



## **MURRAY RE-ELECTED**

Joseph Murray has been re-elected to the Clallam Conservation District board of supervisors. Joe has brought a “west-end” perspective to the board since 1994, both as a resident of Pysht and a silviculturist with Merrill & Ring Tree Farm for the past 33 years.

Murray was the only candidate to file for the position. According to state conservation district elections rules (WAC 135-110-370), if the incumbent is the only eligible candidate to file for the position, no election is required. Polling, which had been scheduled for March 21, was therefore not conducted.

The appointed position currently held by Nash Huber expires this year. Applications for the position were accepted by the Washington State Conservation Commission through the end of March. The Commission will make board appointments at their May 16th meeting.

## **RAIN GARDEN MENTOR SERVICES**

For the past six months, Clallam Conservation District and WSU Clallam County Extension have been working together to provide rain garden mentor training to a group of Master Gardeners. Mentor services, which include assisting homeowners with site evaluations, design, and plant selection, as well as directing homeowners to other resources such as municipal incentive programs, will be available beginning in May. If you think you might be interested in installing a rain garden on your property, call the Master Gardener hotline at 565-2679 to add your name to the waiting list for rain garden mentor services.

## **2013 PLANT SALE**

Thank you to everyone who ordered native plants from us this year. We are pleased to report 10,800 plants found homes with over 200 Clallam County families.

A special word of appreciation goes out to our 24 wonderful volunteers who donated 99.5 hours of their time to make our plant sale a success. Gayle Baker, Robert Buck, Janet Breuning, Greta Cook, Diana Cross, Beverly Dawson, Karl Fickas, Mike and Julie Gatchet, Brandino and Dawn Gibson, Don Hinrichsen, Merrill Jefferson, Joni Johnson, Sonia Killian, Tom and Catherine Mix, Janet Oja, Linda Toy, Chrilo Von Gontard, John and Linda White, and Teena Woodward all worked hard sorting, packaging and distributing plants. Thank you also to Merrill & Ring Tree Farm for donating tree bags used for bundling orders and Steve Johnson for the use of his facilities at Lazy J Tree Farm.



## **RENEWABLE RESOURCES PLAN APPROVED**

The Clallam Conservation District board of supervisors approved a new long range plan for renewable natural resources conservation at their February 12 meeting. The new plan is available for review on the district website: [www.clallamcd.org](http://www.clallamcd.org). Copies may also be obtained by calling 452-1912 ext. 5.

# CLALLAM CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## 2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Continued grant funding from the EPA and state Department of Ecology enabled us to provide cost-sharing assistance for implementation of 33 best management practices on 22 farms in 2012.

We continued providing technical and financial assistance to Dungeness Irrigation Group to replace their main canal with pipeline downstream of Highway 101. Much of this work, which has continued during the first few months of 2013, was paid for with a *Jobs Bill* grant from the state Conservation Commission. That same grant helped Agnew Irrigation District pipe two lateral ditches in the Taylor Cutoff Road area. These projects are expected to save approximately 2.5 cubic feet per second of Dungeness River water. In addition to improving irrigation efficiencies and restoring stream flows, these projects created or maintained approximately ten construction jobs for a period of five months.

Two fish-blocking culverts on tributaries to Coville Creek were replaced through the Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFPP).

A total of 239 individuals attended ten sustainable landscaping educational events and a low impact development demonstration project, including low water-use landscaping, was initiated in Sequim. A total of 161 individuals participated in five horse and livestock water quality workshops and presentations. And, over 600 fourth and fifth grade students participated in environmental education activities.



CREP planting on Meadowbrook Ck.



BEFORE: Impassable culvert on Coville Creek



AFTER: Unrestricted access for fish

Three new landowners enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) completing native tree and shrub plantings along one mile of stream. Other conservation accomplishments include the following:

- ☑ 344 individuals assisted, included 68 soil test participants
- ☑ 7 farm plans prepared or updated for 131.7 acres
- ☑ Heavy use area protection on 11 farms
- ☑ Waste storage structures on 2 farms
- ☑ Roof runoff management on 4 farms
- ☑ 2,876 feet of riparian fencing on 2 farms

Expenditures for 2012 totaled nearly \$1 million. Grants – primarily state – comprised 98 percent of our revenues. Cost sharing on conservation practice implementation accounted for 62 percent of expenditures. About half of our 2012 expenditures were on irrigation water conservation projects.



Heavy use area at a horse and livestock workshop

## **SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING CLASSES**

### ***NATURAL LANDSCAPING COURSE***

**WHEN:** Three Monday evenings starting April 15, and three Saturday field trips (April 20, 27 and May 4)

**WHERE:** Dungeness River Audubon Center in Sequim (evening classes)

**COST:** \$20 materials fee, please call 360-452-1912 ext. 5 or email: [info@clallamcd.org](mailto:info@clallamcd.org) to register

Conservation District manager Joe Holtrop will provide instruction on how to design and install a sustainable landscape that will work for you and the environment. Using Permaculture design principles, you will learn how to evaluate the unique site conditions of your property, prepare a landscape plan suited to those conditions, and develop a strategy for implementing your plan.

### ***LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS FIELD WORKSHOPS***

**WHEN:** April 19 (Friday)

**WHERE:** Dungeness Recreation Area

**COST:** FREE, but pre-registration is required, call 360-452-1912 x 5 or email: [info@clallamcd.org](mailto:info@clallamcd.org)

Learn how to identify over 25 native trees and shrubs while hiking about two miles of trails near the Dungeness Wildlife Refuge. Information about environmental and wildlife habitat benefits of each species and tips on how to design a natural landscape will be provided.

**WHEN:** April 26 (Friday)

**WHERE:** Robin Hill Farm Park

**COST:** FREE, but pre-registration is required, call 360-452-1912 x 5 or email: [info@clallamcd.org](mailto:info@clallamcd.org)

This shorter and easier hike focuses on native trees and shrubs of coniferous forest.

## **WORKSHOPS FOR HORSE & LIVESTOCK OWNERS**

### ***READY, SET, GROW! MAKING the MOST of YOUR PASTURES***

**WHEN:** May 8 (Wednesday) from 3:00pm to 4:30pm

**WHERE:** A farm in the Agnew Area off Finn Hall Road (*farm address provided at registration*)

**COST:** FREE, but pre-registration is required, call 360-452-1912 x 5 or email: [info@clallamcd.org](mailto:info@clallamcd.org)

Join the Conservation District on a tour of the Swanberg family farm in Agnew. Working with the District since September 2011, the Swanbergs have built a graveled heavy use area for their horses, a concrete manure storage structure, cross-fenced 16 pasture areas to facilitate rotational grazing for cattle, horses, and sheep, and tested their soil to better manage pasture fertility. In addition to cattle, horses and sheep, they also raise pigs, chickens, ducks and bees.

Tips for timing of grazing, reseeding, fertilizing pastures and rotational grazing will be covered in detail.



### ***WEED WALK at ROBIN HILL FARM PARK***

**WHEN:** May 22 (Wednesday) from 5:30pm to 7:30pm

**WHERE:** Robin Hill Farm Park (meet at north parking lot on Pinnell Road)

**COST:** FREE, but pre-registration is required, call 360-452-1912 x 5 or email: [info@clallamcd.org](mailto:info@clallamcd.org)

Learn how to identify and eradicate poisonous and noxious weeds in pastures and hayfields. Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Coordinator Cathy Lucero will lead a tour through Robin Hill Farm's demonstration pastures. Please feel free to bring samples of weeds to the workshop for identification.

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Clallam Conservation District is a subdivision of state government created to promote the stewardship and conservation of natural resources in Clallam County. Public meetings are held at 3:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the USDA Service Center, 1601 E. Front St., Bldg/Suite A in Port Angeles.

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When the rains stop, start watering your newly planted trees and shrubs!!!

## WANT TO HELP US SAVE A TREE?

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