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Wahkiakum Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments



Panoramic view of the upstream side of a new outlet structure showing access channel, float actuator tower, and trash rack



Middle Valley Stream Restoration Project showing bridge installation and two wood debris jam structures



Middle Valley Stream Restoration Project: Wood debris jam structure scouring mid-channel pool and protecting riparian vegetation

2014 Feature Accomplishment: Community watershed projects



Top: (Before) Tidegate at outlet of Historic Skamokawa Creek Channel installed in 1948 flood mitigation project (cast iron, flap style gate).
Bottom: (After) New structure is an 8-foot diameter, float actuated side hinge tidegate.

RESOURCE CHALLENGE Most natural resource issues do not recognize property boundaries. Examples of this include water quality, salmon recovery, and invasive weeds. Resource improvements typically cannot be realized on a farm-by-farm basis. Wahkiakum Conservation District employs a community watershed approach to effectively communicate, collaborate, coordinate, and implement restoration projects on a comprehensive basis. This approach helps the District generate high enough levels of targeted projects to realize measureable impacts in resource conditions.

PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS

Wahkiakum Conservation District has been working in the Skamokawa Creek Community Watershed. Predominant resource concerns include salmon recovery, water quality, and invasive weeds. Landowners share these concerns but have local concerns for property protection and farm economic viability. This past year the

District completed the Historic Skamokawa Creek Channel Restoration Project, one typical stream restoration project, and completed the first year of treatment for knotweed in the Community Watershed. The District is in the process of developing four additional funding proposals and completing design and permitting for two project sites.

KEY PARTNERS: Diking District 5 of Wahkiakum County; WA State Conservation Commission; WA Department of Fish and Wildlife; Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board; Skamokawa Creek Community Watershed; Landowners

More Work to Do!

- Expand our community watershed program into the Elochoman River. We are in the process of implementing one stream restoration project and design two additional projects.
- Received funding from Salmon Recovery Funding Board to assist a landowner in the Grays River Watershed with a river restoration project as part of efforts to provide assistance to all landowners that approach the District.