

Lower Nehalem Watershed Council

Community Profile:

Population 235 (city), 23,800 (county)

Location Nehalem, Tillamook County

Position Description:

Sponsor Lower Nehalem Watershed Council (LNWC), *Nehalem, OR*

Supervisor Maggie Peyton, Coordinator

Assignment

The RARE participant will work with the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council members and coordinator, the Technical Advisory Team, and Portland State University to identify, prioritize, develop, and implement projects aimed at improving watershed health and increasing native salmon populations. Using the newly completed Nehalem Watershed Assessment, the participant will assist the council to develop an Action Plan, define data gaps, and develop a plan for filling gaps. It is anticipated that the Action Plan will create a framework to identify, develop, and implement projects for fish passage improvement, riparian restoration, estuary habitat improvement, and volunteer monitoring. The participant will also work with the LNWC volunteer monitoring project.

Required Skills

GIS, ArcView, database management, and basic software skills; community outreach, public involvement, and presentation skills; volunteer organization and coordination.

RARE Member: *Skye Mendenhall - 1999-2000, Year 6 Participant*

Skye Mendenhall received her BS in Recreation and Leisure Studies, specializing in Park and Resource Management, from the University of Utah. Afterwards, she worked as a wilderness ranger with the US Forest Service and volunteered her time as an outdoor recreation guide for special needs populations. From 1996-98, Skye served with the Peace Corps in Cameroon, Central Africa, as an agroforestry extension agent. In addition to demonstrating soil conservation techniques, Skye also promoted environmental education, implemented village reforestation and water catchment protection projects, and initiated a regional celebration of the United Nation's Day of the Woman. Skye will be working with the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council.