

# Siuslaw WATERSHED COUNCIL NEWS

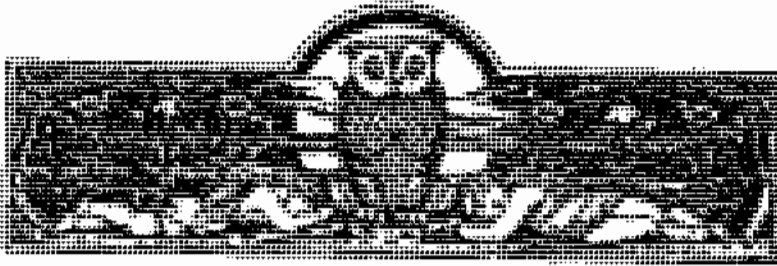
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## Election Information Inside... (Council Elections, that is)

## Holiday Meeting Change

It was unanimous! We will be combining the November and December meetings into ONE! And...It will be more of a celebration than a meeting, The gathering will be on December 1, same time, same place!. Bring a potluck dish and bring family and friends. Also bring a canned food donation for our local holiday food share organization. There will be displays and a brief presentation on the Thiess International RiverPrize! Don't forget to get some raffle tickets (available by suggested donation). Ho Ho Hope to see you there December 1 at 6:30 pm at the Mapleton Grange on East Mapleton Road.

**Strategic Planning:** A presentation of the Final SWC Strategic Plan was presented at the September General Council Meeting. An interactive session followed as we began to list action items from the Strategic Plan to be put into the Action Plan. The next Action Plan Committee meeting will be on October 28 at 9:30 am at the Council office, call 268-3044, for more information.

## SWC Self Assessment...A Penny For Your Thoughts.

In the last newsletter, we inserted a self-assessment for all to fill out and send back in....we have received less than 20 back so far. The newsletter mailing list is about 360, humm that means that some of you reading this now, did not do your self-assessment...it doesn't matter HOW involved you are with the Council, just reading the newsletter and/or being a member qualifies you to give your opinion, which will be very helpful to us. We are requesting that members fill out and either mail back to the Council or bring to the next General Council Meeting (filled out). You may remember doing this self assessment two years ago; it is very important that we do this assessment every biennium. We used the last assessment to gauge how well the Council was serving the members and the watershed. From your feedback we have streamlined some processes and have made Council documents more readily available through our website. Please take the time to fill out the survey, your input is very valuable! Thank you!



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**Executive Committee**

**Chair:** Paula Crowder

**Vice Chair:** Steve Elliot

**Secretary:** Dave Eisler

(Past Chair)

**Treasurer:** Nancy Nichols

**Representatives:**

Bill Cirino

Howard Crombie

Jim Grano

Noland Huntington

Al Pearn

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volunteer positions, in or  
out of the field, please  
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**Message from the Chair...**

Dear Watershed Council Members,

The Executive Committee feels that we still need to address Council members and the larger community with a response to recent news articles that deemed the Siuslaw of the near past as on the brink of "ecological disaster". It is in this response that I write this letter.

The Siuslaw Watershed Council and the Siuslaw Basin Partnership, as entities, are beyond assigning blame for the decline in our local ecosystems. I venture to say that at least everyone could agree that, yes, there was some amount of decline in the health of our watershed and a decline in the availability of use of our natural resources (timber, fish, water) from laws that followed the decline. However, when people of the watershed try to put the blame on one group, they fall short of "seeing the forest through the trees".

It has not been my experience, working with this organization for nearly seven years, to ever hear of anyone singling out one group of people as the blame for the apparent decline. It is important to look at why there is a disconnect, if only to understand how to not do further damage. Once this understanding is gained, collaborative efforts can be focuses on repair and we can move forward to create better forest, agriculture and fishing harvest management plans that are beneficial to people, wildlife and clean water.

The Siuslaw Watershed Council is not against logging or ranching/farming. We are very much for moving forward in doing these activities in coordination with sustainable and properly functioning ecosystems. It can and must be done if we are to have in the future, what we have now.

The phrase "ecological disaster" brings different images to different people's minds. Some would agree with that statement, and yes we have certain water quality parameters that are not up to par. We also saw the near extinction of our native Coho runs (down to one percent of historic figures) and listing of the Spotted owl and Marbled murrelet. In other people's minds they have also realized that management practices were going a little far in having an effect on the landscape and their response was to try and change practices as they were and attempt to heal some of the wounds. It was not known that some land and resource use practices could be damaging until the effect of years was apparent. Natural resource managers have also spent much time, effort and money planning and putting restoration into action. These folks are also working toward a solution and it is hard to still feel that there is still blame pointed at them, when they are also working so hard to be a part of the solution.

We need to bring all these sides together, and everyone in between, if we continue to work together, we can have all that we need...fishing and farms, timber and forests and healthy communities and watersheds. It is also important that internally, as an organization, we strive to establish trust between our partners and members of the Council. As trust becomes a natural part of our

The Siuslaw Watershed Council believes in the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. We believe that everyone can do something positive for the watershed. Whether it is actively doing on-the-ground restoration or changing a water use or disposal practice. We have people from varying interest groups coming together to work on being a part of the solution. Now that's spirit!

It is in this spirit that the Siuslaw Basin Partnership won the Thiess International Riverprize. It is this spirit that was portrayed in the application essay and the acceptance of the Prize. It is in this spirit that we celebrate being recognized for excellence in river management and partnership. We congratulate the people of the Siuslaw for taking an active role in salmon recovery and watershed health.

Paula "Cricket" Crowder, Chair, Executive Committee, SWC

# 2004 Siuslaw Watershed Council

## Community Leadership Board Representatives

### Area Representatives:

**North Fork Siuslaw:** Noland Huntington

**Upper Siuslaw:** Steve Elliot

**Lower Siuslaw:** David Rankin

**Indian Creek:**

Barbara Beers/Dick Beers

**Wildcat:** David Eisler/

Steve Kriegh/Linda Redmon

**Deadwood:** Nancy Nichols/Bill Cirino

**Lake Creek:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wolf Creek:** \_\_\_\_\_

**At Large:** Kyle Knipe/Bill Fleenor

### Interest Group Representatives:

**Academic/Scientific:**

Paul Burns/Tom Steinberg

**Commercial Fishing:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Federal Land Management:**

Karen Geary, BLM/Johan Hogervorst., USFS

Blank Line represents present vacancy

**City of Florence:** (appointed)

Barbara Foster/Jay Vilhena

**Lane Co. Government:** (appointed)

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**Resource Recreation:** Lynn Hood

**Public Education:**

Jim Grano/Cricket Crowder

**Small Woodlot:**

Al Pearn/Vernon VanCurler

**Tribes CTCLUS:**

Howard Crombie/ JR Herbst

**SWCD:** Ray Kinney/Johnny Sundstrom

**Agriculture/Ranching:** Bill Cirino

**Industrial Timber:**

Paul Chapman, Campbell Group

**Environmental:**

Bill Fleenor

**Port of Siuslaw:** (appointed) Ken Miller

**State Government:** John Spangler, ODF&W

**Ecosystem Workforce:**

Lori Robertson/ Eva Montanaro

## ***Elections***

Elections are coming upon us rather quickly! If you hold a position on the Leadership Board or Executive Committee, and would like to stay on the ballot for your position, please contact Cricket, watershed@siuslaw.org. If you would like to be placed on the ballot or nominate someone for a position, also contact Cricket at the email address listed above.

We will be accepting nominations at the October, Holiday and January meeting. Elections will be held at the January General Council Meeting.

## **Recent Grant Application Update:**

**Pugh Creek Stream Enhancement Project** (OWEB application; Project Manager: Jason Kirchner, ODFW). The project proposes to add large wood at six sites along 3/4 miles of Pugh Creek to improve salmon and trout habitat. Project sites were selected based on locations where woody debris would naturally accumulate. We are also proposing to replace two culverts and remove one along Pugh creek road that are fish barriers. Cooperators on this project include Roseburg Forest Products, Siuslaw Watershed Council, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**Siuslaw Basin Whole-basin juvenile salmon survey:** (OWEB application; Project Manager: Charley Dewberry). Conduct a whole-basin juvenile salmon survey in the Siuslaw basin using the Rapid Bio-Assessment method of snorkel counts.

**Wildcat Sub-Watershed Fish Passage Enhancement:** (OWEB application; Project Manager: Todd Miller, SWC). We will replace eight culverts that are current fish passage barriers to spawning and rearing habitat in the Wildcat Creek sub-watershed with passage-friendly designs. The culverts have been prioritized for replacement via a watershed-wide review process. Construction-ready engineering designs that accommodate fish passage and stream dynamic criteria have been completed for each location.

**Siuslaw Middle School Stream Team:** (OWEB application; Project Manager: Jim Grano, School District 97-J. Four seventh-grade classes of approx. 120 students total annually will increase their knowledge of watershed science and ecology, issues related to the Oregon Plan, and develop a long-term sense of stewardship for the Siuslaw Watershed. In addition to classroom learning, the students will participate in hands-on, in the field research and restoration activities working with USFS, ODFW, STEP, Siuslaw Watershed Council and SWCD. This project is a model for other school programs around the state.

**Siuslaw Riparian Restoration II:** (Siuslaw Stewardship Fund application; Project Manager: Nancy Nichols, SWC). This is a one year project to plant and establish trees and other riparian plants on non-industrial lands throughout the Siuslaw Watershed and adjoining coastal lakes region. Most trees and shrubs will be planted on private lands. A few will be planted on public lands by school children and civic groups. We expect to plant and establish approximately 10,000 plants. We also plan to offer establishment help to some owners of riparian plantings made in 2001-2005 if sufficient funds are available for the brush clearing aspect. This is a continuation of a successful Siuslaw Watershed Council project that has helped over 230 landowners with riparian planting.

**Mapleton Schools' Natural Resource Education Program IV:** (OWEB application—Council endorsement and partnership—Siuslaw Institute applicant) This program focuses mostly on integrating natural resource education into the middle and high schools of Mapleton Schools. Education Specialist works to bring students to in-the-field experiences and enhance classroom learning with hands-on curriculum. Native Plant Nursery on campus is a natural setting for a learning center. Education Specialist is available to all grades and schools in the Siuslaw Area.

## ***Shiloh Sundstrom...At Home in His Work***

Shiloh Sundstrom was born right here in the Siuslaw Watershed in Deadwood, OR where he spent much of the first 18 years of life. When not exploring the forests and creeks on his family's 160 acres of land he attended school in Mapleton where his wide range of interests prompted one elementary school teacher to dub him the "most interested" boy in her class. While at Mapleton High School, Shiloh was active in the student government and participated in Football, Basketball, and Track.

Following High School Shiloh attended Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts where he recently graduated with a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in History and a minor in Environmental Studies. While in college, he spent a semester abroad studying Wildlife Management and Community-based conservation in Kenya, East Africa. Shiloh has recently moved back to the area and as Outreach Specialist for the Siuslaw Watershed Council he hopes to utilize his education as well as his local and international experience to get more people involved in the important and exciting work being done by the Siuslaw Watershed Council and their partners to support sound economic, social, and environmental uses of natural and human resources in the Siuslaw River Basin.

Shiloh is working for the Council through the AmeriCorps program. He will be spending the next 11 months helping to expand our education programs to other grades and other schools within our watershed. He will also be helping the Council reach out to folks all around the watershed.

We are excited to have Shiloh at the Council! He knows the Siuslaw and it's people and has gained a lot of knowledge and experience from worldly places. Stop into the Council office and say hi to your neighbor, Shiloh.



## **Schedule of Events**

**October 27—Tour of Karnowsky Creek: 9:00 am, meet at the Upper Compound in Mapleton, call 268-3044 for directions and more information if needed.**

**October 27—Siuslaw Watershed Council General Meeting: 6:30 pm, Mapleton Grange, E. Mapleton Road.**

**October 28—Action Plan Committee Meeting: 9:30 am, Upper Compound, Mapleton. Everyone Welcome to join in.**

**November 1—Siuslaw SWCD Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Port of Siuslaw | 499 Bay Street, Florence.**

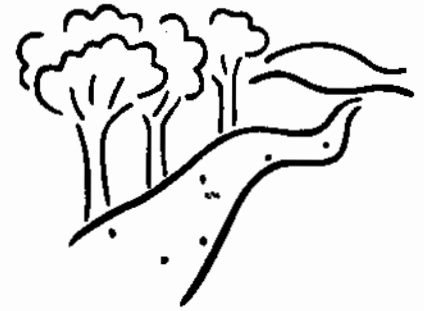
**November 4—SWC Technical Team Meeting: 9:30 am, Upper Compound, Mapleton.**

**November 10— SWC Executive Committee Meeting: 5:30 pm., Upper Compound, Mapleton.**

**December 1—Siuslaw Watershed Council General Meeting: 6:30 pm, Mapleton Grange, E. Mapleton Road. November and December combined into one big festive event! See page 2 and 6 for more details**



**Siuslaw Watershed Council  
General Meeting Agenda  
October 27, 2004  
Mapleton Grange Hall  
6:30 p.m.**



- 6:30-6:40**    **Welcome and Introductions**
- 6:40-7:00**    **Presentation: *Gail McEwen, ODFW, Habitat Restoration Plan***
- 7:00-7:40**    **\*Council Process for Annual Election  
Call for Nominations  
Action Plan Update  
Project and Proposal Updates**
- 7:40-7:55**    **Break and Refreshments  
*TRICKS & TREATS***
- 7:55-8:05**    **Reports and Updates  
Coordinator's Report**
- 8:05-8:20**    **Open Mic  
*(3-5 speakers, 3-5 minutes each)***
- 8:20-8:30**    **Announcements**
- 8:30**        **Adjourn**

**\*We are going to spend a little time on Council business at this meeting. We are preparing to enter a new year so we would like to spend this time together collecting our thoughts and visions.**

Join us on a tour of Karnowsky Creek on October 27. We are meeting at the Council office at 9 am for a brief meeting with our partners from the National Forest Foundation. We will be taking them on a tour of Karnowsky and anyone is welcome to join in. We have waders available for folks to borrow, first come, first served. Call Todd at the office, 268-3044, if you have any questions.

**Siuslaw River Gauge**

If you haven't checked out the Siuslaw River Gauge on the web, take a look. There is lots of historical information so you can easily tell if we are having a drier or wetter than normal month. Go to <http://or.waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/rt>. Click on the Siuslaw River on the map for our local information.

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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 meet-    \*

\*    ing. 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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# Treasurer's Report

Nancy Nichols, Council Treasurer

AUG/SEPT 2004

	JUNE	YEAR TO DATE
Beginning Cash	\$55,027.47	
<b>INCOME</b>		
Dues	\$30.00	\$910.00
Federal Grants	\$195.28	\$14,827.66
State Grants	\$154,280.00	\$247,619.94
Private Grants	\$183,386.00	\$183,386.700
Interest	\$137.22	\$296.88
Donations & Misc.	\$3,770.00	\$4,311.00
Administrative Funds	\$735.57	\$3,154.55
Reimbursements		\$567.63
Other	\$33.32	\$33.32
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$342,535.07</b>	<b>\$455,107.98</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Grant Expenses	\$305,185.54	\$390,135.08
Other	\$2,048.20	\$4,373.22
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$307,233.74</b>	<b>\$394,508.30</b>
Ending Cash	\$90,328.80*	

\*\$17,399.71  
—general,  
\$72,929.09  
—grants

\*\*\$3,750.00  
from BLM,  
\$20.00 from  
members

The Siuslaw Watershed Council is a non-profit, 501c3, organization.  
All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

## 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

# FORESTS ARE MORE THAN TREES

Anyone who has walked in the woods has seen the large variety of plants that grow there. The Council's work to help landowners restore their riparian corridors recognizes this. This winter our riparian restoration project will have the following trees available: alder, ash, black cottonwood, cedar, fir, hemlock, Indian plum, big leaf maple, Pacific crabapple, and willow. Other plants available are black twinberry, cattail, creek dogwood, deer fern, Douglas spiraea, mock orange, and peafruit rose. Call Nancy at 485-6471 or 964-3020 to sign up for plants or leave a message at the Council office (268-3044) with a good time for Nancy to call you.

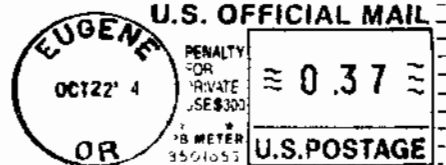


## Siuslaw Watershed Council Mission Statement

*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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