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Second Annual Town Hall Meeting

Panel Specialist Biographies

Oregon Wild, a non-profit organization, works to protect and restore Oregon's wildlands, wildlife, and waters as an enduring legacy for all Oregonians and has been instrumental in securing permanent legislative protection for some of Oregon's most precious landscapes. With an active grassroots citizen network, Oregon Wild works to maintain environmental laws, while building broad community support for important campaigns. Oregon Wild is a Town Hall Meeting collaborator. <http://www.oregonwild.org>

Chandra LeGue, Oregon Wild's Western Oregon Field Coordinator, collaborates with conservation groups, federal land managers, and local stakeholders to promote Oregon Wild's vision for Oregon's public forest lands. With degrees in both biology and environmental studies, outreach and education are key facets of her job. Chandra is especially proud of her work to save Oregon's remaining old-growth forests. "These forests provide clean water and air, places for wildlife and fish, the scenic beauty that attracted me to the area, and my favorite places to hike and sit. We've destroyed enough of these amazing forests, and I'm very proud of our vision for restoring the forests we've already damaged." Contact Chandra at: cl@oregonwild.org or 541-344-0675

Pacific Rivers Council, a non-profit organization and one of the most influential river conservation groups in the country, has received national acclaim for its innovative river protection and restoration approaches, their mission is to protect and restore rivers, their watersheds, and native aquatic species for present and future generations – and for the intrinsic virtues of rivers themselves. The council, comprised of leading scientists, economists, and business, government and policy specialists, advocates a ***whole watershed*** approach to land management. Pacific Rivers Council facilitated making *Behind the Emerald Curtain* and collaborated in planning the Town Hall Meeting. <http://www.pacificrivers.org>

Greg Haller, Pacific Rivers Council's Conservation Director, has over ten years experience working in collaborative processes focused on complex river basin management issues. With a degree in water law and Native American law as well as a Master's degree in environmental management and natural resource economics, Greg has collaborated on the development of the Nez Perce water rights settlement, hydropower operations in the Columbia River Basin, relicensing of the Hells Canyon Complex, and the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads and other provisions of the Clean Water Act. Pacific Rivers Council is a Town Hall Meeting collaborator. Contact Greg at: greg@pacificrivers.org or 503-228-3555

Geoff Wullschlager, City Manager of Wheeler, Oregon. With a Master's degree in Public Administration and a B.S. degree in Environmental Studies, Geoff represents local government and the critical support a city manager provides for all sections of the city government and citizens of the community, including clean air and water. His responsibilities include management of services to the public: oversight of public works, administration of city ordinances, public representation and relationship management with neighboring communities, county, state, and federal representatives, land use planning oversight for municipality and urban growth areas, city council and commission advisement, and grant writing and financial development planning for continued municipal success. Contact Geoff at: citymgrwheeler@nehalem.tel.net or 503-368-5767

Deke Gunderson, Ph.D, an environmental science professor at Pacific University, teaches courses in environmental science; environmental biology, toxicology, and problem-solving; and human and animal physiology. Deke's areas of research include: aquatic toxicology and adaptational fish physiology; ecotoxicology; toxicant effects on fisheries, particularly on reproductive success; the use of in vitro systems to assess toxicity mechanisms on physiological processes in fish; the use of biomarkers to assess the health of endangered and threatened fish in large river systems. His most recent research has been published in the *Bulletin of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology*. Contact Deke at deke@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2276

North Fork Studios, a multi-media production company, specializes in "video and audio production storytelling for outdoor /adventure/conservation related content." Some of the multi-media produced by North Fork Studios include: *Wild Reverence*- a documentary/story about disappearing salmon habitat, *Behind The Emerald Curtain* (in connection with Pacific Rivers Council)- a documentary/story about coastal forests, *Outside the Fly Box*- fishing tips from experts, and *Forest to Faucets: Clean Water or Clear Cuts?* – a documentary/story about Oregon clear cuts in riparian zones.
<http://www.northforkstudios.net>

Shane Anderson, owner and filmmaker for North Fork Studios, began his interest in film and video as a professional skier in 1998 while co-producing groundbreaking ski movies. After a skiing accident, Shane revisited areas he fished as a youth, where the disappearing salmon caught his attention. After working in and around the film industry in Los Angeles for 8 years, it was a natural fit for Shane to embark on his own path merging his love for the outdoors with his love for visual storytelling and production. Shane has worked on commercials, feature films, TV, radio, and documentary mediums. Contact Shane at: northforkstudios@gmail.com or 360-688-3954

Beyond Toxics, a non-profit organization, works to guarantee environmental protection and health for all communities and residents. They seek the root causes of toxic pollution and help communities find effective, lasting solutions. Their priorities include: guaranteeing an equal right to have clean air, clean water, unpolluted soils, safe consumer products, and a healthy community in which to live; promoting environmental and social justice and public participation in decision-making concerning public and environmental health policies; protecting children's health by using the precautionary principle as the standard by which policy decisions are made regarding human health and the environment; and promoting meaningful opportunities to choose non-toxic alternatives to the use, manufacture, and disposal of hazardous chemicals, products, and emissions. Beyond Toxics is a Town Hall Meeting Sponsor.

Lisa Arkins, Beyond Toxics Executive Director, has accumulated deep experience in toxics use reduction advocacy, land use planning, environmental protection, and strategic development for non-profit organizations. She initiated legislation for the Oregon State Senate that changed the statewide discussion regarding pesticides, drift, and children's health and resulted in key legislation to reduce pesticides at all schools and state property in Oregon. Lisa serves on a number of state workgroups on toxics, health, air quality and water quality. Contact Lisa at: larkin@beyondtoxics.org or 541-465-8860