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Cowlitz Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments

- Coweeman community watershed knotweed treatment project: Managing knotweed on entire watershed.
- Received funding for an additional project in the Abernathy Creek community watershed.
- Received funding for two additional projects in the Arkansas Creek community watershed.

2015 Feature Accomplishment:

Community watershed approach to address resource concerns

RESOURCE CHALLENGE Cowlitz Conservation District (CCD) attempts to address resource concerns as a comprehensive community watershed approach. This allows the district to address all natural resource concerns within a watershed, resulting in enough implementation to realize a measurable difference. Resource concerns include salmon recovery, water quality, invasive weeds, flooding, farm viability, and many others. A farm at a time is simply not an effective, efficient method to exact change in a resource concern.

PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS CCD implemented a project in the Coweeman River community watershed and one in the Arkansas Creek community watershed. The district maintains an effort to implement two to three projects, plan two to three new projects, fund two to three planned projects, design two to three funded projects, and permit two to three designed projects each year. These activities require people on the ground working with watershed community members to make this happen. While it's challenging to find funding to implement this approach, it's very effective at addressing resource concerns.

KEY PARTNERS: Wahkiakum Conservation District; Cowlitz Noxious Weed Board; Cowlitz County; Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife; Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board; Recreation and Conservation Office



Small debris jam installed on Turner Creek enhances fish habitat diversity, reduces sediment delivery, and protects private property.



Porous debris jam regulates flow to maintain side channel habitat.
Photos: Cowlitz Conservation District

More Work to Do!

- Implement two projects in the Arkansas Creek community watershed.
- Treat knotweed for the third year in the Coweeman River community watershed.
- Implement one project in the Abernathy Creek community watershed.
- Design two projects in the Germany Creek community watershed.
- Work with Cowlitz County on a draft in-lieu fee project proposal.
- Assist Cowlitz County with the development of a Voluntary Stewardship Program.