

## HATLER RE-ELECTED, BARNFATHER APPOINTED



Sequim-area resident Don Hatler has been re-elected to the Clallam Conservation District board of supervisors. Hatler was the only candidate to file for the position.

According to state conservation district elections rules (WAC 135-110-320), if the incumbent is the only eligible candidate to file for the position, no election is required. Polling, which had been scheduled for March 19, was therefore not conducted.

In addition, the Clallam Conservation District board of supervisors appointed Linda Barnfather, pictured at left, of Sequim to fill the remaining two years of Ashley Merscher's three-year elected term. Ms. Merscher resigned in January to attend graduate school out of state. Ms. Barnfather is an aide to Representative Kevin Van de Wege.

The appointed position currently held by Sequim-area dairy farmer Ben Smith expires this year. The deadline for applications to the appointed position is March 31. The application form and instructions can be found on the Conservation District website at [www.clallamcd.org](http://www.clallamcd.org) or on the Conservation Commission website at [www.scc.wa.gov](http://www.scc.wa.gov). Mr. Smith has submitted his application for re-appointment.

Five positions comprise the board of supervisors. Three are elected and two are appointed by the Washington State Conservation Commission. Each serves a three-year term of office without compensation.

The board of supervisors determines local conservation needs, establishes goals and oversees the implementation of plans to conserve soil, water, wildlife, and other renewable natural resources. They employ four staff, one of which is half-time, and oversee an annual budget ranging from \$1 million to \$2 million. Over 90 percent of the district's revenue comes in the form of grants. The conservation district is scheduled to update its five-year plan for natural resource conservation in 2012. The five-year plan serves as the guide for annual work plans and grant applications.

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## 2012 PLANT SALE

Thank you to everyone who ordered native plants from us this year. We are very pleased to report over 16,000 native plants found homes with over 225 Clallam County families. Don't forget to keep your plants well watered this spring and summer!!!

A special word of appreciation goes out to our 28 wonderful volunteers who donated 588 hours of their time to make our plant sale a success. Gayle Baker, Robert Buck, Janet Breuning, Mike Crayton, Kelsie Feten, Karl Fickas, Mike and Julie Gatchet, Arlene Honnold, Merrill Jefferson, Sandy Katuin, John and Debi Maguire, Bernadette McGovern, Gary McLaughlin, Tom Mix, Lila Morris, Debbie Nelson, Janet Oja, Bob and Jean Pfeiffer, Cherie Pickett, Ed and Linda Schreiner, Hannah Singhose, Dick Storch, Linda Toy and Chirlo Von Gontard all worked hard sorting, packaging and distributing plants. Thank you also to our bookkeeper Beth Loveridge for providing volunteers with a hearty lunch made from locally produced foods, Merrill & Ring for donating tree bags used for bundling orders and Steve Johnson for the use of his facilities at Lazy J Tree Farm.





# 2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Thanks in part to two grants—one from the EPA and the other from the Department of Ecology—that allowed us to provide cost sharing assistance, we were able to help 26 farm operations install 34 BMPs in 2011.

We provided technical and financial assistance to Dungeness Irrigation District to replace their lower canal in Dungeness with 8,664 feet of pipeline. We also assisted the Dungeness Irrigation Group with installation of approximately 3,100 feet of pipeline in Carlsborg south of Highway 101. In addition, we helped Agnew Irrigation District obtain a grant to install approximately four miles of pipeline. Financial assistance was provided to one farmer to convert a big gun irrigation sprinkler to a more efficient low pressure traveling boom sprinkler. These projects are expected to conserve approximately 3.5 cubic feet per second of Dungeness River water. In addition, water quality will be improved as some of these open ditches were impaired by horse and livestock access.

In 2011 236 individuals attended 15 sustainable landscaping educational events. In addition, 39 individuals participated in three horse and livestock water quality workshops and presentations. A total of 744 elementary school students participated in environmental education activities.

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

- ◆ 152 individuals assisted, included 83 soil tests
- ◆ 6 farm plans prepared or updated for 54 acres
- ◆ Heavy use area protection on 9 farms
- ◆ 30 acres of improved pasture and nutrient management on 8 farms
- ◆ Waste storage structures on 4 farms
- ◆ Roof runoff management on 4 farms
- ◆ 1,650 feet of riparian fencing on 3 farms
- ◆ 1 impassable culvert was replaced with a bridge

2011 expenditures totaled nearly \$1.08 million. Grants comprised over 95 percent of our revenues and cost sharing on conservation practice implementation accounted for nearly 70 percent of expenditures.



Fish-blocking culvert replaced with a bridge on Meadowbrook Creek near Dungeness.



**BEFORE:** Muddy horse pen posing a risk to water quality.



**AFTER:** Gravel heavy use area protection allows for collection of manure.



Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program planting



Waste storage structure for manure collection at a horse boarding facility

# **SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING CLASSES**



## **NATURAL LANDSCAPING SHORT COURSE**

**April 12, 19, 26** (Thursday evenings) at the Dungeness River Audubon Center in Sequim and  
**April 14 and 21** (Saturday afternoons) field trips

Join Conservation District manager Joe Holtrop to learn Permaculture design principles that serve as basis for creating sustainable landscapes with a naturalistic style. 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.

Please call (360) 452-1912 ext.5 or stop by our office at 1601 E. Front St., Bldg/Suite A in Port Angeles to register and pay a **\$20 materials fee**. Space is limited so please register early.

## **LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS FIELD WORKSHOP**

**April 28** - 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Dungeness Recreation Area  
**May 1** - 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Dungeness Recreation Area

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 plan and develop a natural landscape will also be provided.

This workshop is free, but registration is required. Please call (360) 452-1912 ext.5 to register.

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

### **READY, SET, GROW! MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR PASTURES**

**May 16 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, location to be announced** (between Sequim and Port Angeles)

Join Conservation District farm planners, Jennifer and Meghan, and tour pastures on a local farm to learn about management techniques designed to maximize grass productivity. Tips and techniques for timing of grazing, reseeding, fertilizing pastures and rotational grazing will all be covered in detail.

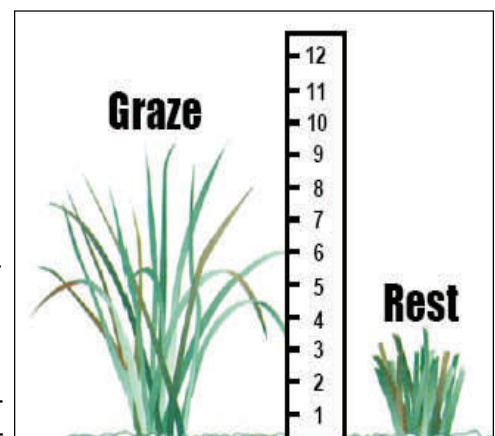
Due to space limitations, pre-registration is required.  
Call (360) 452-1912 ext. 109 to register.

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

**May 23 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Robin Hill Farm Park**  
(meet at north parking lot on Pinnell Road)

Clallam Conservation District is offering a free workshop on identification and control of poisonous and noxious weeds commonly found on farms. Guest speaker, Cathy Lucero, Clallam County's Noxious Weed Control Coordinator, will tour workshop participants through Robin Hill's demonstration pastures. Tips and techniques for eradicating weeds in pastures and hay fields will be discussed.

Call the Conservation District at (360) 452-1912 ext. 109 to register.



Allow pastures to reach a height of 6" to 8" before grazing, remove animals when stubble height is no shorter than 3" to 4".



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