



Scott River Watershed Council

Creating Community Based Solutions

Summer 2011

Watershed Education—Scott Valley Unified School District

During the past school year, California Fish and Game, the Fish and Wildlife Service and Sue Maurer led a very informative watershed fieldtrip for the Etna Elementary School's 4th grade class. The students were able to visit the fish counting weir operated by CDFG on the Scott River near Indian Scotty Campground. CDFG employees Morgan Knechtle and Gerry

Silva explained how the fish weir and screening worked in order to help identify how many fish were migrating up the Scott River. Sue and her crew (Levi White and Adam Robinson) continued with a trip to a local cabin located on the Scott River, a location with prime spawning areas. After lunch, the kids were able to get hands-on experience in dissecting several large salmon which were supplied by the Irongate hatchery.



Message from the Board—What's new in 2011.

This past spring the SRWC advertised and hired a new Watershed Council Coordinator. As of May, Danielle Yokel is the new coordinator for the SRWC!

In addition we just moved into new office space. Come visit our new office in the Bob's Ranch

House Complex. Our address is 591c Collier Way, right next door to Marty the Barber!

If you have any questions, ideas, workshop requests, etc, contact us at 467-5511 or coordsrwc@sisqtel.net.

Office Hours: Currently by appointment only.

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Membership Request Form

As an interested stakeholder within the Scott River watershed, please add me as a member of the General Council of the Scott River Watershed Council. I am in support of the PURPOSE STATEMENT. I realize that the SRWC does not serve a regulatory role, and understand that the SRWC is a forum for discussion, facilitates dissemination of information, and encourages cooperation. I also understand that the SRWC can make recommendations to the Siskiyou RCD, and to local, state and federal decision makers from projects to policy. As a member of the SRWC, I am not being asked to do anything that is not voluntary. As a member, I am encouraged to stay informed on the issues, attend informational meetings if possible and voice my opinion if I feel the need. I also realize I may cancel my membership at anytime by submitting a written request to any Board or Director or the Council Coordinator.

NAME OR NAMES: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **Daytime** _____ **Evening**

Purpose Statement

The SRWC provides for a volunteer, multi-interest effort to cooperatively seek solutions in order to help improve local resources and facilitate community collaboration on watershed issues through a membership that:

- Stays informed on community resource issues by receiving notices and agendas of upcoming meetings, by attending meetings and activities on topics of interest, and by reading pertinent watershed information.
- Promotes effective, voluntary solutions on issues that face our watershed and related communities.
- Focuses on the recognition and sustainability of Scott Valley's unique way of life.
- Is willing to voluntarily participate in the process minimally or fully engaged.

The primary principles of the SRWC's efforts will be based on voluntarily conserving and enhancing the natural resources of the Scott River Watershed. In its activities, the SRWC will conduct itself with the upmost regard for:

- ◆ Individual life, liberty, and property;
- ◆ Customs and culture of the area;
- ◆ The linkage of communities and the environment.

Who we are

The History of the Council

- In 1992 the Siskiyou Resource Conservation District (RCD) sponsored the Scott River Watershed Coordinated Resource Management Planning Council (CRMP)
- On November 16, 1999, The CRMP was officially dissolved and on that same day restructured as the Scott River Watershed Council.
- Thousands of hours have already been donated by Scott River stakeholders, and for that we give thanks. Let's keep it going as the work continues on!

SRWC Board Members

Larry Alexander, Mike Bryan, Jad Dickson, Charnna Gilmore,

Marilyn Seward, Michael Stapleton, Steve Ziegler

SRWC Coordinator

Danielle Yokel

May 1st Snow Survey Results– KNF

According to USFS measurements, the snowpack depth for the Scott Valley was at 176% above normal on May 1st. Snow depth and water content are measured monthly by KNF employees from February 1st through May 1st. The information is forwarded to the State of California, where the data is compiled with other snow reports and becomes part of the California Cooperative Snow Survey program, managed by the CA Dept. of Water Resources. The information is used to help the State forecast the amount of water available for agricultural uses, power generation, and stream flow releases later in the year. For a full press release visit the Klamath National Forest website or contact Maija Meneks on the Salmon/Scott River District at (530) 468-1272

NEWS NOTE: SCOTT RIVER TMDL CONDITONAL WAIVER EXTENDED

At the quarterly meeting on June 22nd, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board approved a short term extension of the Conditional Waiver for Discharges Related to Specific Land Management Activities in the Scott River Watershed . The Waiver, which would expire August 9, 2011, is now extended through March 2012.

Based on information received from a local workshop in April and subsequent additional information, the extended Waiver will allow the Board time to incorporate that information into a revised waiver. The extension will maintain continued coverage of specific land management activities while the revised waiver is developed.

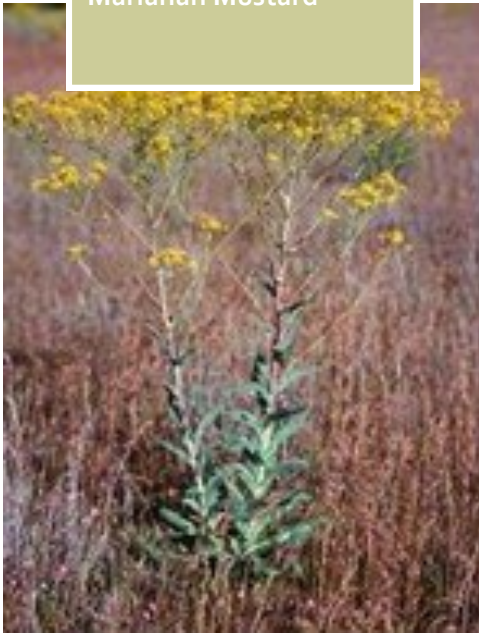
Anyone wishing additional information about the waiver or Scott River TMDLs, may contact Bryan McFadin at 707 576 2751.

2011 SISKIYOU SALMON FESTIVAL SET FOR OCTOBER 20TH

Every K-8 student in Siskiyou County is invited to attend the Siskiyou Salmon Festival on Thursday, October 20, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., in Fort Jones on the large lot between the Babe Ruth Park and the Community Church. This year's Festival will be strictly for elementary school students and is limited to the one day. New educational and fun activities related to the return of the salmon are being added to the program. Preliminary invitations have been mailed to as many schools as possible, but the Festival Planning Committee wants to make certain that home schools, private schools, charter schools are also included. The Festival mission statement clearly states that the curriculum is educational and entertaining and that there will be no political implications. Committee members are from Shasta RCD, DFG, QVIR, FWS, SRWC and AmeriCorp, with QVIR serving as lead agency this year. For further information, call Marla Bennett at 468 5907 or email Marla@qvir.com.

Noxious Weeds

Marlahan Mustard



“From the 1974 Federal Noxious Weed Act:

Noxious Weed means any living stage, such as seeds and reproductive parts, of any parasitic or other plant of a kind, which is of foreign origin, is new to or not widely prevalent in the United States, and can directly or indirectly injure crops, other useful plants, livestock, or poultry or other interests of agriculture, including irrigation, or navigation, or the fish or wildlife resources of the United States or the public health,

Dyer's Woad (aka Marlahan Mustard)

Native to Southeastern Russia, Dyers woad has been a historically important plant used in making indigo dyes. It was first discovered in California in the Scott Valley and is believed to have been imported in contaminated alfalfa seed from Ireland in the early 1900s. Dyers woad has spread throughout Northern California and is currently listed as a CDFA Class B noxious weed.

Prevention: Dyers woad has frequently spread via contaminated hay and alfalfa, and on mowing and harvesting equipment. Invasions initially occur along roadsides and then move into adjacent fields or rangelands. Eliminating solitary plants along roadsides is critical to avoid larger problems.

Removal: Hand pulling is an effective method to reduce infestations. It is critical to remove the crown to prevent resprouting. Hand pulling is easiest after the plants have bolted but should be done before seed set. **If seed set has already occurred, mowing may aid in reducing seed production.** Most hand pulling programs have indicated it is necessary to followup for several years to prevent reinfestation. The longevity of the seed in the soil seedbank is currently unclear, but it is believed that the seedbank may persist for several years. **Biological Control:** A native rust pathogen, *Puccinia thlaspeos*, was observed to attack dyers woad in Idaho. The rust enters the plant through the leaves and is systemic in nature. Severely infected plants produce few to no seed and mortality is frequent in infected seedlings and rosettes. However, this pathogen is not currently registered for use as an approved biological control agent in California. (<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/ipc/weedinfo/isatis.htm>)

For more information on Marlahan Mustard (dyers woad) and other noxious weeds, go to the following website.

http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/ipc/weedinfo/wininfo_table-commname.htm

Upcoming Events

- **July 7-** Siskiyou RCD Regular Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **July 12** -Regular SRWC Board of Directors meeting. Bobs Ranch House 11:00-1:00
- Lower Scott Firesafe Council 7:00-8:00 p.m. Fort Jones Community Center.
- **July 14-** Beaver workshop. Yreka USFWS office 9-12
- **July 20-** Quartz Valley Area Firesafe Council 3:00-4:00 p.m. Scott Valley Fire Protection District Fire Station in Greenview.
- **July 21** -State Water Resources Control Board Public Workshop on Agricultural Water Use Efficiency. 9:00-4:00 Sacramento's Cal/EPA Building - Coastal Hearing Rm, 1001 I ST. http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/interam_flows/docs/not_wdm070111.pdf

July 2011

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Did You Know?

Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee (Siskiyou County RAC)

RAC funds have been awarded to the following project types: fuels/fire prevention, fish habitat improvement, forest health, forest infrastructure, native species improvement, noxious weed abatement, recreation trail improvement/maintenance, wildlife habitat improvement, and forest road management. Many of the RAC funds were leveraged or matched by other agencies or partners and utilized local contractors and community members.

Dollars awarded from 2008 until present:

2008 = \$689,678,

2009 = \$620,410

2010 = \$559,706

The three-year total \$1,869,794. A further breakdown of project dollars awarded by location is as follows:

- ◇ Salmon-Scott River Ranger District = \$700,889
- ◇ Goosenest Ranger District = \$140,000
- ◇ Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District = \$493,945
- ◇ Shasta McCloud Management Unit = \$194,229
- ◇ Siskiyou-Wide Projects = \$311,789

Klamath National Forest 2010 Timber Harvest

2010 Klamath National Forest Timber Sales = approximately 37,000 mbf with a value of \$431,446 was sold. This includes the value of firewood, boughs, mushroom and Christmas Permits sold in 2010. It also includes stewardship volumes.

For more information contact:

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*Visit us at our new office at 591c Collier Way!
Located in the Bobs' Ranch House Complex,
between Marty's Barbershop and Todd Peterson,
Attorney at Law.*

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