid members of the SWC. You will find a membership form in the newsletter this on page 7. If you have questions about your membership status, please contact Ginger at the SWC office.

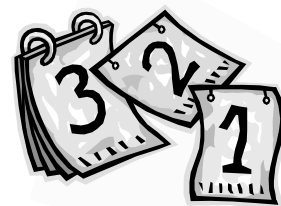
Thank you to everyone who has already paid their 2010 membership dues.



Heavy lift helicopter used for LWD placement.

Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, January 27: **SWC General Meeting.** 6:30—8:30 PM, Mapleton Grange, E. Mapleton Rd, Mapleton.
- Monday, February 1: **Siuslaw SWCD Board Meeting.** 6:30 PM, Contact SWCD for information (541-997-1272).
- Thursday, February 4: **SWC Technical Team.** 9:30—11:30 AM, Siuslaw Watershed Council office, Upper US Forest Service Compound, Mapleton.
- Thursday, February 4: **Siuslaw Stewardship Group.** 1—3 PM, Siuslaw Watershed Council office, Upper US Forest Service Compound, Mapleton.
- Wednesday, February 10: **SWC Executive Committee meeting.** 5:30 PM, Siuslaw Watershed Council office, Upper US Forest Service Compound, Mapleton.
- Wednesday, February 24: **SWC General Meeting** 6:30—8:30 PM, Mapleton Grange, E. Mapleton Rd, Mapleton.
- Monday, March 1: **Siuslaw SWCD Board Meeting.** 6:30 PM, Contact SWCD for information (541-997-1272).
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Other events to consider:

- **2010 Local Food Connection**—The Local Food Connection creates business opportunities for farmers, fishers and food buyers. This annual event provides access to local markets for producers and to delicious local products for food buyers. The 2010 Local Food Connection will be held **Monday, February 1** at Lane Community College Center for Meeting and Learning in Eugene. The \$20 cost includes workshops, networking opportunities and a lunch prepared from locally-produced foods by Lane Community College’s culinary experts. Please contact Kelly Hoell at 541-341-4663 x217 or kelly.hoell@goodcompany.com if you have questions about this event. Scholarships may be available to cover the registration fee. Please contact Kelly Hoell as noted above to inquire.

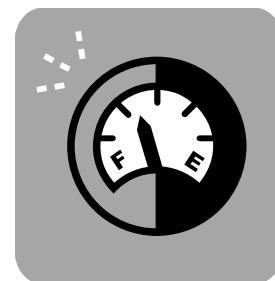
Announcements



- Do you enjoy yard work? We need a volunteer to mow the lawn at the USFS Upper Compound where the SWC office is located. If you are interested please contact the SWC office by calling 541-268-3044. Thanks!
- As the SWC grows, so do our filing needs. If you have sturdy bookshelves in good condition, please consider donating them to the SWC. Your donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Thanks!
- Visit www.siuslaw.org/announcements for job postings and invitations to bid.

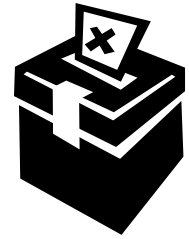
Time and Mileage

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
January General Meeting
6:30 pm, Wednesday, January 27, 2010
Mapleton Grange, E. Mapleton Rd, Mapleton.



- 6:00pm — Doors open
- 6:30-6:40pm — Welcome and Introductions
- 6:40-7:00pm — Leadership Board and Executive Committee Elections
- 7:00-7:45pm — Potential Bylaws Changes Discussion and Decision Making Process
- 7:45-7:55pm — Refreshments Break
- 7:55-8:10 — Reports
- 8:10-8:20pm — Open Mic
- 8:20-8:30 — Announcements

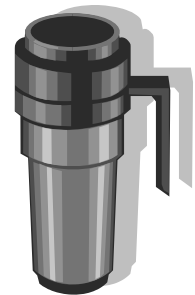
Looking Ahead...
The February General Council Meeting will be in Mapleton on February 24.
The March General Council Meeting will be our third annual Ocean Issues Forum in Florence on March 31.



Gary Hale

BYOM

To encourage reduction in waste, we are requesting that folks bring their own coffee mugs to the meeting.



Thanks!

We would like to recognize the following individuals who helped to support the SWC by becoming members or making donations in 2009.

John Bartlett, Jim Bellingham, The Bensons, Hal Palmer & Tonia Blum, The Bonners, The Brammers, The Brewers, Diane Burch, The Burns, Kevin Carroll, Cindy Chambers, The Chandlers, Bill Cirino, Barbara Dare, Charley Dewberry, The Dodsons, The Dunlops, Deanna Eisinger, Dave Eisler, Ellingson Family Ranch, Steve Elliot, Ralph Farnsworth, The Fleischers, The Francis, Bob Friedman, Gus Gates, The Ginters, Richard Mitchell, Denice Goodheart, The Grables, Ben Groesbeck, The Gurtov, Stephen Hager, Jan Wroncy & Gary Hale, The Humphreys, Ben Hustace, Lorilynn Imbler, The Jacksons, The Jensens, Jeff Jones, Tom Kartrude, The Littles, Billie Lynch, The McCains, Michael Mattick, Todd Miller, David Mills, Don Modrall, Mary Moffat & David Webb, Suzanne Navetta, Nancy Nichols, Barbara Norregaard, Kate O'Bryant, The Oldershaws, Don Wilbur & Sally Owens, The Rankins, Steve Kriegh & Linda Redmon, Greg Kennedy & Nancy Reed, Michael Roe Construction, John Schaefer (CTCLUSI), Dr. Hayden Sears, Dennis Shepherd, Port of Siuslaw, The Staffords, Tom Steinberg, The Stephens, Johnny Sundstrom, The Sweets, Fuzzy Gates & Kathryn Torrence, Nance Ulrich, The Urionas, The Vollmer-Buhls and The Whitburns.

Thank you for your support!

If you made a donation or paid a membership in 2009 and you do not see your name and you did not request to remain anonymous please let Ginger know so that she can announce it in the next newsletter. To those of you that asked to remain anonymous, thank you for your support to the SWC. A special thanks to the Leadership board and the Executive Committee for all that you do.

If you have not paid your membership for 2010, it's not too late! **We are still accepting memberships for 2010.** Below is a membership form.

Siuslaw Watershed Council Membership Form

Type of Membership:
Landowner _____ Community Member _____ Industry _____
Government Agency: _____ Tribal: _____

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

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ **State:** _____ **ZipCode:** _____ **Telephone:** _____

E-mail: _____

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 Native Plant Distribution
 - Siuslaw Water Trail Outreach Events & Road Signs
 - Summer Watershed Camp 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!

January 2010

The 2010 Native Plant Distribution is almost here!

There are still plants available, contact the SWC office ASAP if you would like to receive free native riparian plants!

February 13th is the Free Native Plant Distribution day! Don't miss this opportunity to start or continue restoring your lake, streams or river banks. Native trees and shrubs provide shade, nutrients and habitat to aquatic species.

Last year we gave away over 14,900 native trees, shrubs and plants to over 100 landowners in the Siuslaw Basin and Coastal Lakes area. If you are interested in participating please contact Ginger at 541-268-3044 or email nativeplants@siuslaw.org to place your request. To view a list of what plants are available go to <http://www.siuslaw.org/native-plant-distribution/>.



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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What's Happening In Your Watershed?