



# JEFFERSON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

## 2010 NATIVE PLANT SALE

*Trees and Shrubs for Wildlife and Conservation*

WINTER  
2010  
EDITION

The eighteenth annual Jefferson County Conservation District native plant sale is set for **Saturday, February 27, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the **Jefferson County Fairgrounds in the Horticulture Building**. The order form is included in this newsletter, and is also available on our website [www.jeffersoncd.org](http://www.jeffersoncd.org).

To make certain you get the trees you want, be sure to order your trees early. *Keep in mind the district cannot guarantee that every species will be available.* If a species is unobtainable, we will issue refunds or work with you to exchange for another species.

This year we offer 31 different species including deciduous trees and shrubs, a few ground cover plants, and many evergreen trees as well, that can help you meet native landscaping needs, provide erosion control, and provide food, shade and shelter for birds and other animals.

We encourage you to look at our website for photos and more descriptive information on characteristics, growth habits, site preferences and best uses for all species we have available.

**Order Deadline is: Friday, February 12, 2010.**

**Please include payment with your order.** Unfortunately we cannot accept credit cards.

Excess trees will be available for purchase on sale day. We will also offer a few "special" items available on sale day only!

For those of you who do pre-order, expect to receive your order conformation postcard approximately one week

prior to the sale. To help track order pickups **please bring your postcard with you when you pick up your order.**

**NEW IN 2010: Pre-order pickup ONLY (no sales) will be available in Quilcene at the Community Center on Saturday, February 27th, 9 to Noon, for south county residents who have placed orders and paid for them. Please be sure to indicate on the order form if you will pick up your plant order in Quilcene.**

### NATIVE PLANT WORKSHOP

JCCD and our partners will host a native plant workshop on **Friday, January 22, 2010 from 9 a.m. to Noon at WSU Learning Center Spruce Room in Port Hadlock**. Learn about the characteristics and benefits of the native plant species we'll have for sale, and where and how to plant them! Staff from JCCD, North Olympic Salmon Coalition, and WSU Cooperative Extension will be available to answer landscaping and plant species questions, and assist with sale ordering. The workshop is free, but please register by contacting Darcy at WSU Cooperative Extension at 379-5610 ext. 230, or email [darcym@wsu.edu](mailto:darcym@wsu.edu), or call the district office at 385-4105.



*Red Osier Dogwood flower*

## DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 3, 2010

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Jefferson County Conservation District will hold their **annual election for a supervisor position on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the Jakeway/Boulton Conference Room, located in the Shold Business Park in Port Hadlock at 205 W. Patison Street.**

To be eligible for office, or to vote, you must be a registered voter living inside the district boundary. This includes all land outside of the city limits of Port Townsend in eastern Jefferson County.

There are five Conservation District board members who serve three-year terms. Three of the five Conservation District supervisors are locally elected, and the Washington State Conservation Commission appoints two.

Any landowner within the district boundary is eligible to apply for appointment or run for election. The 2010 election process requires that candidates declare their interest and eligibility by completing an eligibility form and providing it to the district office at least 4 weeks prior to the election date (Mar. 3). In order for the candidates' name to be placed on the official ballot, they must also complete a nomination petition at least 4 weeks prior to the election date. It is preferable that candidates have a good understanding of the goals and operations of the Conservation District.

If you would like more information about the application for appointments, elections, or are interested in becoming an associate supervisor, contact the district office at 385-4105, or contact the Conservation Commission in Olympia at 360-407-6200.

## WELCOME 8TH ROUND CONSERVATION CORPS INTERN

Sarah Doyle is this year's Washington Conservation Corps intern who will be working for both the Conservation District and the North Olympic Salmon Coalition. She graduated from Sweet Briar College in Virginia with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and a minor in Biology and spent a semester studying abroad at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. This year, she is looking forward to learning about salmon habitat restoration, and all the tools needed to make restoration successful.

Her time with JCCD will be spent assisting Glenn Gately with water quality monitoring on Chimacum and Salmon creeks as well as assisting with the annual tree sale, water quality data entry and analysis and conducting stream surveys. She will also be spending time with the North Olympic Salmon Coalition, where she will be conducting salmon spawning surveys, planning tree plantings and helping with education and outreach activities.

After completing her year of service for the WCC with JCCD and NOSC, Sarah plans on attending graduate school and receiving a master's degree in human-wildlife

*At right, Sarah is assisting WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife with Coho spawning surveys at the Snow Creek trapping station, holding her first "catch!"*



conflict mitigation. This year will help her come closer to that future goal by providing her with the valuable skills and knowledge needed to implement successful habitat and wildlife restoration projects.

Sarah looks forward to learning from and picking the brains of the JCCD and NOSC staff and hopes to meet all the members of the community who have allowed these monitoring and restoration projects to be possible. She also plans on exploring this beautiful peninsula with her two dogs as much as possible!

### Huntingford Awarded NW Area Supervisor of the Year



At our Annual Public Meeting in November, Glen Huntingford (above, left) was presented with the NW Area Supervisor of the Year award given by Stu Trefry, Regional Manager of the Washington State Conservation Commission (above, right.) Each year the Commission recognizes supervisors from each area of the state who have been outstanding in their duties. Glen is recognized for his leadership, communication skills, tact and level-headedness, and going the extra mile to address concerns of local citizens. Glen is currently the chair of the district board of supervisors, and has been a board member since 1988. Congratulations Glen!

### WHY PLANT TREE AND SHRUB BUFFERS?

- *Traps eroded soils.*
- *Protects water quality by filtering pollutants.*
- *Reduces flood damage.*
- *Increases stream flows in summer.*
- *Provides food for the fish, large and small.*
- *Creates habitat for wildlife.*
- *Shades the stream and improves water quality.*
- *Controls invasive species such as Reed Canarygrass.*



**NEW:** The **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)** is being expanded to include **hedgerows**, **grass filter strips**, and other enhancement practices for the benefit of resource protection and conservation. These are voluntary programs available to landowners. **CREP** compensates landowners by paying rent for land planted with a buffer of native trees and shrubs. CREP pays for all restoration costs, maintenance, and livestock exclusion fences when needed. Landowners receive a signing bonus, an annual rental payment, and can choose a 10 or 15 year rental contract.

The minimum buffer width is 35 feet and the maximum buffer width is 180 feet. The amount of rent you receive is determined by the soils present on your site and the acreage of land you enroll in the program. Give the district a call if you would like to discuss a possible restoration project!



## 2009 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

### Spring Rain Farm Habitat Project

The Spring Rain Farm is located on Chimacum Creek, just downstream of the East Chimacum fork. Years ago when the stream was channelized for agricultural purposes the spoils from the channel excavation were piled



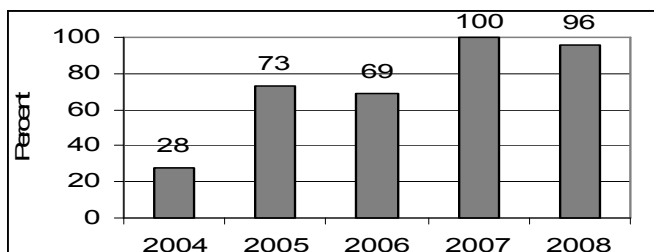
on the east bank. This spoils berm prevented high water from utilizing the flood plain east of the berm and cut off an old meander. This reach also lacked “woody debris” that salmon utilize for shade and cover, and that forms

resting places for spawning fish. Grant funding was obtained from the WA Dept. of Ecology’s Coastal Protection Fund for a project to remove 475 feet of spoils berm and place logs structures in the channel. This project will improve flood plain continuity as well as improve salmon spawning and rearing habitat. In addition the landowners, John Bellow & Roxanne Hudson, have enrolled a stream buffer in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) that will be planted this winter. Construction was done by Stewart Excavating.



### Good News for Salmon Creek’s New Channel

In 2003, a new channel complete with large woody debris was constructed in lower Salmon Creek to improve habitat for chum salmon. It was expected that it would take a while for the fines from the new construction to be flushed from the streambed. Just how long it would take was not known at the time of construction, but we now have the answer. The graph below shows the average dissolved oxygen in the new channel’s gravel expressed as a percentage of the dissolved oxygen in the control reach immediately upstream. In just three years (2004 to 2007) dissolved oxygen in the new channel equaled that of the control reach.



### Finn River Farm Bridge

Chimacum Creek runs through the middle of Finn River Farm, known for their blueberries. The previous owners, Lige & Kay Christian, had worked with the Conservation District and North Olympic Salmon



Coalition on stream habitat improvements and riparian planting. Prior to this work the only access across the creek to farmland on the other side was using an old “ford” or “wet crossing” where farm equipment and livestock would have to go through the creek. The Conservation District worked with the landowners, Keith and Kristy Kisler, to obtain grant funding from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation’s “Community Salmon Fund” to provide funding for a livestock/farm equipment bridge for crossing the creek. Designed by Mason CD engineer Rich Gieger, it was constructed by Keith and his crew.

### Compass Rose Farm Stream Project

A small tributary of Salmon Creek flows through the Compass Rose Farm. Years ago it was re-routed into a ditch along the farm lane which reduced it’s usefulness for fish habitat and caused problems with sediment buildup. The landowners, Kateen Fenter and family, had established a buffer along Snow Creek which runs along the east line of the property and the wetland where the tributary had flowed on its way to Salmon Creek. The project re-routed the stream through the woods and into the wetland, and required construction of a bridge and a culvert, and a farm equipment/livestock access across the wetland. The

Conservation District was able to obtain funding for the project from the National Fish & Wildlife/WA Conservation Commission “Pioneers in Conservation” program that was designed to fund projects that helped both fish and farmers. Design was by Conservation District staff and Rich Gieger, Mason CD engineer. Construction was done by McDonald Excavating.





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*“The function of the Jefferson County Conservation District is to take available technical, financial and educational resources – whatever their source – and focus or coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land user.”*

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It is with saddened hearts that we say farewell to our dear friend, Dana Roberts, who passed away this last November. Our staunchest supporter of the district native plant sale, Dana, no matter how busy, always found the time to volunteer to bundle plant orders and help out on sale day every year since the districts’ tree sale began 18 years ago. Dana’s infectious enthusiasm and cheerful assistance made the hard work of bundling tree orders a pleasure. He dedicated his time because he valued native plants, and he valued our mission to conserve natural resources. He will be greatly missed.

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Lige Christian.....732-7035  
Julie Boggs .....732-4335  
John Boulton, Vice-Chair.....765-3394  
Glen Huntingford, Chair.....732-4658  
Roger Short.....732-4601

### **Associate Supervisors**

Dennis Shultz.....379-0338  
Mike McFadden.....765-3312

### **District Staff**

Al Latham—Manager/Resource Technician  
Glenn Gately—Water Quality Technician  
Jerry Clarke—CREP Planner/Resource Specialist  
Rosie Taylor—Administrative Assistant  
Sarah Doyle — WCC Intern

### **NRCS Resource Conservationist**

Jim Poffel—360-452-1912, ext. 3

*Jefferson County Conservation District office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is located in the Shold Business Park, (just off Rhody Dr.) in Port Hadlock. Contact us at the address above or: 360-385-4105*

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