

BYE BETH, WELCOME JUDY



Administrative Assistance Beth Loveridge retired on January 31st after seven years of service for the Conservation District. Before leaving, Beth trained Judy Minnoch to take over her position.

We're very happy to

welcome Judy to our team, and wish Beth many happy adventures in retirement!

OUT STANDING in the FIELD AWARD

Thank you to North Olympic Land Trust (NOLT) for recognizing us with the 2018 *Out Standing in the Field Award*. We are truly honored. To view the wonderful article on the award by NOLT staff visit:

www.peninsuladailynews.com/news/clallam-conservation-district-wins-north-olympic-land-trust-award.



CHITWOOD ELECTED AS DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Sequim-area resident and former Department of Natural Resources director for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Scott Chitwood, was elected to the Clallam Conservation District board of supervisors. Election results are not official until certified by the Washington Conservation Commission at their May meeting.

We're excited to have Scott join the district and share his knowledge and decades of experience. Scott received his B.S. degree in Fisheries Biology from the University of Washington in 1978. Since then he has held several positions for governments on the Olympic Peninsula. He has worked for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe since 2001. Prior to that, he was employed by the Quinault Indian Nation for 15 years, the Makah Tribe for one year, the Quileute Tribe for seven years, and the Washington Department of Fisheries for two years.

The three-year term Sequim farmer Ben Smith, one of two state-appointed supervisors, expires this spring. Ben has applied for re-appointment.

PLANT SALE HUGE SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who ordered native plants this year. Over 29,000 plants found homes with 300 Clallam County families, nearly double previous sales.

A special word of appreciation goes out to 38 wonderful volunteers who braved snow and freezing temperatures to donate over 184 hours of their time. (Seen in photo from left to right, volunteers Dale Julander, Linda Sumner, and Randel Zempel). Without the help of amazing volunteers the plant sale truly wouldn't be possible. A thank you also goes out to Steve Johnson for the use of his facilities at Lazy J Tree Farm.



2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Highlights of our 2017 accomplishments are below. A complete report can be found on the District Business page of our website www.clallamcd.org/district-business.

- ◆ Technical assistance to 64 farms
- ◆ 3 heavy use areas installed
- ◆ 132 soil tests processed
- ◆ 3 aquifer recharge projects completed
- ◆ Financial assistance provided for repair of 2 failing septic systems
- ◆ Planting and maintenance on 8 CREP riparian restoration projects
- ◆ 20,350 native trees and shrubs sold, 17% increase over 2016
- ◆ Watershed education activities with 504 elementary students
- ◆ 163 participants in 9 horse & livestock water quality education events
- ◆ 160 participants in 8 sustainable landscaping workshops, presentations and courses
- ◆ 3.63 miles of irrigation pipeline installed, saving 2.5-3.0 cfs (~850 acre-feet) of Dungeness River water



McComb Road aquifer recharge project.

Expenditures totaled \$2,012,458. Grants – primarily state – comprised over 97 percent of revenues. Conservation practice implementation (not including staff time) accounted for about 84% of expenditures.

LONG RANGE PLAN UPDATED

Check out the District Business page of our website www.clallamcd.org/district-business to view our recently updated long range plan. An update of our *Resource Inventory* can be found there, as well. Alternatively, you can contact us to obtain printed copies of the *Long Range Plan* and *Resource Inventory*.

MANURE SHARE PROGRAM – “SHARE THE WEALTH”

If you have more manure than you can use on your farm, consider sharing. Clallam Conservation District’s *Manure Share Program* connects people who have manure, with people who want manure. If you have extra horse or livestock manure, call us and ask to be added to the *Supplier List*. If you are seeking manure, call us to request a copy of the *Supplier List*.

Be sure to properly compost manure to help ensure weed seeds and pathogens in the manure are killed. For tips on composting manure, visit our website at www.clallamcd.org/manure-share/.



Cover manure to ensure nutrients are retained in the manure/compost rather than leaching out with rainwater.

SOIL TESTING AVAILABLE

It’s a good idea to get a soil test for your gardens, lawns and pastures before adding manure, compost or fertilizer. For \$20, Clallam Conservation District will ship your soil sample to a lab to test the nutrients your soil may need (nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sulfur) and soil pH to help you achieve optimum growing conditions.

We also loan out soil probes for easy collection of soil samples. For more information, call our office or visit our website at www.clallamcd.org/soil-testing. Soil tests are accepted on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month in our office from 9:00am to 4:00pm**. Test results require two to three weeks to return from the lab. We can then help you interpret the results so you know what you need to add to amend your soil.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Landscaping with Native Plants Field Workshop

WHEN: Saturday, April 28 from 1:00 to 4:00

WHERE: Dungeness Recreation Area

COST: FREE, but pre-registration is required. Call 360-775-3747 x 5 or email: info@clallamcd.org

Hike trails near the Dungeness Wildlife Refuge with Conservation District Executive Director, Joe Holtrop, and learn to identify over 25 native trees and shrubs and how to incorporate them into your landscape.

Less Weeds, More Feed Workshop

WHEN: Wednesday, May 30, 3:00 to 4:30pm

WHERE: Robin Hill Farm Park

COST: FREE, but pre-registration is required. Call 360-775-3747 x 5 or email: info@clallamcd.org

Learn how to identify and control poisonous and noxious weeds, and manage, improve, and renovate pastures. Feel free to bring weeds from your pasture for identification. Presenters include Clallam County Noxious Weeds Coordinator Cathy Lucero and Conservation District staff.

WEED WATCH: Tansy Ragwort

- ◆ Biennial weed found in pastures, roadsides, vacant land.
- ◆ 1st year plant has rosette of ruffled, bright green leaves.
- ◆ 2nd year plant sends up spikelets of bright yellow flowers.
- ◆ Mature plant grows 1-4 feet.
- ◆ Toxic to livestock both in pasture and dried in hay.
- ◆ Call Clallam County Noxious Weed Control at 360-417-2442 to learn more about weed control.



Spring Grazing Safety and Laminitis



WHEN: Thursday, May 31, 3:00-4:30pm

WHERE: Olympic Peninsula Equine Network's (OPEN) equine rescue facility south of Sequim (directions given upon registration).

COST: FREE, but pre-registration is required. Call 360-775-3747 x 5 or email: info@clallamcd.org

Join Conservation District staff and farrier Joe Marceau (seen in photo at left giving a demonstration) for tips on safely grazing horses on spring pastures, and promoting hoof health for horses at risk for laminitis. Also tour OPEN's mud-free paddocks that can be used year round to help with grazing management.

Septics 101 Classes

WHEN: April 25, 6:00 - 8:30pm

WHERE: Clallam County Courthouse - Commissioners Meeting Room

Clallam County Onsite Septic System Homeowner Education program offers both in-person and online classes to teach the basics of OSS operation and maintenance.

Visit www.clallam.net/HHS/EnvironmentalHealth/onsite_septic_registration.html for more information on classroom sessions or to launch the online training.

\$100 Rebates Available for Septic Inspections

Clallam County Environmental Health has funds through the Washington Department of Health to provide rebates up to \$100 for OSS locates, inspections, and riser installation. Rebates are available through May.

Visit www.clallam.net/HHS/EnvironmentalHealth/onsite.html for more information.

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Clallam Conservation District is a sub-division 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 Clallam Conservation District office, 228 W First St., Suite H in Port Angeles (top floor of the Armory Square Building).

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