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NOTE:
***Mileage reimbursement forms
can now be turned in,
in duplicate,
at your convenience
through 6/30/09.***

End of the Year/Program Planning Meeting Held Jan. 15, 2009

Streamkeepers met to review the annual report for '08, review proposals and adopt a Work Plan for '09. Proposals included wording of goals statement, forming a new McDonald Creek Team, continuing the Community-Group Presentations Team, and creating a new Volunteer Involvement Team. We enjoyed an interesting, informative presentation by Jill Bradenberger, Senior Scientist with Battelle PNNL. Find more info about one of Jill's projects [here: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/sinclair-dyes_inlets/sinclair_cd/CD2006By_the_numbers.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/sinclair-dyes_inlets/sinclair_cd/CD2006By_the_numbers.htm). Following Jill's presentation, science teacher Dan Lieberman led us in singing his Mountain/River music, including the song, "Step It Up" (lyrics on p. 4), which seems to be the theme of this issue—thanks, Dan! Annual Report and Work Plan are attached and can be found on the SK website. We had quite a discussion about how thankful we are to all of our wonderful volunteers who make it all possible. Concern was expressed about how to improve the level of involvement by volunteers, and so you will find a number of "pitches" by team leaders to "Step It Up" in this issue of the newsletter.

What would it take for you to step up your Streamkeepers' commitment for 2009?

—by Marilyn Harbaugh, SK class of 2008

Each of you is vitally important to the success of the Streamkeepers' mission. The data we collect is valuable and is being used; for examples, see the 2008 Annual Report attached to this newsletter. The addition of the stormwater sampling project has happily brought some new volunteer faces to our program; however, it also impacts the workload of several of our veteran volunteers. We need to try to generate more participation from our volunteer roster because, in spite of that list's impressive size, it seems that a few people end up doing most of the work, frequently going out with a bare minimum of people on their teams. ***That means a lot of folks are missing out! (Hint, hint...)***

A few volunteers (including me) have formed a committee to "step up" the level of volunteer involvement. Please send your comments and suggestions to Streamkeepers, and they'll forward them to us...

If you haven't been volunteering as often as you anticipated, can you help us understand why?

- Do you feel uncomfortable with field procedures?
- Is the work more physically or mentally demanding than you expected?
- Does your team go out on days that don't fit your schedule?
- Does your team leader fail to contact you?
- Do you have personal problems with certain team members?
- Has your life changed in some unanticipated way?
- Do you feel under-appreciated?

Our committee has discussed remedies for some of these situations:

- Conducting "refresher" practice monitoring sessions during some of the "off" months, so folks could deepen their knowledge in a pressure-free setting.
- Encouraging folks to join teams that match their schedules better or to join the "Any-Stream" team.
- Doing other kinds of work besides field monitoring, such as inventorying and restocking field kits, entering data, telephoning, or representing Streamkeepers at public events.

What other ideas do YOU have? Send them to us, or join our little committee!

Help us Step It Up! Many Hands Make Light Work!

Program and Related News

Streamkeepers Presentation Task Force Wants You!

—by Sam Fox

Not inclined to scrape for arthropods, conduct water samples or chase storms, but still think Streamkeepers is the coolest thing since sliced bread? Come help this emerging Task Force by modifying an existing PowerPoint presentation to your style and help spread the word on Streamkeepers to interested community groups! Recent audiences have been the Klahhane Hiking Club, the Sequim Prairie Grange and the Clallam County Master Gardeners.

The goal of the presentation is to provide a simple overview of what Streamkeepers does, recruit new members and connect interested parties to Streamkeepers to pass on interesting stream observations. Presentations are about 25 minutes long and do not demand a high degree of technical fluency to run or present. Presenters can feel free to steer challenging questions to Streamkeepers Central :) like Sam Fox does! You might even score a good potluck out of your volunteer effort.

If you would like to help coordinate this effort, spread the word through a presentation or know of an organization that would be interested in hosting a presentation, please let Sam Fox know at sfox@co.clallam.wa.us Thanks!

Streamkeepers Booth-Organizer Needed

—by Ed Chadd

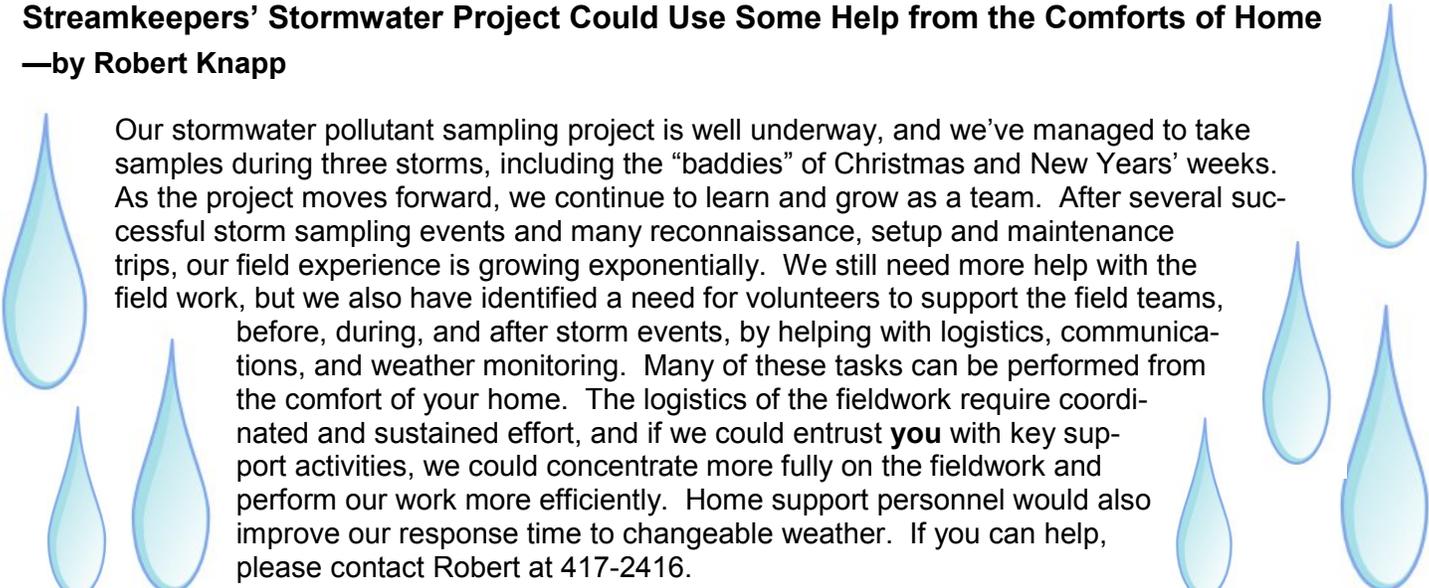
Last year Streamkeepers had booths at 6 community events, and we've done 2 events already this year. But communicating with event organizers and volunteers, scheduling volunteers, and deciding what to put in the booth takes time, and time is something old Ed doesn't have much of these days, so it's possible that we'll miss some important events unless someone (or some few!) step up to take control. Anybody out there with a passion for outreach and education and some communication and organizational skills? Pretty please? I promise to walk you through your first event or two. RSVP (literally, "respond if it pleases you!").

Sequim-Area Team Needs Leader

The Sequim area, Bell/Cassalery/Johnson Creek team is in need of a team leader, field leader and/or team coordinator. The team list has thinned over the last year. If you're ready to take over leadership of a team, this could be your chance! This team has many virtues: all of the sites are pretty easy access, it doesn't rain much in Sequim, and your monitoring can be easily followed by a trip to some great shoreline areas, such as the Spit or 3 Crabs or Sequim Bay State Park for beach walking and wildlife encounters. Let us know if you're interested.

Streamkeepers' Stormwater Project Could Use Some Help from the Comforts of Home

—by Robert Knapp



Our stormwater pollutant sampling project is well underway, and we've managed to take samples during three storms, including the "baddies" of Christmas and New Years' weeks. As the project moves forward, we continue to learn and grow as a team. After several successful storm sampling events and many reconnaissance, setup and maintenance trips, our field experience is growing exponentially. We still need more help with the field work, but we also have identified a need for volunteers to support the field teams, before, during, and after storm events, by helping with logistics, communications, and weather monitoring. Many of these tasks can be performed from the comfort of your home. The logistics of the fieldwork require coordinated and sustained effort, and if we could entrust **you** with key support activities, we could concentrate more fully on the fieldwork and perform our work more efficiently. Home support personnel would also improve our response time to changeable weather. If you can help, please contact Robert at 417-2416.

Program and Related News

WRIA 18 Watershed Planning & Streamkeepers

The WRIA 18 Watershed Planning Group prioritized the components of their plan for funding from the Dept. of Ecology, and Streamkeepers was second on the list, just after the development of an instream flow rule and associated water-quantity issues. Unfortunately, the latter issues required all of the money available from DOE, so we won't get any of these funds next year. But it's a sign of how important our work is seen, and we'll hopefully be in line for funding from the WRIA 18 group in the future, as well as hopefully the WRIA 19 and 20 groups, both of which are close to adopting their watershed plans and which mention Streamkeepers as a plan-implementation partner.



DOE Launches New Website

The Department of Ecology has launched a new Web site, packed with downloadable posters, tips, and advice. It offers tangible actions that every Washington resident can take to protect the state's waters – actions that are essential to fish, wildlife, people, and the state's economy. The site provides logos for local organizations to download and use to connect local work to the statewide effort for Washington Waters – Ours to Protect. You may recall the original campaign some years ago with posters and TV ads. Since then, many other states have borrowed these and made them their own. These fun and quirky, easy-to-print posters inform and make you smile. The Web site is full of informative facts, resources, and links to helpful information. "[Washington Waters – Ours to Protect](#)."



Because it's so important that the public hears similar messages about how to protect our waters, Ecology encourages local governments, groups, and individuals to borrow its language, logos, advice, and posters – the only caveat is that the materials can only be used for non-commercial purposes.

We hope that local governments, schools, groups, and community organizations will find these tools useful, especially in these lean budget times, to help with all the great work they are already doing to protect and clean up Washington Waters.

Check out a Seattle Times article about the Washington Waters – Ours to Protect Web site at http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2008590180_pollutionwebsite05m.html

Salmon Recovery Conference



The Salmon Recovery Funding Board is hosting a two-day

conference focused on building better salmon recovery projects. This will be a similar format to the successful conference in April 2007. They have added an additional day and will be expanding the list of topics presented. The conference is set for **April 15 & 16** at the Little Creek Conference Center in Shelton, Washington.

The agenda is packed with great topics. You'll hear first-hand from folks working the field to build projects with what has worked and what hasn't worked. Projects covered include:

- ▶ Protection and acquisition
- ▶ Habitat restoration
- ▶ Nearshore and estuary projects
- ▶ Fish passage and screening

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Happy 25th Anniversary CJ & Steve Rankin!

Steve & CJ, how generous of you to open your home to host a Streamkeepers' stormwater training on such a special occasion as this! (And baking cookies and muffins to boot!) Congratulations on 25 years of being kind to each other and the planet, and thank you for all your help and support!

Program and Related News



Valley Creek

Spring Monitoring Begins in April

You have time to prepare, time to find the rain gear. Refer to the 2009 Sampling Plan attached or found on our website: http://www.clallam.net/streamkeepers/html/program_planning.htm Think about revisions to the protocols when you're out in the field as they will be revisited and revised in June.



Water Chemistry on Salt Creek



Bug Sampling on the Dungeness River

From the Mountain Music Songbook by Dan Lieberman "Step It Up"

http://www.olympicmountainmusic.com/

(Dan's note: This song is about change, particularly the first change we need to make, which is in our minds. We are the renaissance people and the renaissance.) (Editor's note: Slightly modified for Streamkeepers' Annual Meeting)



Bell Creek

It starts with a feeling that things have been the same too long
It starts with a feeling how good a change could be
And then you start thinking it's not too late to fix what's wrong
If together we live the change we want to see.

CHORUS:

Our children's fate is in our hands today- We are the Renaissance People
Their future isn't gonna keep away- We are the Renaissance People
Something new has got to start today- We are the Renaissance People
Step It Up — Step It Up — Step It Up



Bug Sampling on J.C.L

A climate change has gotta happen- Not on earth, but in our minds
'Cause when you start thinking outside the way you always thought
A brand new future just doesn't seem too far
Begin by exploring the world outside we thought we lost
With the lights out at night we all can see the stars

REPEAT CHORUS



Lake Creek

We got a feeling that things have been the same too long
We got a feeling how good a change could be
'Cause when we start thinking it's not too late to fix what's wrong
Together we live the change we want to see.

REPEAT CHORUS