

SIUSLAW WATERSHED COUNCIL BYLAWS

- I. NAME:** The name of the organization is *Siuslaw Watershed Council, Inc* – hereinafter referred to as “Council” or “SWC”.
- II. GEOGRAPHIC AREA:** The geographic area covered by the Siuslaw Watershed Council includes all land drained by the Siuslaw River basin near the ocean and in between the mouth of the Siltcoos River and Heceta Head as well as nearby coastal lakes to the north and south.

III. MISSION: It is the mission of the Council to:

- Provide a basin-wide framework for coordination, cooperation and citizen involvement in programs aimed at improving and maintaining the health of the Siuslaw watershed.
- Promote the protection, conservation, restoration and enhancement of natural resources including but not limited to: fish, wildlife, forests, timberland, cropland, and water quality and quantity in the Siuslaw watershed.
- Contribute to the social and economic stability and productivity of families and communities within the Siuslaw watershed by supporting and attracting resources for local employment.
- Promote monitoring of the biological, physical and social components of the Siuslaw watershed.
- Encourage 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.
- Uplift, include, respect, and reflect a broad range of community interests and stakeholders in our work, leveraging our differences for better outcomes.

IV. CORE OPERATING PRINCIPLES:

- Locally driven planning and action with voluntary participation.
- Action should be based on shared vision and goals, with consideration for individual goals.
- Striving to represent all interests in the basin and being inclusive while recognizing the existing connections among economics, society, and the environment.
- Assessment, planning, and implementation actions are objective and available to all landowners in the Siuslaw watershed.
- Consider the significance of all-natural resources from ridge to ridge.
- Operate through teamwork and cooperative implementation while acknowledging that, no single interest or interest groups will dominate.
- Actions are valuable to the participants and, where feasible, they should lead to measurable outcomes.
- Engage and collaborate with Tribal Nations for project work and to ensure protection of non- renewable cultural resources during restoration
- Affirm respect for and intent to protect private property rights, and will do so in the planning and implementation of projects to improve, restore, and enhance watershed