



Grays Harbor Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments



GHCD Service Forester wrote 21 forest management plans covering 1,361 acres and provided 32 producers technical assistance for 2,134 acres. Photo: Dave Houk GHCD



GHCD fully supports the oyster industry in Grays Harbor. Education and outreach are crucial for shellfish farmers to solve resource needs. Photo: Jesse Adams



GHCD assisted 18 producers with 28 projects related to agriculture. Photo: Jesse Adams

2016 Feature Accomplishment Chehalis Basin restoration project



Eroding stream banks within the Chehalis Basin are causing land loss and environmental degradation.

agriculture and forest lands and assets, degraded aquatic species habitat and fish population declines, and degraded water quality.

RESOURCE CHALLENGE Within the last few decades, communities along the Chehalis River and its tributaries have experienced unprecedented changes to the river system, including an increased frequency and severity of flooding. Flooding, along with its impacts of severe bank erosion and rapid migration of the river channel, have led to costly infrastructure damage, loss of

PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS

Grays Harbor Conservation District (GHCD) is participating on the Chehalis Basin Strategy, a multi-agency partnership that formed to reduce flood risk to communities, property, and infrastructure, while improving aquatic habitat in the Chehalis Basin. The project seeks to achieve this by restoring natural river processes that slow river velocity, increasing natural flood storage, improving riverbank conditions, and restoring aquatic habitat. The project will use a variety of strategies and techniques such as reconnecting floodplains, stabilizing riverbanks, and restoring in-stream and off-channel habitat.



Climate change and land management practices throughout the watershed are causing a regular rise of water levels.

KEY PARTNERS: Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife; Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority; Washington State Conservation Commission; Chehalis Basin Lead Entity; Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force; Lewis County Conservation District; Thurston Conservation District

More work to do!

- Complete two fish passable bridges in the Satsop River Basin.
- Continue to plan and implement Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) projects.
- Work with small forest landowners to ensure management plans are received and up to date.