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# Grays Harbor Conservation District

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## Other Accomplishments

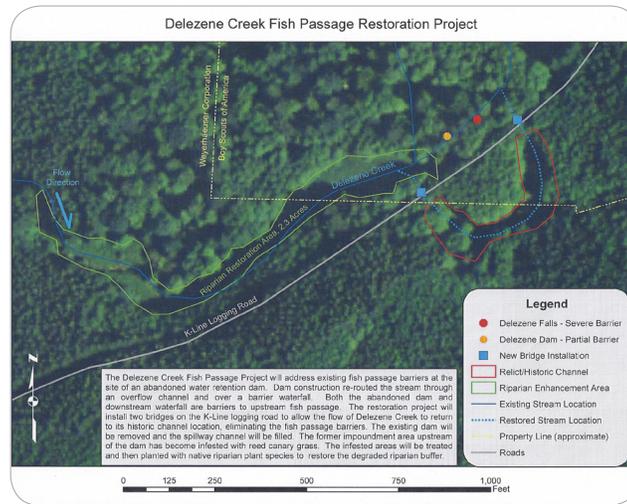
- 11 completed Forest Stewardship Plans in three districts
- 3 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) plans completed
- 1 Farm Plan completed
- Engaged in the Coordinated Resource Management (CRM) Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Helping 3 shellfish growers

## 2014 Feature Accomplishment:

### Delezenne Creek fish passage restoration project

**RESOURCE CHALLENGE** This restoration project will correct two fish passage barriers consisting of a derelict dam and resulting man-caused falls in Delezenne Creek, a tributary to the Chehalis River in Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 22. Historically the stream was diverted from its original channel to accommodate a logging road and to create a lake for scouting activities. The road is still used, but the lake has dried up, and the dam no longer functions.

**PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS** The project will restore the historic channel and oxbow, correcting the passage barriers by bypassing the dam and falls. This will require installation of two concrete bridges each 55 feet long and 17 feet wide, one at each end of the oxbow. Riparian (streamside) habitat will be restored along the historic channel, by planting native conifers and shrubs. Instream work will include removing accumulated sediment from the channel, adding LWD (large woody debris) and placing streambed gravels in certain areas. The goal is to provide unimpeded fish passage to the upper seven miles of Delezenne Creek. The existing man-made channel will be filled in and abandoned.



## KEY PARTNERS:

The plan has been reviewed and approved by the District, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Weyerhaeuser, and the Boy Scouts. Construction is anticipated to be completed during the summer of 2015.

Left: Delezenne Creek work site

## More Work to Do!

- Delezenne Creek project needs completing
- 5 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) plans need completing
- 1 more farm plan needs completing
- 3 livestock producers aided
- 3 livestock/equipment pads
- More shellfish projects
- Green Diamond South Wye Creek project
- 4 Weyerhaeuser fish passage projects