

Announcing:

Upper Nehalem Watershed Council - Annual Meeting

When: 10 AM Saturday, May 19th

Where: Vernonia Grange Hall

375 North St. Vernonia, OR

Our Mission: To foster stewardship and understanding of the natural resources of the Upper Nehalem Watershed among the stakeholders of the watershed communities in order to protect, conserve, restore and sustain the health and functions of the watershed.

Our Goal: A balanced ecosystem that supports a healthy watershed that provides for an economic base and viable watershed communities.

Please come to hear and see what we have accomplished in the watershed over the last year and let us know what you would like to see done in the future. We will be electing steering committee members and are looking for people who would like to help with:

- **Fund development (work with executive director to develop new sources of funding, grant writing, getting other organizations to contribute or “match” funds and maybe get involved in holding an annual fundraising event)**
- **Public relations and/or volunteer coordination (promoting our cause, doing the footwork on and involving people in events like the Salmon Festival etc.)**
- **Partnerships (people who would represent organizations or groups that could provide viable partnership contributions such as City, County, Timber companies, State or Federal organizations, Business owners, etc.)**

If you have a little free time and would like to be involved in making your watershed a better place for all, please step forward. There are 3 people up for reelection and we have an additional 4 spaces on the committee that we are seeking community representatives for.

Agenda:

10:00 Welcome and Introductions (Jason Busch – Chairman)

10:15 Annual Progress Report (Maggie Peyton – Executive Director); 2012 – 14 Strategic Plan (Jo Zettler), Website (Ben and Steve)

10:30 Introduction of Presenters (Maggie Peyton)

Steve Trask (Bio Surveys)

Rapid Bio Assessment for 2009 through 2011: The presentation of RBA results describes the method, the objective and presents an overview of the significant results of a 4 year effort to describe the distribution and abundance of salmonids in the Nehalem basin. The RBA snorkel inventory is designed to assist the UNWC in prioritizing restoration actions that have the

highest likelihood of effecting positive change on salmonid populations. The results will be presented by Steve Trask, Senior Fish Biologist and owner of Bio-Surveys,LLC. Steve's firm has been conducting on the ground Biological Assessments in Oregon's Coast Range river basins for 24 years. Steve and his crew have completed over 12,000 miles of snorkel inventory in Oregon. The results of this snorkel inventory are all about fish and where they thrive but Steve will share how this information can discriminate between functioning and nonfunctioning pieces of our watershed.

Dr. Steve Taylors (Western Oregon University) and students

GIS (Geographical Information System) mapping of juvenile salmon presence in the upper Nehalem River Basin.

12:00 Lunch - Potluck (Please bring your favorite dish)

1:00 Business Meeting - Public welcome

Elections: Steering Committee positions are held for 2 years

2:00 Closing

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Background: UNWC is a functional 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization with a 16 year track record of achievement in watershed restoration and salmon population recovery; community building and youth development; and support of the local economy.