



Harry Hoogesteger, Elk River

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Harry graduated from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. His background includes work on a ranch and farm; interpretive writing for the US Forest Service; teaching overseas; leading wilderness tours; and for the last 12 years, work as the South Coast Watershed Coordinator. He has implemented several hundred restoration projects in 10 watersheds on the South Coast, and has a special love for the Elk River.



Bob Bugert, Wenatchee River

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Bob Bugert is the Executive Director of the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, based in Wenatchee, Washington. Bob has worked on a number of issues related to land and water conservation and restoration, with particular focus on salmon recovery. Prior to his work with the Land Trust, Bob served for the past nine years as a policy advisor in the Washington Governor's Salmon Recovery Office. The Land Trust has been active in riparian protection programs thorough its service area and places a strong emphasis on partnerships such as the NASSP. Bob has master's and bachelor's degrees in fishery and wildlife biology.



Mike Kaputa, Wenatchee River

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Mr. Kaputa has worked at Chelan County for more than ten years, starting as an environmental and senior planner in the Community Development Department, becoming Director of the Natural Resources Department in 2000. At Chelan County, Mr. Kaputa directs all natural resource policies, programs, and projects for the 3,000-square-mile county and oversees a \$5 million annual budget. Mr. Kaputa volunteers for several organizations in the Wenatchee area and beyond, including the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, Wenatchee Valley Dispute Resolution Center, and Washington Wildlife Recreation Program project evaluation committees. Mr. Kaputa earned his B.A. in Environmental Science and dual Master's Degree in Educational Studies and Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia.



Kevin O'Brien, Illinois River
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Kevin O'Brien feels privileged to have been able to work with natural resources and awesome people for over twenty one years, first in the public sector and most recently as the coordinator for the Illinois Valley Watershed Council in southwestern Oregon for the last five years. Kevin gains a great deal of satisfaction and energy from working with the watershed restoration team he has helped develop and continues to grow, especially the partnering landowners and funding partners that he believes to be the foundation of the restoration projects his organization leads out in.



Stan van de Wetering, Siletz River
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Stan van de Wetering lives in Corvallis Oregon with his boys Parker and Miles and their dog Ricky. Stan has worked with aquatic issues in western Oregon for the past 19 years. He has been employed by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians for the last 12 years. Stan's work mainly involves basic research and monitoring of juvenile salmonid and lamprey species and their habitat requirements. Stan also works with habitat restoration of freshwater streams and estuaries. Stan holds a bachelors degree in Microbiology and a Masters of Fisheries Science.



Mike Edmondson, Lemhi River
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Michael Edmondson serves as the Program Manager in the Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation. Currently his primary areas of responsibility are policy issues and program funding related to salmon and steelhead. Prior to joining the Office of Species Conservation, Michael served the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for 14 years working in Surface Water managing biological monitoring, assessment and federal reporting under the Clean Water Act. Mike graduated from California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo with a degree in Ecology and Systematic Biology in 1994.



Mark McCollister, Sandy River
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Mark McCollister is the Oregon Trout Wild Fish Program Director for The Freshwater Trust in Portland, Oregon. He has technical skills in fisheries biology, and riparian, floodplain and aquatic habitat restoration. He works as The Freshwater Trust's fish biologist with responsibilities in all phases of habitat restoration work, including geographic prioritization, project selection, project implementation, and monitoring and evaluation. Mr. McCollister holds a B.S. degree in biology from Lewis & Clark College and brings 9 years of experience in fisheries biology and habitat restoration work.



Daniel Shively, Sandy River
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Dan Shively works for the U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region as the Forest Fisheries Program Manager of Mt. Hood National Forest. Dan has been with the Forest Service for 20 years, the last 9 in his current position. He has over 23 years of professional experience in fish habitat and watershed related management in the Pacific Northwest. Dan has been an active participant with the Sandy River Basin Partners and facilitated efforts to develop the *Sandy River Basin Aquatic Habitat Restoration Strategy: an anchor habitat-based prioritization of restoration opportunities*. This strategy provides the roadmap for restoring aquatic habitat in the basin to aid in the recovery of salmon and steelhead populations. Dan has held various officer and committee chair positions within the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. He has also been a leader in the development and deployment of regional training sessions and workshops on Watershed and Stream Habitat Restoration. Dan has made many appearances in workshops, conferences, and symposia throughout the Pacific Northwest giving presentations on his latest work. He graduated with honors from Oregon State University in 1989 with a Bachelor's of Science in Fisheries Science, with a minor in Watershed Studies.



Jim Waldvogel, Smith River
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Jim Waldvogel is the Sea Grant Marine Advisor for Del Norte County, California and Curry County, Oregon. Since 1990, he has served as Chair of the Smith River Advisory Council, an organization that oversees fisheries enhancement and restoration projects on the Smith River. He brings a wealth of knowledge in salmon conservation and restoration, having conducted a twenty-three year adult Chinook salmon research project on aging and spawning escapement estimates on Mill Creek and Smith River. For 20 years, Waldvogel served on the Klamath River Technical Advisory Team as the in-river sport and Del Norte County representative. Waldvogel holds a bachelors degree in Oceanography and a Masters of Fisheries Science from Humboldt State University. He also co-authored the Smith River Anadromous Fish Action Plan in 2002.



Tom Weseloh, Smith River
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Tom Weseloh has served as the California Trout North Coast Program Manager since 1992. His primary focus for CalTrout is crafting and implementing restoration and protection strategies for steelhead and trout. Tom has also been appointed to many statewide and federal committees as a fisheries representative. He currently serves on the California Advisory Committee on Salmon and Steelhead Trout including chairing the Steelhead Subcommittee, the California Coastal Salmonid Watershed Restoration Grant Peer Review Committee, the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Technical Committee and the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group. Tom previously worked for the Nature Conservancy, California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), the Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Association, Humboldt State University Foundation, independent contracts for fishery consultation and as a fishing guide. He serves on several statewide and federal committees including appointments by the Secretary of Interior, the California Legislature and the Director of CDFG. Tom is also a charter member of the Smith River Advisory Council. His hobbies include: fishing, whitewater boating, hiking, snorkeling, biking, camping, hunting, and gardening.



Zack Larson, Smith River
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Zachary Larson has a B.S. Degree in biology and zoology (1996) from Humboldt State University (HSU) and graduate level coursework from HSU in fisheries population dynamics, ecology and restoration. He began his fisheries biologist career in 1997 with the Yurok Tribal Fisheries Program where he worked with various state, federal and tribal entities on Klamath Basin fisheries research and monitoring projects. Zack began work as the Smith River Watershed Coordinator in 2000 and helped develop the Smith River Anadromous Fish Action Plan (2002) and managed the Mill Creek Fisheries Monitoring Program until 2004. His work as Smith River Watershed Coordinator has resulted in a multitude of collaborative fisheries monitoring, habitat restoration and fish passage projects on private and public lands in the Smith River and estuary. Zack is also the current Chair of the Del Norte County Fish and Game Advisory Commission, appointed technical review member for a California North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, and is a veteran Alaska and California salmon and trout fishing guide.



John Sims, Queets/Quinault River

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John Sims was raised in Oregon's Willamette Valley and received his degree in fisheries biology. After college, he began a 22 year career with the Army through the ROTC, which is where he received and MS degree. In 1990, he began his career with the Quinault Indian Nation, where he was able to apply his academic passion for fisheries. John is currently the full-time Lead Entity Coordinator for salmon habitat recovery projects in the Queets-Quinault area. He enjoys his work because it allows him to travel through the region and meet new people.

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