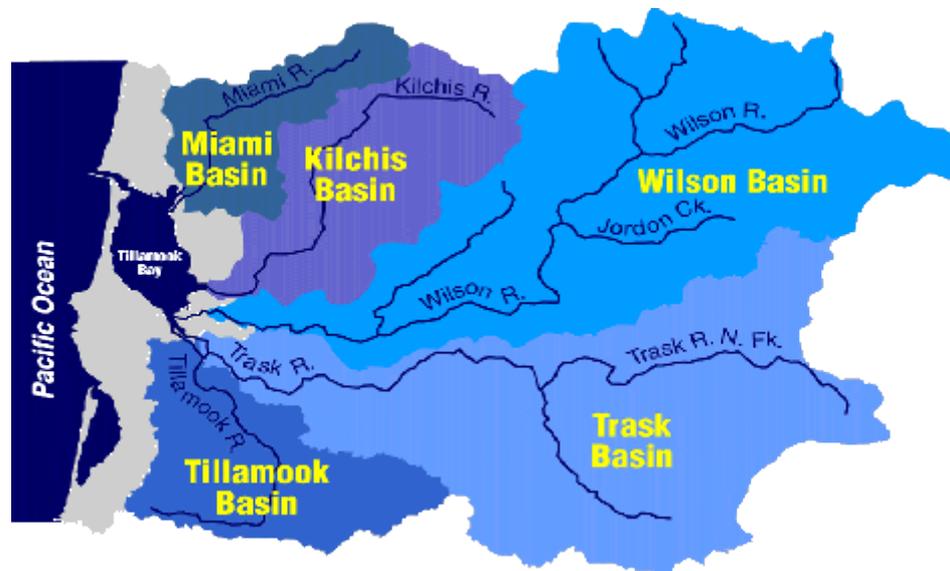


Tillamook Bay

WATERSHED COUNCIL

2014 Annual Report



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TBWC Mission Statement

The Council's mission is to build collaborative, voluntary partnerships with communities and landowners, to protect, maintain and improve the health of the Tillamook Bay Watershed through on-the-ground restoration projects, educational outreach programs, and other community-engagement activities.



Benefits to Tillamook County

- We help create jobs in and around Tillamook County.
- 80% of the dollars spent on restoration projects stay in the county, and 90% stay in the state*
- Our work represents direct investments in local infrastructure.
- Every restoration dollar spent multiplies into the local economy 2 to 4 fold.*

*Nielsen-Pincus, M. and C. Moseley. 2010. "Economic and Employment Impacts of Forest and Watershed Restoration in Oregon." University of Oregon: Ecosystem Workforce Program, Working Paper Number 24.



Summary of 2014 Activities

- **Outreach & Education** – THS and TBCC students learned valuable trade skills while contributing to data collection efforts on two major stream enhancement projects.
- **Killam Creek Habitat Enhancement Project** – 97 large logs placed in this Tillamook River tributary, and coho salmon are already enjoying the benefits. Replanting this coming spring.
- **Bear-Mill Creek Fish Passage Project** – Tillamook County Public Works provided exemplary project and contract management, completing the new Brickyard Road culvert on time and under budget.
- **Coordinator search & hire** - New hire as of September 29th.
- **New office at POTB** – Excellent new space with proximity to SWCD and NRCS.

Outreach & Education

Clean Water Festival

Each year, the TBWC supports TEP's Clean Water Festival. The Clean Water Festival educates approximately 300 Tillamook County 4th grade students about the importance of clean water and healthy watersheds.

Salmon Watch

Each year, TBWC council members and staff co-sponsor Salmon Watch with Tillamook County School District #9. This year, approximately 160 7th graders , 64 high school students and 14 community science coaches participated in Salmon Watch, learning about salmon biology, the importance of the good water quality and the preservation of salmon habitat.

Down by the Riverside

Each year, TBWC council members and staff support TEP's event, Down by the Riverside event which provides hands-on education about riparian areas, plants, and animals that call this place home.

Holden Creek Cleanup

TBWC is a partner in the Holden Creek working group. This year, Council members led High school students in the removal of trash and the pulling of invasive plants to help restore the creek's riparian zone.

Killam Creek Habitat Enhancement

TBWC and Aquatic Contracting, worked with Stimson Lumber to place 97 large logs over a 2.25 mile section of stream. Sponsors included OWEB, USFWS, NCSSEF, and Stimson Lumber.

**Total budget:
\$65,000**



Bear-Mill Creek Fish Passage



The Brickyard Road crossing over Bear Creek was replaced with a large, fish-friendly culvert, an improved road and a steel guardrail. Tillamook County Public works took on all project management and contract management duties and oversaw the project to a successful completion, on time and on budget.

Total budget: \$179,000

Upcoming Projects

- **Mill Creek Habitat Enhancement** – Large wood placement and riparian planting to improve important local spawning and rearing habitat for salmon and trout in the Trask River floodplain.
- **Ben Smith Creek Habitat Enhancement** – Large wood and boulder placement in a priority habitat area in the upper Wilson River basin.
- **Action Plan Development** – With the help of a contracted planning expert, the Council will collaborate with its Restoration Committee on a 10-year plan to meet OWEB guidelines.
- **Web Site Development** – Look for the launch of our web-log this winter, featuring Council announcements, project updates, and stories related to Tillamook Bay Watershed.
- **Board Development** – TBWC is actively looking for local stakeholders to join in our watershed conservation vision. Do you know someone who might be interested?

Thank you!

To our Partners, Board Members & Volunteers: Your help and support is appreciated, and it is helping to make our community stronger every day. Thank you.

We encourage you to attend one of our monthly meetings and contribute your voice. The Tillamook Bay Watershed Council meets the last Tuesday of each month at the Tillamook County Library at 6:30 pm. Most meetings feature speakers who talk about water-related issues that impact the citizens of the Tillamook Bay Watershed and the greater Tillamook County. All members of the public are welcome to attend. Volunteers are always welcome and needed.