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# Wahkiakum Conservation District

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## Other Accomplishments

- Implementing knotweed management project on entire Skamokawa Creek Watershed.
- Expanding community watershed approach into Elochoman River Watershed.
- Utilizing Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program with individual landowners to ensure community watershed projects are truly comprehensive.
- Assisting all customers that walk through our doors.

## 2015 Feature Accomplishment: Continuing to use a “Community Watershed Approach” to address natural resource challenges



Wood-based roughness structure - immediately addresses sediment delivery; rearing habitat; and protects establishment of a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program riparian buffer.

Credit: Wahkiakum Conservation District

**RESOURCE CHALLENGE** Wahkiakum Conservation District uses a comprehensive community watershed approach to address our local resource challenges. Salmon recovery, water quality issues, invasive weeds, flooding, and farm viability can be addressed on an individual farm basis, but treating a single farm does not necessarily make a measurable change in the resource concern. Instead, our district conducts outreach and projects with several farms within a targeted watershed. It’s challenging to obtain funding to implement this approach, but it’s very effective at addressing resource concerns.

**PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS** Wahkiakum Conservation District continues to devote our available capacity and funding to implement this targeted approach in the Skamokawa Creek Watershed Community, and we’re attempting to generate community interest and support in the Elochoman River watershed as well. Each year, the district maintains an effort to implement 2-3 projects, plan 2-3 new projects, fund 2-3 planned projects, design 2-3 funded projects, and permit 2-3 designed projects. These activities require people on the ground working with watershed community members to make this happen.

**KEY PARTNERS:** Cowlitz Conservation District; Pacific Conservation District; Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; Wahkiakum County; Diking District 5; Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board; Recreation and Conservation Office; US Department of Fish and Wildlife



Same roughness structure during higher flow.

Credit: Wahkiakum Conservation District

## More Work to Do!

- Continue Skamokawa Creek and Elochoman River community watershed efforts.
- Attempt to convince everyone outside our community watersheds that the “community watershed approach” is a very effective strategy for addressing all natural resource concerns.
- Continue to try and build district capacity in order to do more.