

Siuslaw WATERSHED COUNCIL NEWS

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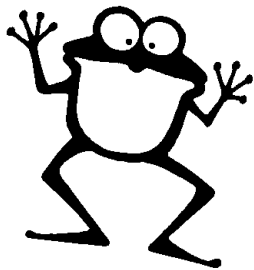
Message from the Coordinator

At the January General Council Meeting, elections were held for the 2004 Leadership Board. Essentially, the meeting was a confirmation of those who volunteered, or self-nominated, themselves for a position. There are many positions on the Leadership Board, so it is not surprising that there is a role for nearly every individual who wished to extend their service to the watershed council this year. Congratulations and thanks are in order for all those who will be volunteering their time toward enhancing the Siuslaw community in 2004. Several vacancies still exist. Review the Leadership Board on page 3 to familiarize yourself with the new roles of our board members, including Executive Committee Chair, Cricket Crowder, and to take note of the vacancies. You or someone you know may be a good fit!



Also at the January meeting, I introduced "Watershed New Year's Resolutions". This was an idea planted in me by one of our board members, so I went with it. The resolutions are reprinted here on page 2. In the spirit of personal resolutions, these are resolutions to accomplish something in 2004 to make the watershed a better place. Some are whimsical, some are serious endeavors. Together, they will help to broaden our knowledge and awareness of the landscape and spur some new ideas on how to further the council mission.

Todd Miller



Please join us at
Karnowsky Creek
on Saturday, February 28,
for a day of willow planting and socializing.

Meet at the Council office at 10 a.m.

Bring waders, hip boots or rain gear, gloves, a water bottle, and a sack lunch.

For more information call Todd at the Council office, 268-3044.



The Siuslaw Watershed Council is a community supported 501c3 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, 541-268-3044.

Upcoming Speakers

February 25—
Rosemary Furfey, NOAA's Oregon Coast Coho Recovery Coordinator will discuss coho recovery work.

March 31—
Johan Hogervorst, US Forest Service Hydrologist, will present the Kamowsky Creek Restoration Project. He will also announce a date for a community tour of the project.

Siuslaw Watershed Council

Watershed New Year's Resolutions

From Coordinator, Todd Miller, January 2004

- Recruit 1 new council member this year.
- Participate in at least 1 volunteer watershed restoration activity.
- Let your coordinator know who you are and what your personal outlook/vision/concern for the Siuslaw Watershed is.
- Do at least 1 family activity planned around a watershed feature (e.g. kayak the estuary, watch salmon return, hike Sweet Creek Falls, boat Triangle Lake, fish Whittaker Creek, etc.)
- Learn as much as you can about 1 native plant and 1 native aquatic animal that live in the watershed (which you are presently unfamiliar with).
- Visit a spot in the watershed you have never been to before.
- Cook a meal made entirely with Siuslaw Watershed grown, caught, or raised ingredients (cheat on condiments and spices if necessary).
- Develop a water quality or watershed restoration project for your local creek (or water body) with your neighbors - write up a summary and bring it to your coordinator for help following through.
- Adopt 1 new water-friendly lifestyle change (discontinue use of a pesticide, organize a carpool, fix that leaking engine, clean/check your septic system, install low flow faucets, etc.).
- Add your own!



2004 Siuslaw Watershed Council Community Leadership Board



EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair: Paula "Cricket" Crowder
Vice Chair: Steve Elliot
Treasurer: Nancy Nichols
Secretary: David Eisler (*past chair*)
Reps: Bill Cirino
 Al Peam
 Jim Grano
 Noland Huntington
 Howard Crombie

SUB-BASIN/REPRESENTATIVE

Indian Creek: Barbara Beers
 Alt: Dick Beers
North Fork: Noland Huntington
Wolf Creek: **vacant**
Lower Siuslaw: Dave Rankin
Upper Siuslaw: Steve Elliot
Lake Creek: **vacant**
Deadwood Creek: Nancy Nichols
 Alt: Bill Cirino
Wildcat Creek:
Steve Kriegh/Linda Redmon (shared)
Alternate: Dave Eisler
At Large: Kyle Knipe

INTEREST GROUP/ REPRESENTATIVE

Academic/Scientific:
 Paul Burns
 Tom Steinberg

Commercial Fishing: **vacant**

Federal Land Management:
 Johan Hogervorst (USFS)

City of Florence: (appointed)
 Dianne Burch

Lane Co. Government:
 vacant (appointed)

Resource Recreation:
 Lynn Hood

Public Education:
 Jim Grano
 Cricket Crowder

Small Woodlot:
 Al Peam
 Vernon Van Curler

Tribes CTCLUS: (appointed)
 Howard Crombie
 J.R. Herbst

Siuslaw SWCD:
 Ray Kinney
 Alt: Johnny Sundstrom

Agriculture/Ranching:
 Bill Cirino

Industrial Timber:
 Paul Chapman

Environmental: William Fleenor

Port of Siuslaw: Ken Miller (appointed)

State Government:
 John Spangler (ODF&W)

Ecosystem Workforce:
 Lori Robertson
 Eve Montanaro





THANK YOU!



The Siuslaw Watershed Council 2004 riparian planting was a huge success thanks to all the donations and volunteer help. We distributed nearly 8,000 trees and shrubs to over 80 landowners. They planted the trees and shrubs and made a commitment to keep them free of competing vegetation until they can make it on their own.

We had a grant from Oregon Water Enhancement Board which helped us purchase plants and supplies, but without all the community support this project could have never reached so many miles of stream.

Donations

BLM- postage to mail announcements

Dave Eisler - 150 alder trees

Roseburg Forest Products -1585 cedar trees and 1080 hemlock trees

Siuslaw National Forest - use of the Mapleton cooler and 45 heavy duty protective tubes

Weyerhaeuser - 640 fir trees

Oregon Department of Forestry - cooler space

Tera Tech - supplies

Siuslaw SWCD - technical help



Distribution Volunteers

Mapleton – David Eisler, Todd, Christina and Silas Miller, Jeff Jones, Cricket Crowder, Vernon Van Curler, Dave Rankin, Lori Robertson, Noland Huntington, Don Allan and family, Bill McDermott, and Tom Kehler.

Deadwood - Bill Cirino, Damian Anderson, Tom Steinberg, Bill Cirino, Pam Alley, H. V. Alley, Clover Wier, Ira Wier, Harvey Hoover, Eric Nusbaum, and Jona (Also project manager Nancy Nichols).

Lorane - Neil Master and Arial.

Thank you to all SWC Members!

Memberships continue to arrive in response to our December mailing. A special thank-you for your memberships and donations. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Grant Money Available For Siuslaw Stewardship Area

Money to assist projects supporting various aspects of watershed and community health in the Siuslaw River watershed and adjacent coastal lakes is available now through a competitive grant application process.

Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation Development Area, Inc., is accepting applications for Coastal Initiative projects that promote natural resource management, sustainability, a stable and diversified local economy and enhance quality of life for local communities.

Up to \$2000,000 is available from the Siuslaw Stewardship Pilot. Funds were generated from Siuslaw National Forest thinning for long-term forest health. Projects can be awarded up to \$50,000 and must be completed during a two year period. Applications are due April 2 to Cascade Pacific RC&D.

Projects must provide direct or indirect benefit to natural resources and communities within the Siuslaw Watershed basin or the coastal lakes area. Each grant proposal must have matching funds and fiscal sponsorship.

"It's an exciting opportunity to reinvest funds to promote watershed health and community vitality", said Todd Miller, Siuslaw Watershed Council Coordinator.

The Siuslaw Stewardship Pilot is a program designed to focus on overall management of an area, to retain receipts and promote sustainable uses of the basin's natural resources.

For more information regarding grant criteria and eligibility, contact the website at www.siuslaw.org or contact Jennifer Ayotte at 541-757-4807.



Master Recycler Program to be Offered



Do you want to learn how to reduce your waste, conserve natural resources, motivate others to change their habits, and make a difference in your community? If so, you should join the Lane County Master Recycler Program.

Lane County Waste Management Division is offering a Master Recycler course in Florence that provides comprehensive training in solid waste reduction, reuse, recycling and compost education in return for 30 hours of volunteer outreach focused on teaching fellow Lane County citizens how to reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink.

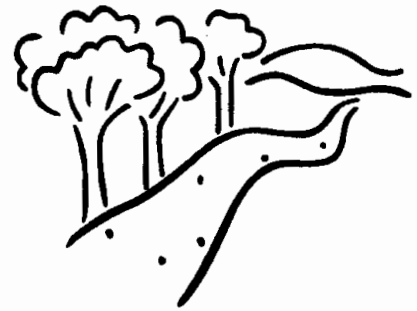
The course includes six hours of classroom instruction on June 5th and a visit to Eugene area solid waste and recycling sites on June 12th. Instructors are local experts in solid waste from the business, government and non-profit sectors. To register contact Wendy Farley at 997-8237 by May 28th. Fee is \$5.

Save the Dates

June 18 and 19 for the FREE Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event in Florence. Save up your hazardous disposables and get rid of them in a safe (and free) way! More information in future SWC newsletters or call Wendy Farley at 997-8237.



**Siuslaw Watershed Council
General Meeting Agenda
February 25, 2003
Mapleton Grange Hall
6:30 p.m.**



6:30-6:40 Welcome and Introductions

6:40-7:25 Presentation: Rosemary Furfey, NOAA Fisheries' Oregon Coast Coho Recovery Coordinator, will give an update on Oregon Coast coho recovery activities. In 2002, a Technical Recovery Team (TRT) was formed by NOAA's Northwest Science Center to develop technical products as the basis for a coho recovery plan. She will introduce NOAA Fisheries' approach to recovery planning, report on the status of TRT products, and discuss how the watershed council can be involved in recovery planning.

7:25-7:40 Break for refreshments and socializing

7:40-8:05 Reports and Updates

8:05-8:20 Open Mic (3-5 speakers, 3-5 minutes each)

8:20-8:30 Announcements

8:30 Adjourn

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Monthly Raffle

To help raise funds for the Council, we are holding a raffle of donated items at each General Council meeting. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winner will get to choose from available items.

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Siuslaw Watershed Council Membership Form

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

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

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Please choose any of the following:

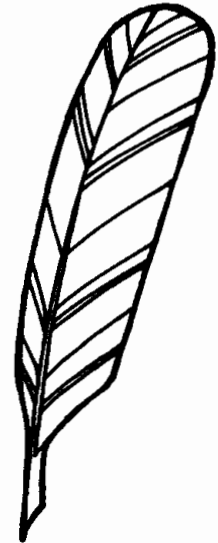
- Tax-deductible membership enclosed (\$10 regular, \$0 students).
- Additional tax-deductible donation enclosed. Amount \$ _____
- I am interested in volunteer opportunities with the Siuslaw Watershed Council

Treasurer's Report *Nancy Nichols, Council Treasurer*

January 2004

Beginning Cash \$29,729.04

| | DECEMBER | YEAR TO DATE |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Dues | \$595.00 | \$595.00 |
| Federal Grants | | |
| State Grants | \$5,591.00 | \$5,591.00 |
| Private Grants | | |
| Interest | \$27.22 | \$27.22 |
| Donations & Misc. | \$285.00 | \$285.00 |
| Administrative Funds | \$382.08 | \$382.08 |
| Other | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$7,447.93 | \$7,447.93 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Grant Expenses | \$5,136.51 | \$5,136.51 |
| Other | \$22.69 | \$22.99 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$5,159.20 | \$5,159.20 |



Ending Cash \$32,017.77*

*\$13,247.56 general, \$18,770.21 grants

Schedule of Events

February 25- Siuslaw Watershed Council General Meeting: 6:30 pm, Mapleton Grange, E. Mapleton Road

February 28--Community Willow Planting at Karnowsky Creek: meet at Council office at 10 a.m.

March 1- Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting: 7:00 pm, Port of Siuslaw 1499 Bay Street, Florence

March 4- SWC Technical Team Meeting: 9:30 am, Upper Compound, Mapleton.

March 4- USFS Stewardship Community Monitoring Team Meeting, 1:00-3:00 pm, SWC office.

March 10-OWEB Grant Writing Workshop: 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Nestuka (268-3044 for more info)

Date/time to be set- SWC Executive Committee Meeting: Upper Compound, Mapleton.

March 31- Siuslaw Watershed Council General Meeting: 6:30 pm, Mapleton Grange, E. Mapleton Road.

Volunteer Estuary Monitoring Program: call 268-3044, for future meeting times and places

Did You Know?...

Not all blackberries are created equal. In fact, there are at least three different species of blackberry that can be found in western Oregon. Two of these, the Himalayan blackberry and the evergreen blackberry, are imports from Asia and Europe respectively. Some botanical sleuthing has revealed that the Himalayan blackberry is actually the Armenian blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) and was brought to North America as a cultivar in 1885 from Germany by that most famous of horticulturists, Luther Burbank. The evergreen blackberry (*Rubus laciniatus*) was also introduced as a cultivar, but from England in 1850. The only species native to western North America is what I grew up calling the wild blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*), otherwise known as the trailing blackberry or dewberry .

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?