



MARYS RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL NEWS

APRIL 2008

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - MAY 13TH

6:30-8:30 pm - Philomath City Hall - 980 Applegate St.

Election of Board of Directors

Our new bylaws call for the membership to elect a Board of Directors at our annual meeting.

If you are interested in serving as a Board member, contact Sandra Coveny at 760-4201

A slate of nominees will be posted on our website prior to the meeting: www.mrwc.net

Benton County Prairie Species Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

Description of the role of MRWC in the HCP process.

Presenter: Karen Fleck Harding, MRWC Outreach Coordinator

Summary of the HCP objectives, approach and public process.

Presenter: Carolyn Menke, Institute for Applied Ecology

Open discussion will follow, to formulate specific questions for the HCP Planning Team.

For more information about the Benton County HCP, visit www.co.benton.or.us/parks/hcp/

The role of bullfrogs in amphibian declines.

April Council presentation by Michael J. Adams, USGS Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center

Michael talked about possible causes of amphibian declines, including habitat loss, disease, invasive species, contaminants and climate change. Bullfrogs are known to out-compete for habitat or prey upon native species such as red-legged frogs and Western pond turtles. Michael's research has identified that non-native fish can be a bigger problem than bullfrogs. Dragonfly larvae, a predator on bullfrog tadpoles, are preyed upon by non-native fish - resulting in increased survival of bullfrogs. What can we do? Keep non-native fish, such as bass and sunfish, out of rivers and ponds. Conserving or creating wetlands with shallow emergent areas provides habitat for dragonfly larvae and promotes the coexistence of bullfrogs and native amphibians.



Important Watershed Council Membership Information

At the April 2, 2008 Marys River Watershed Council meeting, the bylaws were revised to redefine the qualifications and roles of members and to establish a Board of Directors.

Becoming a Member The revised bylaws state that "Any individual who supports the purpose and goals of the Marys River Watershed Council and who lives in, works in, plays in, derives benefit from, or is affected by the watershed and its resources may be a member. A person shall become a member of the Council by presenting such intent in writing..."

- If you have previously signed a membership form, you will continue to be recognized as a member, unless you notify us that you would like to be removed from membership.

- If you have not signed a membership form (or are unsure if you have or not), you need only sign the form below and return it to us by email or mail, or complete the membership form at any Council meeting.

Member Rights and Responsibilities "Members shall elect the Board of Directors and approve changes in the Council's bylaws. Members are encouraged to participate on Council committees or in other Council activities. Members shall receive regular communications from the Council."

The complete revised bylaws may be found on our website: www.mrwc.net

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I support the purposes of the Marys River Watershed Council "to promote broad and informed public participation in ecologically and economically sound sustainability and improvement of natural resources and environmental quality in the Marys River Watershed" and would like to be a member of the organization.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Affiliation/Area of Interest: _____

Signature _____

Return to Marys River Watershed Council P.O. Box 1041 Corvallis, OR 97339 or scan/email to outreach@mrwc.net or bring it with you to the next Council meeting.