



# MARYS RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL NEWS

JULY 2008

## COUNCIL BOARD MEETING - JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>

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

**All Watershed Council members are encouraged to attend.**

### Agenda

- MRWC Projects: review status and support needs
- Greasy Creek Subbasin - update on fish passage projects in Blair, Gellatly & Rock Creeks
- Benton County Water Supply Project - Memo of Cooperation & Outreach role
- Review of fiscal accounts & bookkeeping procedures

*Council Board meetings are open to the public.*



### PACIFIC LAMPREY IN THE WILLAMETTE BASIN

**The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (CTGR)**

have selected a site on the lower Marys River for a study of the upstream migration habits of Pacific lamprey (*Lampetra tridentata*) in the Willamette River Basin. Pacific lamprey populations have declined throughout their range in the Pacific Northwest. Within the Willamette Basin, lamprey appear to have fared better than

in other river basins of the Columbia Basin, though they have declined and face considerable threats. The CTGR have radio tagged Pacific lamprey in the Willamette River and will track their movements, utilizing radio telemetry, as they migrate upstream to spawning grounds. Benefits of the project include better understanding of the timing of Pacific lamprey migration, identifying important over-wintering locations, and determining the relative use of primary tributaries for spawning.

## WATERSHED COUNCIL PROJECTS SUMMER 2008

### GREASY CREEK SUBBASIN

**ROCK CREEK** Replacement of 4 culverts on Griffith Cr, Middle Fork Rock Creek, Trib D, and Stillson Creek and new fish ladders and screens on two intake structures to provide fish passage to eight miles of quality habitat. Addition of large wood into Rock Creek to improve aquatic habitat.

**BLAIR CREEK** Replacement of culvert under Hwy 34 and 3-4 additional upstream private culverts.

**GELLATLY CREEK** Replacement of 1 culvert and retrofit of another on lower Gellatly Creek.

### BEAVER CREEK SUBBASIN

Survey of fish habitat and fish passage on Starr, Duffy, Henderson, and Powell Creeks to identify opportunities for habitat improvements.

### UPPER MARYS SUBBASIN

Oak and prairie restoration with 9 landowners in the Cardwell Hill area.

### WOODS CREEK

Riparian improvements: Invasive removal and native re-planting.

### NEWTON CREEK

Management plan development for Newton Creek Wetlands landowners - Philomath Scout Lodge & Marys Peak Natural Resources Interpretive Center.

## IT'S TIME TO PLAN FOR RESTORATION & CONSERVATION PROJECTS FOR 2009

*Riparian planting & invasives control*

*Placing large wood in-stream to improve aquatic habitat*

*Riparian fencing & off-channel livestock watering*

*Wildlife habitat improvement, snag creation*

*Culvert repair or replacement for fish passage*

*Wetland restoration and enhancement*

*Water quality improvements*

Funding available from a variety of sources, including:

**Cascade Pacific Stewardship Initiative** - projects on private lands that will benefit National Forest lands [www.cascadepacificstewardship.org](http://www.cascadepacificstewardship.org) *Due September 20.*

**Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board** - projects that approach natural resources management from a whole-watershed perspective. [www.oregon.gov/OWEB/GRANTS/index.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OWEB/GRANTS/index.shtml) *Due October 20.*

**Benton Soil & Water Conservation District** - Conservation Incentive Program - sharing the cost of landowner projects <http://www.bentonswcd.org/landowners/> 753-7208 *Submit anytime.*

**OWEB Small Grants** - up to \$10,000 Contact Benton SWCD or Marys River Watershed Council 758-7597 *Submit anytime.*

*Contact MRWC Landowner Outreach Coordinator - Karen Fleck Harding 541-602-1649 or [outreach@mrwc.net](mailto:outreach@mrwc.net) for more information or to schedule a site visit.*

## UPCOMING WATERSHED COUNCIL CELEBRATION

The EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE is making plans for a late summer/early fall Council celebration. A suggested venue for the celebration is Bellfountain Park for a picnic and perhaps a tour of Hull-Oakes Lumber.

**Committee Hoo-Ha:** If you would like to help plan for this fun event, please join us for an evening of food and ideas at Curt and Jana Seeliger's home, 660 SE Richland Ave. in Corvallis on July 22nd, at 6:00pm, with food provided. Bring your ideas and interests! RSVP to Jana at [mimulus@peak.org](mailto:mimulus@peak.org), or leave a message at 541-753-9522.

## COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS:

Chair: Thom Whittier  
Chair Elect: Wayne Phillips  
Secretary: Jennifer Beathe  
Treasurer: Bud Laurent  
Curt Seeliger, May Dasch  
Mark Taratoot, Ken Crouse