



MARYS RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2009

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

6:30-9:00 pm - Corvallis Public Library Meeting Room

Agenda

- Bylaws Amendment
- Annual Election of Board of Directors
- **Special Presentation: Pacific Lamprey**
- Meet our new Council Coordinator
- Strategic Planning Process - how you can participate

- Member meetings are open to the public -

Proposed amendment to the MRWC Bylaws

(Full text of current by-laws found at <http://www.mrwc.net/bylaws.html>)

This is a minor amendment to reflect Board practice – the Vice Chair does not automatically succeed the Chair in that office, but must be elected by the other directors. The current directors recommend passage of this clarification to the MRWC Bylaws.

Article IV: OFFICERS.

1. Titles. The officers shall be the Chair, ~~Chair-Elect~~ **Vice Chair**, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may appoint.
6. ~~Chair-Elect~~ **Vice Chair**. The Chair Elect Vice Chair shall exercise all functions of the office of Chair in the event the Chair is absent or unable to act, and perform other such duties as delegated by the Chair and/or Board.

Candidates for the MRWC Board of Directors

partial slate - full slate available at the Sept 29th annual meeting

Meleah Ashford Meleah has over 20 years of engineering and environmental experience in the field of water resources, specifically watershed management, and ocean protection. Most of her experience has been in the role of project manager, technical advisor and program coordinator. She has recently joined OSU to manage the Northwest National Marine Renewable Energy Center, a partnership between Oregon State University and University of Washington, established to develop a full range of capabilities to support marine renewable energy development for the United States. Her strengths are planning, communicating, coordinating and implementing programs across multiple disciplines to increase their efficiency and effectiveness. Outside of work and volunteering, Meleah spends her time gardening and with family. She also spends as much time at the ocean as possible.

Holly V. Campbell Holly holds a J.D. with certificates in environmental law and ocean and coastal law from the University of Oregon, and an LL.M. (Master of Laws) in Environmental Law from the Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources, and the Environment, Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, specializing in water. Holly is a candidate for the M.S. in Marine Resource Management in the OSU College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences. Her interests include wetlands, watershed health, water quality, coastal issues, land use planning, marine spatial planning and ocean energy. Holly loves to garden, write, draw, and snorkel, but she says the time and place for snorkeling doesn't happen often enough!

Dan Sundseth Dan was born and raised on a 560 acre family farm in Minnesota. Since 1984, he has served as County Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency (Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties). He has, also, served as USDA's Community Food Security

SPECIAL PRESENTATION SEPT. 29TH PACIFIC LAMPREY

The Pacific lamprey (*Lampetra tridentata*) or "eel" is an ancient, anadromous, native species, valuable to the ecosystems of the Pacific Northwest and to the Native American Tribes that use this fishery for food, medicine, and ceremony. Pacific lamprey have declined precipitously in abundance over the last few decades and the need to acquire information to inform management and conservation initiatives is imperative if this valuable resource is to be maintained and the cultural legacy of Native Americans preserved.

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Cultural significance of Pacific Lamprey & tracking lamprey movements on the lower Willamette River using radio transmitters.

Michael Wilson, Tribal Member & Natural Resources Division Manager
Rebecca McCoun, Biologist

OSU Dept of Fisheries & Wildlife

Do summer temperatures trigger spring maturation in Pacific lamprey?

Ben Clemens, Ph.D. Candidate



Photo by Gary Susac, ODFW

Council Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, September 8th 6:30-8:30 pm
Philomath Council Chambers - 980 Applegate

Agenda: Coordinator & Financial Reports
Bonneville Env Fdtn Model Watershed Proposal
Strategic Planning Process - Annual Budget
Proposals for OWEB funding

- everyone welcome to attend -

Liaison in Oregon, and USDA's Food Recovery/Gleaning Coordinator for Farm Service Agency in Oregon. Dan has a B.S. degree in Agriculture Education from Oregon State University, taught high school Vocational Agriculture, served and won numerous honors with the US Army, has an exceptional public speaking vitae, and has traveled extensively throughout the U.S. on behalf of USDA's Farm Service Agency. Dan has a rich history of volunteerism as well as a litany of awards for his service, including current volunteer and board member of numerous community organizations including Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns (INEC), the Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force, and a founding member and immediate past president of Ten Rivers Food Web.

Continuing Directors:

Jennifer Beathe Jennifer has been a forest engineer at Starker Forests for ten years. She has supervised work on over 220 stream crossings to comply with the Oregon Plan. Her work also includes forest road layout, harvest supervision, road and harvest unit GPS, and educational tours. Jennifer also serves on the Board of Directors of the MidCoast Watershed Council and the OSU Alumni Association. In her free time, Jennifer enjoys gardening, reading, hiking and backpacking. Jennifer is currently the Secretary of the Council Board.

May Dasch May has been involved with the MRWC since 2002 when she contacted us regarding her concerns about the adequacy of the City of Philomath's long-term water supply. May's interest in the watershed council includes the science-based approach to restoration, the professional staff and the quality of the public meetings the council hosts. May has served on boards for many organizations focused on mid-Willamette valley history and historic preservation and elder-care issues. May's volunteer efforts have allowed her to work with a wide variety of regional, county and state governmental entities, as well as many non-profit organizations. She is well versed in public process. Personal interests include good books and classical music, and Oregon's incredible outdoors. Whenever she visits Maryland, where she grew up, she returns to Oregon with an immense appreciation of Oregon's land-use ethic.

Bud Laurent Bud has had a varied career, largely in the realms of ecological research, resource management, public service, environmental nonprofit management, and sustainable development consultation. Prior to moving to Corvallis in late 2007, he worked 20 years as a marine biologist for the State of California, served as an elected member of K-12 and community college boards of trustees for 13 years, was elected as a county supervisor for 8 years, worked as executive director of nonprofit environmental organizations, and as a sustainable development consultant. While serving as Executive Director of Santa Barbara's Community Environmental Council he established the organization's first watershed restoration efforts, and chaired Santa Barbara County's participation in the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project. As a County Supervisor he was also an original signatory to the formation of the California Biodiversity Council on which he actively served for 6 years. Bud enjoys reading, writing, photography, working with wood, golf and canoeing. Bud is currently Treasurer of the Board, but will be stepping down from that position.

Wayne Phillips Wayne is a retired pathologist who has owned forest land for 36 years. Since retiring, he has become more active in management of their property, and in 2007 completed the OSU Extension Master Woodland Manager course. Wayne has been a member of Benton County Small Woodlands Association for several years, and is currently the coordinator of the local chapter. Wayne is the current Chair Elect (Vice Chair) of the Board.

Mark Taratoot

Mark is a charter member of the Marys River Watershed Council. Over the past thirteen years, Mark has served as chair, coordinator, scribe, steering committee member, and education & outreach committee member and chair. In addition to serving as a Director, Mark currently acts as the website janitor. Trained as a forester, watershed scientist and Master Watershed Steward, Mark now works for the City of Corvallis. He also volunteers for other professional and recreational associations. Mark has lived in Corvallis since 1994 and currently owns a home at the extreme lower reaches of the Marys River Watershed along the millrace in south Corvallis. Mark enjoys paddling kayaks & canoes, playing guitar, practicing yoga, playing Ultimate & disc golf, watching birds, gardening, growing bonsai, and SCUBA diving. Lastly, Mark is the congregation founder and spiritual leader of the Church of Flowing Water.

Thom Whittier Thom is currently a faculty research assistant in the Fisheries and Wildlife Department at OSU. For the last 24 years his work has been funded by the US Environmental Protection Agency lab, in Corvallis. Nearly all of his work at the EPA has been on large-scale projects aimed at assessing the overall ecological condition ("health") of streams and lakes, primarily using fish assemblage data. Thom has been member of the Marys River Watershed Council for about 10 years, and is member of the water quality and quantity committee. He has presented a variety of talks to the Council on topics including the Clean Water Act, low flow conditions in the Marys River, and zebra mussels. He lives along the lower Marys River, downstream from most everyone else in the watershed. Thom is currently the Chair of the Board.