

SIUSLAW WATERSHED COUNCIL NEWS

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Message from the Executive Director

Greetings

Watershed Friends!

Today an impressive winter storm moved through Mapleton... with moments of torrential down-pour punctuated with patches of blue sky throughout the day. It feels good to have the rain here, knowing that the forests and meadows, streams, creeks, and estuaries of the Siuslaw are alive because of the magic that this water brings.

It has been a busy month for our Council. Grants have gone "out the door" to OWEB, National Forest Foundation, and to a range of other Foundations to support on the ground restoration, education (Siuslaw Stream Team and Estuary Summer Camp), monitoring, strategic and action planning, as well as general operating support for our Council.

In partnership with our friends at the Siuslaw National Forest and the Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District, we have hosted a number of watershed tours to share with others from around the state the successful partnerships and projects

that are unfolding here in our watershed. Karnowsky Creek has been a place of great focus as an impressive array of individuals, groups and foundations have taken the time to join us to see first hand the amazing transformation that is happening through the restoration partnerships that have been created here.

Groups such as the National Forest Foundation, World Forestry Center, Oregon Parks Commission, Flint-ridge Foundation, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, EcoTrust, Audubon Society, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and others have joined us to experience first hand the success that can be achieved through cooperation and partnership involving public and private individuals and groups. The Siuslaw Watershed Council strives to promote good communication and collaboration within our community as we address environmental, economic, and community issues in our watershed.

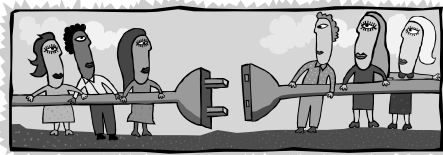
Speaking of economic issues, I would like to remind our readers of the value of the "Restoration Economy" that is alive and well here in the Siuslaw due to the many projects that are happening locally due to our successful cooperation and partnership. Recent studies have shown that for every restoration dollar spent in our state, an economic "multiplier effect" turns that dollar into a \$2.00 to \$6.00 dollar economic gain for our community. In other words, we may hire a local



contractor to do tractor work for us or plant trees for us on a project. That person then goes into Mapleton and spends money at the local grocery or hardware store. Those folks then head to Florence to buy a car, or buy gasoline, or go out to eat at a local restaurant. Those folks then pay rent or buy a house, etc, etc. Actually, when one considers this, it seems kind of amazing that the multiplier effect is not even higher than the \$6.00 dollar figure. It may well be in a rural local area such as ours.

The money that comes into our community in association with local watershed restoration projects is certainly having a significant positive effect on the local economy of the Siuslaw. The people of the Siuslaw are directly benefiting from these endeavors. So as we improve the health of the natural systems around us

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Watershed Updates and Opportunities

Sustainable Woods Workshop and Tour

Friday, March 7

12:00 noon to 2:00 PM

Siuslaw Pilot Project Tour: 2:00-4:00 PM

For several years, the Council has been working on ways for the watershed's small woodland owners to get greater values for their forest products and employ sound management plans on their property. We are pleased to announce that the SWC and EcoTrust will host a forum to explore the world of "small wood and value added" economic opportunities for the Siuslaw. Warren C. Gaskill, President of the Sustainable Woods Cooperative, Lone Rock, Wisconsin, will be on hand to share his experiences working with small woodlot producers in a value-added and certified lumber co-op.

Please plan to join us at the office of the Siuslaw Watershed Council for this interesting and interactive seminar. Lunch will be provided so please RSVP to the SWC office by Wednesday March 5.

Immediately following the meeting with Warren, there will be a tour of the USFS Siuslaw Pilot Project where public forested lands are being thinned to enhance forest health. This is a three-year pilot project that may lead to a long term strategy of logging our Federal lands in an attempt to enhance the overall health of our forests.

If you are interested in attending a conference on "Capturing Forest Product Values for Landowners and Manufacturers", there will be one on March 8 at Clackamas Community College (Warren Gaskill is a featured speaker at the conference.) For more information log on to <http://wood.oregonstate.edu>

The Siuslaw

Watershed Council is a community supported non-profit group and there are many ways that YOU can help and participate as a volunteer.

Volunteers are needed to help at our office in Mapleton with general office activities, with set-up and take-down at our regular meetings, and with special event activities. Contact the Council office for volunteer opportunities, 268-3044.

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Siuslaw Summer Internship

Again, the Siuslaw National Forest will join us in a partnership to sponsor a team of paid summer interns to work on a focused restoration plan here at our office in Mapleton. If you or someone you know is a university student with an interest in restoration, this is a great opportunity to gain amazing professional experience through our summer intern program. Call Pete at the Council soon to hear more about this great opportunity!

Siuslaw Estuary Water Trail

Jordan Secter and Pete Barrell from the SWC joined the Port of Siuslaw, National Park Service, City of Florence, Florence Chamber of Commerce, as well as Florence area business people, residents, and "paddlers" to launch planning for the Siuslaw Estuary Water Trail Project. This was a great first meeting and a range of activities and events will be unfolding throughout the year in association with this project. If you would like more information or would like to help make our water trail a reality, call the SWC to find out how to get involved.

2003 Siuslaw Watershed Council

Community Leadership Board Representatives

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair: Dave Eisler

Vice Chair: Steve Elliot

Treasurer: Nancy Nichols

Secretary: Paula "Cricket" Crowder

Reps: Bill Cirino, Al Pearn,
Cindy Chambers, Jim Grano

Past Chair: Noland Huntington

SUB-BASIN/REPRESENTATIVE

Indian Creek:

North Fork: Noland Huntington

Wolf Creek:

Lower Siuslaw: Dave Rankin

Upper Siuslaw: Steve Elliot

Lake Creek:

Deadwood Creek: Nancy Nichols, Alt: Bill Cirino

Wildcat Creek: Dave Eisler

At Large: Cindy Chambers, Alt: Kandie Watt

INTEREST GROUP/ REPRESENTATIVE

Academic/Scientific: Paul Burns, Alt: Tom Steinberg

Commercial Fishing:

Federal Land Management: Diana Bus, BLM
Alt: Johan Hogervorst, USFS

City of Florence: Barbara Foster (appointed)

Lane Co. Government: (appointed)

Resource Recreation:

Public Education: Jim Grano, Alt: Cricket Crowder

Small Woodlot: Al Pearn, Alt: Vernon Van Curler

Tribes CTCLUS: Howard Crombie (appointed)

Siuslaw SWCD: Ray Kinney, Alt: Johnny Sundstrom

Agriculture/Ranching: Bill Cirino

Industrial Timber: Paul Chapman

Environmental:

Port of Siuslaw: (Appointed)

State Government: John Spangler, ODF&W

Ecosystem Workforce: Lori Robertson, Alt: Lynn Hood

The above is a list of the people who were elected to serve on the Executive Committee and Leadership Board for 2003. We have quite a few vacancies for Representative and alternate positions, including appointed positions. At the February General Council Meeting, we will have a discussion on procedures to fill these positions during the year.

This year, the Council is striving to define the Leadership Board as having a more proactive role in the Council. Stated in the Council By-Laws, Leadership Board members are to actively participate in Council activities. This document states that the minimum of this participation is not missing four consecutive Council meetings (without designating a representative). In addition to keeping records of Leadership Board Representative attendance, the Council will be defining the duties and obligations of the Board. Since our By-Laws state that this is a Leadership Board duty, the Leadership Board is being called to begin this process. Dave Eisler, Council Chair, has set this process in motion by e-mailing a survey to the Leadership Board. The Board will be corresponding by e-mail for Representatives to give their vision for their respective groups and ideas about how these visions can be attained by the Representatives and the Council.

**Siuslaw Watershed Council
General Meeting Agenda
February 26, 2003
Mapleton Grange Hall
6:30 p.m.**

6:30-6:40 **Welcome and Introductions**

6:40-7:10 **PRESENTATION:** *Laura Brophy, Green Point Consulting, will present the Yaquina-Alosea Estuary Study, and her proposal to conduct a similar study for the Siuslaw.*

7:10-7:25 **Break**

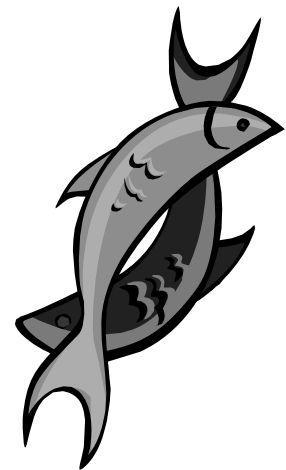
7:25-7:45 **Discussion:** Procedure for filling Leadership Board Positions after official election

7:45-8:00 **Reports and Updates**

8:00-8:15 **Open Mic** *(3-5 speakers, 3-5 minutes each)*

8:15-8:25 **Announcements**

8:25 **Adjourn**



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we are simultaneously improving the health of our communities and economies. This is a message that I hope each of you will share with those around you and with our local, state, and national leaders.

This is an important time for each of us to share a message focused on the benefits and positive attributes of the Siuslaw Watershed Council and the restoration and education partnerships that we foster. Presently in Salem, House Bill 2376 introduced to the Oregon State Legislature would abolish the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. This Bill proposes to transfer the duties, functions, and powers of OWEB to the State Department of Agriculture and the State Department of Fish and Wildlife. There are those that feel that this change will have a negative effect on the future of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. Some feel that the successful community partnerships that have been fostered these past years, through the OWEB non-regulatory approach to the restoration, conservation, and preservation of our Oregon landscapes, will be in jeopardy if OWEB is abolished. If you have thoughts on this matter this would be a good time to share them both locally and throughout the state with people interested in the long term health of the environment, economy, and communities of our watersheds.

Hope to see each of you sometime soon at a Siuslaw Watershed Council meeting here in Mapleton. Bring a friend and come find out how you can become involved in this important movement here in our watershed and beyond!

Pete Barrell

Treasurer's Report

Nancy Nichols, Council Treasurer

JANUARY 2003

Beginning Cash	\$106,107.65*		
		JANUARY(+)	JANUARY(-) YEAR TO DATE
INCOME			
Dues	\$620.00		\$620.00
Federal Grants	\$1,326.94		\$1,326.94
State Grants	\$27,713.22		\$27,713.22
Interest Income	\$99.02		\$99.02
Donations & Misc.	\$160.00		\$160.00
Administrative Funds	\$3,714.24		\$3,714.24
Other			
TOTAL INCOME	\$33,633.42		\$33,633.42
EXPENSES			
Grant Expenses		\$31,998.07	\$31,998.07
Other		\$5,524.47	\$5,524.47
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$37,522.54	\$37,522.54
Ending Cash	\$102,218.53**		

* \$17,577.21 general, \$88,530.44 grants	** \$16,646.00 general, \$85,572.53 grants
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Schedule of Events

February 26– Siuslaw Watershed Council General Meeting: 6:30 pm, Mapleton Grange, East Mapleton Road.

March 3– Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting: 7:00 pm Port of Siuslaw, 1499 Bay Street, Florence.

March 6- SWC Technical Team Meeting: 9:30 am, Upper Compound, Mapleton.

March 7– Sustainable Wood Products Discussion and Tour with Warren Gaskill, President of Sustainable Wood Products and Senior Partner in Rapid Improvement Associates: Discussion-Noon to 2:00pm, Tour-2:00-4:00 pm, meet at Council office, see page 2 and/or call 268-3044 for details.

March 8- “Capturing Forest Product Values for Landowners and Manufacturers” Conference: Clackamas Community College, see <http://wood.oregonstate.edu> for details.

March 12– SWC Executive Committee Meeting: 5:30 pm, Upper Compound, Mapleton.

March 26– Siuslaw Watershed Council General Council Meeting: 6:30 pm, Mapleton Grange, East Mapleton Road.

Volunteer Estuary Monitoring Program: March 5 and March 19, call the Council office, 268-3044, for meeting time and place.

Winter Sun

If you have planted streamside conifers, you can accelerate their growth by cutting any brush which blocks the winter sun. Make sure the conifers won't be shaded by the early blooming salmonberry or evergreen blackberries. With the leaves off of deciduous trees, your baby conifers have a chance to grab all the available sunlight through the early spring. On a clear day, check to make sure the sun is getting to your trees. In many areas, sunlight is the factor which is most likely to limit the growth of trees. Cutting back the brush that shades young trees is an excellent way to give them a boost.



Nancy Nichols, Project Manager, Siuslaw Riparian Restoration Project

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?