



LINCOLN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 50th ANNUAL REPORT

2004-2005

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

Robert vanCreveld

The District has been very active this year. One of the more noticeable changes has been our relocation into the office space on the south side of JC Market at the main intersection in Newport. Perhaps we can turn our central location into a central role in conservation of the environment on the Central Coast!

Our staff has used innovative ideas to extend our capabilities without overextending the budget! The Knotweed eradication efforts have been prolific.

We have reached out and found common cause with new partners in the northern reaches of the District.

The educational component of our service is paramount. We must get the word out into the field so that our clients, the citizens of Lincoln County, know the latest methods for stewardship of the natural resources around them.

I salute all those folks that are involved in making the work of the District successful. There is much more work to be done.

Sincerely,

Robert vanCreveld



ROBERT VANCREVELD
SERVING SINCE 1998

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NOVEMBER 2005 ELECTIONS SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Terry Thompson
Lincoln County Commissioner is
swearing in the following
Directors:

Ned Lentz, Wayne DeMoray, Robert vanCreveld, Rennie Ferris and Sterling Grant

Your Elected Officials for Lincoln SWCD



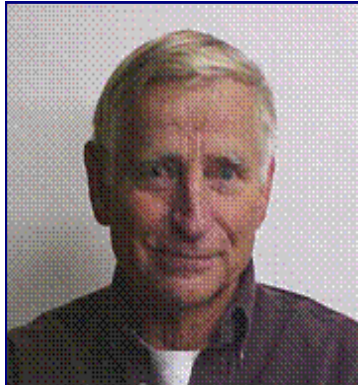
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SERVING SINCE 1993



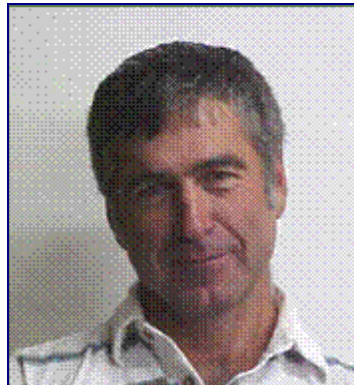
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SERVING SINCE 1999



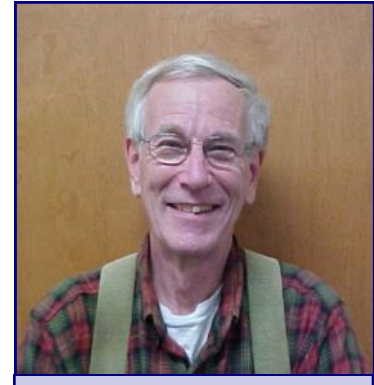
WAYNE DEMORAY
SERVING SINCE 1987



JOE STEENKOLK
SERVING SINCE 1990



JIM STAFFORD
SERVING SINCE 2002



NED LENTZ
SERVING SINCE 2004

WHAT IS A DIRECTOR?

A "District Director" is a person who has been elected or appointed to serve on a conservation district board. District Directors serve a four year term on a voluntary basis. Some customary duties of a District Director include but are not limited to the following:

- Keep informed of local conservation issues
- Promote the Districts work to local landowners
- Promote the Districts work to legislators and other decision makers regarding the districts fund.
- Work effectively with District staff and cooperating agencies
- Implement District programs effectively
- Ensure the boards policies and activities are consistent with the policies of the Oregon Dept of Agriculture, Natural Resources Division and the Oregon Soil and Water Conservation Commission

For more information concerning District Directors "Roles and Responsibilities", please refer to the Oregon Soil and Water Conservation District Guidebook by calling (541) 265-2631 or reviewing a copy in our office.

Coho Spawning Surveys

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) gave us sixteen different stream reaches to conduct Spawning Surveys on. These stream reaches were located in the basins of the Siletz, Salmon, Yaquina, Alsea and Yachats rivers and two Ocean Tributaries. In all 15 Mi. of streams were surveyed once every 7 to 10 days. Extensive property owner research was done on each stream reach to ensure that all property owners were contacted before any survey was conducted. The crew also uses all contacts with property owners as a chance to discuss restoration opportunities and watershed issues.

Steelhead Spawning Surveys

Twenty one stream reaches were surveyed once every 10 to 14 days. In all 27 Mi. of streams were surveyed in the basins of the Alsea, Siletz, Salmon, and Yachats rivers as well as two Ocean tributaries.

Aquatic Habitat Inventory

Five streams in Mid Coast area were inventoried. North Fork Yachats and Williamson Creek were done as pre-project component for helicopter log placement project. Sampson Creek was done to determine feasibility for helo log placement project. Toketa and Deer Creek on the Salmon River were also done. A total of 6.2 miles were surveyed.

In-stream Monitoring

Eight temperature probes were placed and recovered in the Yaquina River. Sites were selected in cooperation with ODFW and the Mid Coast Watersheds Council. They range from just above Nashville down to Eddyville. Information is digitized and submitted to DEQ. We attended a DEQ training session in anticipation of upcoming TMDL data collection effort.

Educational Outreach

Personnel talked about Watershed issues and restoration potential with numerous property owners during contacts for permission to access their lands for various survey and monitoring activities. We assisted and made presentations at a watershed project tour with State legislative candidates and other members of the community.

The Stream Table model was presented at the Hatfield Marine Science Center (HMSC) Sea Fest Fair. Bill Hanshumaker from HMSC said that the stream table was one of the most popular exhibits at the fair.

Inter Agency Cooperation

Adult Chinook spawning survey information was exchanged with the Siletz Tribe on the portions of the Siletz that we survey.



KIP WOOD
BIO SURVEYOR



FISH SAMPLING



MARK STONE
BIO SURVEYOR

Aquatic Inventory surveys were done in cooperation with ODFW, Mid Coast Watersheds Council, and US Forest Service for Helicopter log placement projects.

*Report submitted by
Mark Stone and Kip Wood*

KNOTWEED CONTROL PROJECT

WHAT IS KNOTWEED?

Japanese, Giant and Himalayan knotweed are perennial plants native to Asia, but planted in gardens here. Common names include Mexican or Japanese bamboo, elephant ear and fleece flower. By any name they are noxious weeds and a threat to our rivers' health.

For the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District's Knotweed Project (LSWCD), months of planning and preparation, ordering supplies, checking equipment, and figuring staffing needs, culminates during the field season- the time of reckoning for three species of noxious weeds in Lincoln County: Japanese knotweed, Giant knotweed, and Himalayan knotweed. The 2005 field season for the LSWCD's Knotweed Project was the most successful to-date, building on the solid foundation of two previous years' work. From a numbers standpoint, the Knotweed Project saw more than double the number of knotweed sites treated in 2005 from those treated in 2004. In 2004 knotweed was treated with herbicide on 104 sites encompassing a total treatment area of five acres. In 2005, the LSWCD knotweed crew applied herbicide to knotweed at 250 sites encompassing over nine acres of treatment. This was accomplished for a total labor cost of just \$24.00 more than the total labor costs for the 2004 field season.

The numbers are good, but perhaps the real definition of success for the Knotweed Project's field season can be found in its partnering efforts; it was the combined use of college internships and a community youth crew that made the aforementioned numbers possible. The bulk of the summer's work was completed by the program manager and five interns: two from Oregon State University (Crop and Soil Sciences majors), two from University of Oregon (Environmental Sciences majors), and one from University of Utah (also Environmental Science major). These interns provided excellent work and steadfast good nature throughout a rigorous and decidedly unglamorous briar and nettle filled field season (knotweed grows quite happily within even the fiercest of Himalayan blackberry patches and densest thickets of stinging nettles). They completed their respective internships having gained a professional license (Public Pesticide Applicator License), in-depth experience in field protocols for data collection, a working knowledge of native and invasive plant species for coastal Oregon, and experience in data entry and GIS mapping- all highly marketable skills.

In addition to the internships, the LSWCD Knotweed Project partnered with the Community Services Consortium (CSC), a non-profit organization that provides youth-staffed Natural Resources crews in Lincoln, Linn, and Benton Counties. Utilizing three of these crews, the Knotweed Project was able to have all but a handful of the 2004 knotweed sites visited and assessed for effectiveness of previous treatment. With the information collected by the crews we were able to know which sites had any regeneration of knotweed requiring follow-up treatment in the 2005 season. Similarly to the interns, the youth crews gained knowledge of an extremely invasive species, its impact on native vegetation species and watershed health, and the satisfaction of knowing they provided a much needed service to a solely grant-funded program.

The Knotweed Project will expand upon its use of internships and partnering with groups such as CSC as it continues its successful project to control knotweed in Lincoln County, and works to develop a comprehensive invasive species program.

Report submitted by Meredith Savage



MEREDITH SAVAGE
KNOTWEED MANAGER



Monica



Mona



Frank



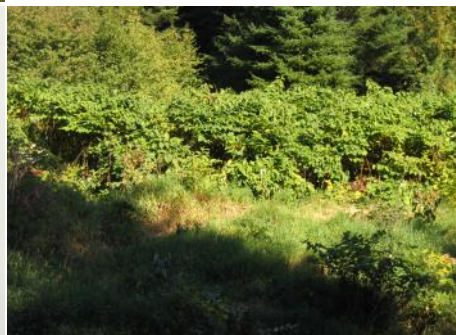
**Project Manager
Meredith Savage**



2005 INTERNS
Frank Nettleship
Mona Jones-Romansic
Laura Sherry
Seth Sherry
Monica Scholey
Meredith Savage—Project Manager



Seth



Laura

AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY

MidCoast Basin Riparian Restoration and Temperature Monitoring Project

Technical assistance related to agricultural water quality issues was provided to 45 landowners during fiscal year 2005. Assistance was also provided to develop conservation plans with four landowners addressing manure management, roof run-off, heavy use protection, fencing and planting riparian forest buffers.

Two OWEB small grants matched with DEQ 319 grant funds resulted in the installation of livestock exclusion fence to protect a riparian buffer and wetland along the south fork of the Yachats River and a riparian buffer on the Yaquina River. An off-stream watering system was incorporated into the riparian protection on the Yaquina River. DEQ 319 funds were allocated to the purchase of rock to assist a landowner on Helms Creek (Yachats) control sediment on heavy use areas. Three riparian forest buffer planting projects under the DEQ 319 grant program were completed on Depot Creek near Toledo, the Yaquina River near Eddyville, and Mill Creek, a tributary of the Siletz River near Logsdon. A roof runoff management project and a riparian buffer planting project were completed near the confluence of Grass Creek and the Yachats River. A riparian planting project was initiated with a landowner on South Fork Beaver Creek to demonstrate various techniques for reducing need for tree release and provide protection from beaver and elk damage. DEQ 319 funds were also used to support Siuslaw SWCD projects on Roache Creek and Sweet Creek.

A Mid Coast Basin Temperature TMDL Quality Assurance Project Plan was completed. A workshop was held in May to train local individuals in the deployment of temperature data loggers, the evaluation of stream channel characteristics and assessment of stream bank vegetation. Following the training, contracts were executed with local individuals to gather data to be used by DEQ for developing temperature TMDLs for the Mid Coast Basin. Individuals and groups established monitoring locations in the upper Yaquina, Alsea, Yachats and Siuslaw sub basins.

A workshop was held at the Lincoln County fairgrounds to provide information about horses, mud, manure and more. Three presentations were given addressing horse-keeping, small acreage stewardship and animal impacts on the land. An OSU senior in veterinary science discussed various horse health problems experienced by Lincoln County residents. A local equestrian club arranged for horses to be brought to the workshop that had mud fever and rain scald. A local farrier was invited to demonstrate proper hoof care.

An information/display table was staffed during the opening day of the Newport Farmer's Market to distribute and explain the Mid Coast Agriculture Water Quality Plan and Rules.

Report Submitted by Eddie Huckins



EDDIE HUCKINS
WATER QUALITY TECH

PROJECT PHOTO CENTER



SIGNAGE



MANURE STORAGE UNIT IN PROGRESS



**BOONE SLOUGH
FUTURE PROJECT SITE**



TREE ENCLOSURE



**OFF—STREAM
WATERING FACILITY**



FENCING PROJECT

MIDCOAST WATERSHEDS COUNCIL

MidCoast Partnering with Lincoln SWCD



WAYNE HOFFMAN
COORDINATOR

The MidCoast Watersheds Council has continued to benefit from the close working relationship we share with our colleagues at the Soil and Water Conservation District.

We are highly appreciative of the excellent skills of Tanya Jorgensen for the fiscal and administrative work she performs for us, informed in part by the work she also does for you. We also benefit directly from the cost-effectiveness of sharing office costs and equipment. But the benefits of co-location go well beyond these direct advantages. It helps ensure an almost daily sharing of information about data, projects, funding opportunities, priorities, landowner interests or concerns, and work plans. This has led to successful and meaningful projects, whose benefits can be tracked over time.

A case in point was a large wood placement project we completed in Sampson Creek this year. The work of SWCD staff Kip Wood and Mark Stone through their MidCoast Watershed Evaluation and Restoration Project helped the Council document conditions for the limiting factors analysis on this high priority watershed basin and to note existing fish use and habitat conditions before the project was implemented. The project involved the placement of groupings of 100 large trees in 19 log jams in this creek. Also of note is the excellent rapport that Kip and Mark have developed with landowners, relationships that have lead to new collaborations.

SWCD staff member Eddie Huckins has taken the lead in planting and fencing riparian areas, a key phase of local implementation of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. Working together, we can specialize in different aspects plan implementation and share the load. Similarly, the knotweed control work of Meredith Savage and her crew is essential in restoring native plants and their role in the salmon food chain to our riverbanks.

The MCWC completed 6 large restoration projects, 6 small restoration projects, and 2 assessment projects in the fiscal year and started in on many new ones. Without our collaborators at the SWCD, we know our work would not be as far along or as meaningful; and certainly it wouldn't be as enjoyable.

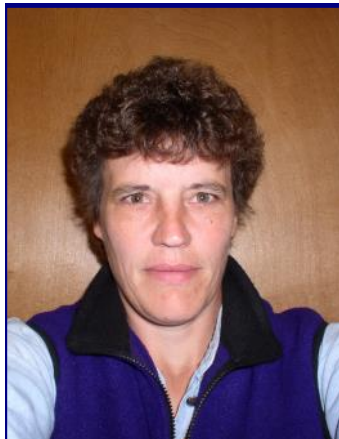
Report Submitted by Wayne Hoffman, Coordinator

THE HELICOPTER AT WORK ON SAMPSON CREEK





NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE



KATE DANKS
LIASON

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District (District) has cooperated with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for many years. NRCS administers several programs of the US Department of Agriculture which pertain to management of natural resources on privately owned lands. The District provides input to the NRCS on local priorities. The years' projects were focused on the District priorities of agricultural water quality, and wetland enhancement.

Corresponding to the increase in the number of small acreage owner-ships supporting horses, there were several projects undertaken to assist land-owners in making the necessary structural and management changes which enables them to better care for and manage livestock. Maintaining healthy animals in the wet climate can be difficult. Livestock owners face challenges not only with the animals, but also must be concerned with the condition of the land, proper handling of wastes, and clean water concerns. This year the NRCS provided project planning and funding assistance on over 300 acres of agricultural land. Three of these conservation plans were developed under the **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**, an incentive program authorized under the Farm Bill.

The **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CRP)** is another Farm Bill program. One new contract was established in Lincoln County this year, covering approximately 15 acres of riparian buffer. There are three additional projects in the early planning stages that have the potential to add several more acres to the program in the County. The land enrolled in this program is managed to benefit wildlife habitat and water quality improvement. Landowners receive an annual rental payment from USDA for all acreage under contract in the CRP.

CRP PROJECT ON THE SILETZ RIVER



Report submitted by: Kate Danks



2005 - 2006 ANNUAL WORKPLAN

WATER QUALITY AND SALMON PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

GOAL A: ODA RELATED ACTIVITIES

1. Provide technical assistance to the public.
2. Conduct education and outreach for landowners and other member of the public.
3. Develop individual conservation plans and encourage landowners to get involved.
4. Submit new grants to assist landowners where needed.

GOAL B: OREGON PLAN FOR SALMON AND WATERSHEDS

1. Participate in the MidCoast General, Technical, and Administrative meetings.
2. Participate in the Salmon-Drift General meetings.

GOAL C: FEDERAL PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

1. Provide soils information to the public.
2. Encourage landowners to participate in Federal programs.
3. Participate in basin working groups.
4. Improve outreach for land use.
5. Conduct natural resource inventories.

GOAL D: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOP CONSERVATION PLANS

1. Forestry Incentives Program
2. Environmental Quality Incentives Program
3. Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
4. Conservation Reserve Program
5. Wetland Reserve Program
6. NRCS Conservation Plans

GOAL E: MIDCOAST EVALUTAION AND RESTORATION PROJECT

1. Conduct Coho salmon and Spring Chinook salmon surveys.
2. Conduct Steelhead trout spawning surveys.
3. Conduct aquatic habitat inventory surveys.

GOAL F: DEQ SECTION 319 WATER QUALITY ACT

1. Project planning, management and monitoring.
2. Perform educational outreach.

GOAL G: KNOTWEED CONTROL PROGRAM

1. Perform management tasks, database input and grant research and writing.
2. Field implementation and monitoring.
3. Provide public educational outreach.
4. Develop and promote interagency partnerships and collaboration efforts

FOR A DETAILED COPY OF THIS ANNUAL WORK PLAN, CONTACT THE LSWCD OFFICE.

2004 - 2005 ANNUAL AUDIT

AUDIT PERFORMED BY ANTHONY WILDER, CPA

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances

Modified Cash Basis—Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>	
Grants	\$ 302,403	General Government	\$ 71,795
Rent Proceeds	\$ 17,100	Conservation Projects	\$ 313,127
Administrative Receipts	\$ 24,050		
Expense Reimbursement	\$ 11,100		
Other Receipts	\$ 33		
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$ 354,686	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 384,922
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES			\$ (30,236)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			\$ 31,441
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR			\$ 1,205

The Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District was established by statute under the administrative oversight of the Natural Resources Division of the Department of Agriculture. The District is a subdivision of state government.

The District is exempt from Oregon state budget laws because it is organized under ORS chapter 568 as a soil and water conservation district that does not levy an ad valorem tax. The Board of Directors prepares a cash basis budget for managerial purposes. The District is a municipal corporation exempt from federal and state income taxes.

The District carries commercial insurance for all risks of loss; including, works' compensation and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The District also has coverage for general liability through the State of Oregon, Department of Administrative Services, Risk Management Division. The Oregon Department of Agriculture pays the insurance premiums under legislative appropriation to the Natural Resources Division budget.

The District has no claims for losses in the year ended June 30, 2005 and nor reserves for outstanding liabilities.



Tanya Graham
Office Manager

For a more detailed copy of the 2004-2005 Audit, please go to the LSWCD office.



Cathy Kemmish
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MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District is to improve and conserve natural resources on agricultural forested, private, urban and rural lands in Lincoln County By:

- Providing information, education, and outreach.
- Providing technical assistance to private landowners to develop and implement conservation plans on their property.
- Providing an interface between agencies and landowners.
- Collaborating with federal, state, and local government agencies and groups.

VISION STATEMENT

The Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District will be recognized and respected in the community by the public and other local agencies. The District will have an effectively trained staff that is knowledgeable about local resource concerns and is courteous and respectful in providing natural resource services and information. The District will also be known as a place in the community where people can turn with their natural resource concerns and know that their voices will be heard. The District will continue to be financially sound and able to offer support to landowners who are conserving, enhancing, and restoring our natural resources.

VALUES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following values and guiding principles direct the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District in how it conducts business, relates to customers, and interacts with the public. The Lincoln SWCD will:

- Address natural resource concerns with landowners in a timely manner.
- Design and implement projects that are consistent with our mission and vision.
- Provide information, technical assistance, and incentives so landowners will meet natural resource goals.
- Work on a voluntary basis with landowners.
- Be accountable in all decisions made concerning the district.
- Be respectful of private property rights and the decisions of landowners.
 - Maintain professional interactions with other agencies and the community.