

Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce (CREST)

Community Profile:

Population 35,000 (Clatsop County, OR), 21,500 (Pacific County, WA), 3,900 (Wahkiakum County, WA)

Location Lower Columbia River Basin

Position Description:

Sponsor Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce (CREST), Astoria, OR

Supervisor Kathy Taylor, Executive Director

Assignment

The RARE participant will serve as a Natural Resource Associate for CREST and will work with CREST staff to implement a wetland protection and enhancement strategy for the Lower Columbia River. This project is in cooperation with the Lower Columbia River Estuary Program (LCREP) and funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). CREST's previous RARE participant designed a database specific to the lower Columbia River to coordinate wetland protection and enhancement in the region. The new participant will be working to implement a prototype non-regulatory management framework within the jurisdictional boundaries of CREST (Clatsop, Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties). In order to do this, the participant will be in contact with staff of many governmental and non-governmental groups concerned with wetlands, write reports outlining strategies for wetland protection and enhancement, facilitate the transfer of information among groups, and maintain the existing database.

Required Skills

Knowledge of natural resource issues, especially wetlands; ability to use computer software; ability to work with people in a pleasant and professional manner.

RARE Member: *Scott Phillips - 1999-2000, Year 6 Participant*

Scott Phillips received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees (BA from University of Idaho, MA from University of Colorado) in Anthropology with a strong emphasis on Human Ecology. Since receiving his MA, he has worked in the private consulting sector in the field of Cultural Resources Management. He has been doing archeology work in the Rocky Mountain west region around Colorado. He has supervised a variety of projects involving diverse government, public and private organizations; compliance and non-compliance driven resource review; and field, office, and lab oriented work components. His main interests remain in investigating the environmental context of human society, past and present.