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Governor and Legislative Leaders Honor “Oregonians Working for Healthy Watersheds”

Annual awards recognize individuals and groups working in communities across Oregon

SALEM – Governor Ted Kulongoski and legislative leaders yesterday congratulated farmers, ranchers, loggers, educators, extension agents, tribal members, public servants and others across Oregon for their grassroots efforts to ensure Oregonians will always enjoy healthy watersheds, clean water and viable salmon populations.

The annual “Oregonians Working for Healthy Watersheds” ceremony honors individuals and groups who have demonstrated strong leadership and commitment to stewardship by overcoming obstacles and finding solutions that support the goals of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds.

Efforts to improve watershed health include many types of on-the-ground projects:

- Fallon Logging of Tillamook demonstrated extraordinary sensitivity to ecosystem needs, including endangered species, during harvest operations north of Tillamook.
- Portland Public Schools is educating students and staff about sustainable practices. They use innovative strategies to reduce energy use and manage stormwater by disconnecting downspouts and adding rain barrels and bioswales.
- Ranchers George and Cathy Sandberg of Roseburg took a leadership role in restoring Clover Creek, from its upper reaches on their property through the stream’s entire run.

- The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde planned a new water treatment plant and service system to meet immediate water needs while reducing demands on the community system.
- Several Oregon dairy farmers implemented novel ways of handling manure. One installed a manure lagoon, another ran a mile-plus of pipe to carry manure to area crop farms, and a third helped establish the largest manure storage tank in North America.

In addition, the Governor's Natural Resources Office recognized five state scientists for their pioneering approach to conducting the Coastal Coho Assessment, the in-depth evaluation of the biological status of coastal coho and actions to rebuild and conserve Oregon coho populations. The team demonstrated outstanding technical abilities, innovation and dedication to preserving and protecting Oregon's natural resources.

The Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds is the state's cooperative effort to restore healthy watersheds, clean water and salmon to productive and sustainable levels in a manner that provides substantial environmental, cultural and economic benefits.

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A list of honorees by region, awards received and project highlights follows. Additional information, photos and captions are available at www.oregon.gov/OPSW/awards/oregon_plan_awards_ceremony.shtml.

Honorees by Region, Award and Highlights

North Coast

David and Rita Hogan, Misty Meadow Dairy, Tillamook
ODA Environmental Stewardship Award 2005
Highlight: Safekeeping manure in North America's largest manure storage tank and composting it for the nursery industry

Ken Fallon, Fallon Logging Inc., Tillamook
ODF Operator of the Year Award 2004
Highlight: Demonstrating sensitivity to ecosystem needs, including endangered species, during harvest operations north of Tillamook

Beth Lambert, Oregon State University Extension/Tillamook and Clatsop Counties, Tillamook
OWEB Spirit of the Oregon Plan Award 2004
Highlight: Pitching in whenever and wherever needed to provide information for natural resource decision-making

Jay Holland, Lower Nehalem Watershed Council, Gearhart
OWEB Spirit of the Oregon Plan Award 2004
Highlight: Handling difficult watershed council issues and developing restoration projects

Southwest Oregon

Carl Foster, Danish Dairy, Coquille
ODA Environmental Stewardship Award 2005
Highlight: Solving problems using natural methods that protect water quality

Dan Newton and Dick Beeby, Roseburg Forest Products, Roseburg
ODFW/ODF Fish and Wildlife Steward Award for Forest Lands 2004
Highlight: Implementing numerous in-stream restoration projects and supporting the Hinkle Creek paired watershed study

Kim McLaughlin, Madison-JMK, Sutherlin
ODFW/ODF Fish and Wildlife Steward Award for Forest Lands 2004
Highlight: Restoring .25 mile of a tributary of South Fork Deer Creek

Mike and Gary Brownson, Brownson Logging Company, Myrtle Creek
ODF Operator of the Year Award 2004
Highlight: Minimizing the impact on a small fish-bearing stream during harvesting northwest of Sutherlin

Susan Chapp, Community Volunteer/Forestry Action Committee, Cave Junction
OWEB Spirit of the Oregon Plan Award 2004

Highlight: Changing the face of the Illinois Valley through conservation and restoration activities

George and Cathy Sandberg, Douglas County ranchers, Roseburg
OWEB Spirit of the Oregon Plan Award 2004
Highlight: Taking a leadership role in restoring Clover Creek

Upper and Mid-Willamette

Bill and Karla Chambers, Stahlbush Island Farms, Corvallis
ODOE Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds Award 2005
Highlight: Making innovative changes to operations and using sustainable farming practices

Paul Chapman, Pacific West Timber Company and The Campbell Group, Eugene
ODFW/ODF Fish and Wildlife Steward Award for Forest Lands 2004
Highlight: Working with the Siuslaw Watershed Council to restore Leitel Creek

Dave and Charlotte Bontrager, Dexter
ODFW/ODF Fish and Wildlife Steward Award for Forest Lands 2004
Highlight: Restoring more than 5 acres of wetland/riparian land

Steve Woodard, Cottage Grove
ODF Tree Farmer of the Year 2004
Highlight: Planting 6,000 to 7,000 trees per year and creating wildlife habitat on his property

Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, Grand Ronde
OWRD Stewardship and Conservation Award 2005
Highlight: Implementing a new water treatment plant and service system that reduce demands on the Grand Ronde community water system

Portland Metro

Heike Fry, Licorice Lane Farm, Hillsboro
ODA Environmental Stewardship Award 2005
Highlight: Operating a dairy while remaining sensitive to his urban neighbors

Portland Public Schools, Facilities and Asset Management Division, Portland
ODOE Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds Award 2005
Highlight: Saving money, improving the Willamette River watershed, and educating the next generation about energy efficiency and watershed health

Port of Portland, Portland
ODSL State Land Board Wetland Award 2004
Highlight: Creating a 60-acre wetland as mitigation for wetland impacts due to development

Port of Portland, Portland
ODWR Stewardship and Conservation Award 2005
Highlight: Improving water management and conservation planning efforts

Rachel Felice, Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Portland
OWEB Spirit of the Oregon Plan Award 2004
Highlight: Helping young people see the Columbia Slough Watershed with new eyes

Ken Hale, Natural Resource Conservation Service, McMinnville
OWEB Spirit of the Oregon Plan Award 2004
Highlight: Bringing unique knowledge and enthusiasm to resource conservation practices

Central Oregon

Nick Kamlade, Morning Mist Dairy, Jefferson
ODA Environmental Stewardship Award 2005
Highlight: Installing a pipeline to carry manure to area crop farms

Steve and Arlene Putnam, Putnam Dairy, Bend
ODA Environmental Stewardship Award 2005
Highlight: Serving as a model for water-quality protection, farm research and community involvement

Jeff, Nancy, Lee and Steven Cherry, Cherry Family Forestlands, Redmond
ODFW/ODF Fish and Wildlife Steward Award for Forest Lands 2004
Highlight: Serving as effective stewards on 970 acres of forest and pastureland

Bob Bottorff, Moonlight Timber LLC, Klamath Falls
ODF Operator of the Year Award 2004
Highlight: Protecting a significant wetland in a riparian management area while completing a harvest operation east of Chiloquin

Farmers Irrigation District, Hood River
ODWR Stewardship and Conservation Award 2005
Highlight: Implementing more efficient irrigation and making more water available for fish and farms

Brad Chalfant, Deschutes Basin Land Trust, Bend
OWEB Spirit of the Oregon Plan Award 2004
Highlight: Establishing the Deschutes Basin Land Trust and helping to preserve nearly 5,500 acres

Eastern Oregon

John and Kate Rohner, Rohner's Dairy, Baker City
ODA Environmental Stewardship Award 2005

Highlight: Operating in a manner that inspires other dairy operators throughout the state

Carla Cunha, Shauna Mosgrove and Kelly Stinnett, Alta Cunha Ranches and Moss Creek Ranches, LaGrande

ODSL State Land Board Stream Award 2004

Highlight: Restoring in-stream, riparian and wetland habitat along seven miles of three creeks and the main stem of the Grand Ronde River

Pat Geer, rancher, Mitchell

OWEB Spirit of the Oregon Plan Award 2004

Highlight: Demonstrating extraordinary dedication to conservation activities in Wheeler County

Kathy Pratt, Ontario

OWEB Spirit of the Oregon Plan Award 2004

Highlight: Working tirelessly to support the Malheur Basin's people and resources

John Lillicrop, rancher, Mitchell

OWEB Spirit of the Oregon Plan Award 2004

Highlight: Representing the eastern region with intelligence, tenacity and a devotion to doing the right thing

Governor's Natural Resources Office, Salem

Ed Bowles, Mark Chilcote, Bruce McIntosh, ODFW; Liz Dent, ODF; Jay W. Nicholas, OWEB

Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds Leadership Award 2005

Highlight: Demonstrating exceptional leadership, commitment and innovation while conducting the Coastal Coho Assessment