

# SIUSLAW WATERSHED COUNCIL NEWS

**JULY 2005**

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## **Message from the Coordinator**

### **Summer Youth Program Back for Third Consecutive Year!**

This final week of July the Council is pleased to offer the 2005 Summer Watershed Exploration Workshop Series. Although the program name has changed every year, the premise has not. Again we are offering a full week of exciting opportunities for middle and high school aged students to visit and explore different parts of the Siuslaw watershed and participate in hands-on service projects and activities, as well as have lots of fun, all at no cost to participants.

Our biggest breakthrough this year was our determination to make the workshop series happen, despite having very limited funding available as opposed to past years. Our biggest cost savings is in transportation. The Three Rivers Casino is providing shuttle service to ferry students to various locations in the greater Florence area. We are offering 3 days of different locations and topics from the upper North Fork Siuslaw to the beach at North Jetty to South Slough off the estuary – all of which are being serviced by the casino shuttle. Many thanks to the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw for their generous transportation support.

Additional savings is occurring through tapping the talents and capabilities of the council staff and chair who are the lead instructors and counselors for this year's workshop. Coordinator Todd Miller (myself), AmeriCorps member Shiloh Sundstrom, Council Chair Paula "Cricket" Crowder, and versatile staff member Liz Vollmer-Buhl are leading the program at no additional cost to the program. Among us, we have a strong and broad set of skills in youth camp administration, education, watershed science and restoration, outing guid-

ance, and service projects. We are being joined, as in past years, by many guest speakers, tour guides, and activity leaders.

The workshop series is offering introduction and instruction on a variety of watershed topics like geology (watershed characteristics and coastal processes), forestry, ecology (including fish habitat and invasive species), stream restoration, history (including Native American culture), economics (Port commerce and timber products), and water quality. Students are participating in stewardship projects like building bat boxes, performing trail maintenance, marking storm drains for protection, planting trees, and removing invasive species. Best of all, there is plenty of hiking on beach and in forest, boating at Hult Pond, and other fun activities.

The summer youth program has become a rewarding tradition not only for the students, but also for the council members who get to share this great place called the Siuslaw for a full week with energetic young minds. Many thanks to all the participants who help make it happen.

***Todd Miller***

*For more Coordinator Message see Page 3...*



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**2005 Executive Committee**

**Chair:** Paula Crowder

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## Schedule of Events

**July 25-29—Siuslaw Watershed Exploration Camp**

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

**August 1—Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District  
Meeting: 7:30 pm, Conference Room,  
Florence Business Center, 1525 12th Street,  
Florence**

**August 4—SWC Technical Team Meeting: 9:30 am, Up  
per Compound, Mapleton.**

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

**August 13—Salmon Run and Celebration**

**August 31—Siuslaw Watershed Council Volunteer  
Appreciation Picnic and General Meeting  
6:30 pm, Hood Creek Campground.**

### **Nominate Siuslaw Estuary as a Bird Watching Destination**

*From Tom Kartrude, Port of Siuslaw*

There is an immediate opportunity to have the Siuslaw River, and in particular the Siuslaw Estuary Water Trail System, included in the new Oregon Coastal Birding Trail program. Inclusion could mean significant eco-tourism publicity and recognition that we truly deserve as a birding vacation destination. We can nominate the Siuslaw Estuary for a place on the statewide birding trail maps by simply logging onto [www.oregonbirdingtrails.org](http://www.oregonbirdingtrails.org) and filling out the nominating form.

People who have bird watching skills, please wax on about the unique habitats and species.

We want to show broad community support for being included, so please take just a minute and send in a nominating form. I suggest using Siuslaw Estuary Recreation Trail as the site name, but if you have other preferences that will still bring attention to this area, use what you like.

**The deadline is August 1, so please don't wait to fill out the form and send it in!**

## Council Project Round Up

By Todd Miller, SWC Coordinator

### Watershed Geographer On Board

Welcome Eric Sproles! Eric joined the Siuslaw Watershed Council office staff on July 18 as Watershed Geographer. Eric is funded through the EPA Watershed Restoration Initiative (WRI) Grant awarded to Ecotrust, the Portland-based nonprofit member of the Siuslaw River Basin Restoration Partnership. Eric will be providing the Partnership services as geographic information systems (GIS) manager and monitoring program data coordinator for the WRI scope of work. Eric's position is also being supported through individual project grants for which he will be providing monitoring and GIS work. He has already gotten an early start (attending project meetings since June) on the Culvert GIS Database Project (funded by the Oregon Department of Forestry). He will also be processing data for the recently started Nutrient Criteria Development Project (funded by EPA).

### Nutrient Study Underway

Nutrient Criteria Development Project up and running! After over a year in negotiations and development, the EPA awarded the Siuslaw Watershed Council an agreement for monitoring and criteria development related to the role of the nutrients nitrogen and phosphorous in Siuslaw stream systems. The \$38,000 project pays for an initial

phase of study on a pair of estuary tributaries. Principal investigators Dr. Ralph Garono of Earth Design Consultants, Inc. (Corvallis) and Richard Kiesling, US Geological Survey (Austin, Texas) have been joined by Siuslaw Watershed Council field technician Liz Vollmer-Buhl to implement the study. The US Forest Service has assisted by identifying the monitoring sites on National Forest Land for the study. This project partnership is illustrative of the role a watershed council can have in teaming with federal agencies to facilitate the research by a private firm (Earth Design) developed for a community organization.

What is nutrient criteria development? The study will measure nitrogen and phosphorous levels in the water over a variety of channel and habitat types in a continuous stream (from as much of the headwaters to estuary confluence as achievable). The researchers will also collect data on algae communities (species types and relative abundance) for potential future interpretation. The goal is to determine how nutrient loading (the introduction of nitrogen and phosphorous to the existing concentrations in the water) change given certain stream environments and what the potential positive or negative ramifications those nutrients have on aquatic health. The study results will be applicable to larger systems in the Siuslaw basin and will be compared to similar studies currently being conducted in the Siletz River basin. Ultimately the project will provide answers to how to approach nutrient-based water quality limitations through restoration and best management practices.

## **Put Your Vegetation Management Skills to Work for Lane County!**

### **Public Works Seeks a Vegetation Management Coordinator:**

Plans, coordinates and monitors the activities of the vegetation management program. Duties include project planning, development and administration; coordinating vegetation management activities with other departments, as well as local, state, and federal agencies, and private partnerships. Provides highly complex staff assistance to the Road Maintenance Manager. Interacts regularly with the public, managers, employees, consultants, advisory groups and other agencies. For more detailed information and to fill out the REQUIRED application and supplemental questionnaire, please visit [www.lanecounty.org/jobs](http://www.lanecounty.org/jobs) or contact Human Resources, 125 E 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Eugene, OR 97401. 541-682-3665. Office Hours: 10am – 5pm. EOE / ADA

# SIUSLAW SALMON RUN/WALK/CELEBRATION

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**AUGUST 13, 2005**

**MAPLETON, OR**

5k Run and 3k Walk will start at Mapleton High School (parking and restrooms will be available) and finish at the Mapleton Dock on Riverview Ave. Pre-registration is encouraged but participants can still sign up on the day-of-race. Check-in and day-of-race registration will begin at 8:30 am at the High School. Run/Walk Start time will be at 10 am. \$10 registration fee includes t-shirt and refreshments. Post-Run Salmon Celebration with music, food, free boat rides, and other educational activities will begin following the run/walk at 11 am at the Mapleton Dock. For more information contact the Siuslaw Watershed Council by phone at (541) 268-3044 or by email at outreach@siuslaw.org.

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## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM: 2005 SALMON RUN/WALK

EACH ENTRANT MUST COMPLETE FORM. Please print neatly, using capital letters.

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Date of Birth First Name Last Name

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Street Address City State Zip

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Daytime Phone Evening Phone

Circle T-shirt size preference (specific sizes may or not be available) - S M L XL -

Circle Event -5k Run 3k Walk -

**ENTRY FEE: \$10 (Make Checks Payable to Siuslaw Watershed Council)**

**WAIVER AND RELEASE:** I am aware that participating in the Salmon Run/Walk on Saturday August 13, 2005 will be strenuous and potentially hazardous activity. By registering for this event, I confirm that I am mentally able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely compete in this event. I assume all risks associated with this competition and this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, including high heat and/or humidity, traffic and the conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of being permitted to participate, I hereby release and forever discharge the following parties from any and all claims, damages, liabilities, and expenses arising out of my participation in this event, including injury or death: the Siuslaw Watershed Council and its members and staff, Mapleton School District, Lane County Government, Port of Siuslaw, and all sponsors of this event.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NOT VALID WITHOUT SIGNATURE

**RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION BY AUGUST 1 FOR PRE-RACE REGISTRATION**

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**Siuslaw Watershed Council  
General Meeting Agenda  
July 27, 2005  
Mapleton Grange Hall  
6:30 p.m.**

- 6:00-6:30**    **Open for set-up**
- 6:30– 6:35**    **Welcome and Introductions**
- 6:35-7:35**    **Presentation:** *Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife: Creel Survey for Fall of 2005.*
- 7:35-7:50**    **Break and Refreshments**
- 7:55-8:05**    **Coordinator Report**  
**Executive Committee Report**  
**Tech Team Report**
- 8:05-8:20**    **Open Mic**    *(3-5 speakers, 3-5 minutes each)*
- 8:20-8:30**    **Announcements and Raffle Drawing**
- 8:30**         **Adjourn**

**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.

## Meeting Updates

***This Month:*** The July General Meeting will be back at the Mapleton Grange Hall. There will be a presentation by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on the upcoming fall surveys being conducted on the Siuslaw River from the estuary up to Deadwood Creek and Whittaker Creek.

***Next Month:*** The volunteer appreciation picnic and general meeting has been postponed until August 31. The Campbell Group will be hosting the council at its Hood Creek Campground off Knowles Creek, between Archie Knowles Campground and the Hwy. 126 tunnel. Look for directions in the August newsletter and on the council web site.

***Last Month:*** Triangle Lake meeting a success! Thanks for all who traveled the extra distance to join us in the headwaters community of Blachly on the upper reaches of Lake Creek. A solid attendance at the Triangle Lake Grange Hall confirmed the overall council commitment to support and partner with landowners in the upper watershed. Jeff Jones (Amythyst Enterprises / Siuslaw SWCD) gave a presentation on Japanese knotweed and the importance of eradicating it from the headwaters on down that stimulated much interest and conversation. Special thanks to representatives of the East Lane SWCD who attended and shared our vision for more collaboration in the upper watershed.

# Treasurer's Report

*Nancy Nichols, Council Treasurer*

June 2005

	JUNE	YEAR TO DATE
<b>Beginning Cash</b>	\$55,390.75	
<b>INCOME</b>		
Dues		\$910.00
Federal Grants	\$1,634.91	\$1,634.91
State Grants	\$7,248.17	\$38,952.01
Private Grants		\$2,383.33
Interest	\$119.36	\$767.12
Donations & Misc.	\$25.00	\$1,601.00
Administrative Funds	\$512.00	\$14,516.75
Reimbursements		
Other		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$9,539.44</b>	<b>\$60,765.12</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Grant Expenses	\$4,136.63	\$79,611.14
Other	\$672.43	\$7,936.58
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,809.06</b>	<b>\$87,547.72</b>
<b>Ending Cash</b>	<b>\$60,121.13</b>	

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

July 2005

# Salmon Run and Celebration

Saturday, August 13

5K Fun Run and Walk in Mapleton

Music by members of KUSH and Rich Glauber of Music in Action,

Food Specials at local stores, Boat Rides

Save the date. Interested in volunteering? Or would like to have an informational or vending booth? (Vendors are charged a \$10 booth fee, informational booths are free.) Please contact Shiloh Sundstrom at 541-268-3044 or outreach@siuslaw.org. Watch the website [www.siuslaw.org](http://www.siuslaw.org). An official entry form is on page 4. Registration begins at 8:30 am at the Mapleton High School parking lot, walk/run starts at 10 am at MHS, activities at the Mapleton Dock start at 11 am.

#### 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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