



Cowlitz Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments

- ▶ Designed two projects in the Germany Creek Watershed. Got funding for a third project site with five landowners.
- ▶ Collectively addressed resource concerns on 25 percent of non-industrial private ownership in the lower watershed.
- ▶ Assisted two landowners with project planning, permitting, and implementation in the Kalama River watershed (one of the highest priority watersheds for salmon recovery in Cowlitz County).
- ▶ Initiated planning with two additional landowners in the Kalama River watershed and submitted project proposals through the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board.

2018 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

Watershed Management Continuing on a Budget



Debris jams on Delameter Creek.

Resource Challenge

Southwest Washington faces several resource concerns. Two major ones include salmon recovery and water quality. Equally important are wildlife habitat, soil health, invasive weeds, and farm viability. Making a measurable difference typically requires implementing projects on a broader scale than a single farm. That's the focus of Cowlitz Conservation District. We have watershed-scale projects initiated

within the Arkansas Creek, Coweeman River, Abernathy Creek, and Germany Creek Watersheds.

Project Summary and Results

The District is working with landowners within a watershed context to plan, design, and implement projects addressing resource concerns. Our activities are curtailed by availability and success applying for grant funds from several sources. Immediate results are observed as fish use in-stream habitat for rearing and spawning. Sediment delivery is immediately reduced as vegetative cover establishes and wood structures direct erosive streamflow away from streambanks. Most resource concerns are addressed over time as streamside woody vegetation establishes and improved pasture management takes hold.



Riparian restoration along Delameter Creek.

Key Partners

Landowner coordination and planning is primarily funded by the Washington State Conservation Commission (SCC). Project funding comes from the SCC, Salmon Recovery Funding Board, Department of Ecology, and several programs including CREP and EQIP.

Priorities for 2019...

- ▶ Obtain SCC capital project funding to address resource concerns with three cooperators.
- ▶ Continue soliciting project funds to assist local landowners with their resource concerns.
- ▶ Continue working with legislators in attempt to secure funding needed to more adequately work with landowners within a watershed context.