NCCWP Summer Update and Oregon Shores Explore Nehalem With An Expert

North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection

It's been an exciting summer for NCCWP! We've been out there collecting signatures and talking to the community about the importance of protecting our watersheds and we have 1349 signatures so far! Please save the date for our volunteer and friends celebration: Tuesday, August 15 at 5:30PM. Join us for a meal at Nancy Lanyon's home to celebrate the success of our petitioning and community engagement efforts.

We'd also love to have you join us (or just come visit!) at one of these upcoming tabling/petition gathering opportunities:

- This Saturday, 7/29 from noon-6PM at the KMNU Block Party in Astoria
- Next Wednesday, 8/2 from 2-6PM at the Seaside Farmers Market
- Next Saturday, 8/5 from 10AM-6PM at the Rockaway Arts & Crafts Fair
- Saturday, 7/12 from 9-2PM at the Tillamook Farmers Market (still to be confirmed)

And one more date for your calendars: In the evening of Friday, September 15 we will celebrate the launch of the Astoria chapter of the NCCWP! Join us for a film screening and much more. Stay tuned for details!

North **C**oast **C**ommunities for **W**atershed **P**rotection (formerly Rockaway Beach Citizens for Watershed Protection) is a grassroots group working, through education and advocacy, for better protections of the water we drink, the air we breathe, and the forests that sustain us.

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Please also check out this upcoming opportunity with our friends at Oregon Shores.

We are delighted to invite our supporters on the North Coast to join us for an exciting opportunity to explore and learn more about our local ecology with renowned coastal ecologist Stewart Schultz this summer! We have three engaging events scheduled in Nehalem on August 3 and August 4, complete with dinner and insightful discussions.

Dr. Schultz, the esteemed author of <u>The Northwest Coast: A Natural History</u>, will lead captivating walking explorations in two distinct environments of Nehalem Bay. Participants will gain invaluable knowledge about the diverse plants and animals thriving in Nehalem Bay, as well as the significant role played by tides in shaping the ecosystem. Oregon teachers attending these events can also utilize them as Professional Development Units (PDUs).

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As space is limited, we kindly ask you to register separately for each event using the provided links below:

- 1. <u>August 3rd, Salt Marsh Walk</u>: The walk commences at 8 a.m. from the end of Bayside Gardens Road in Nehalem. Please note that parking is extremely limited, but carpooling or a shuttle service is available. Early bird registration is \$30, and regular registration is \$35.
- 2. <u>August 3rd, Dinner and Discussion</u>: Join us at 5 p.m. in the gallery/kitchen rooms of the North County Recreation District (36155 9th Street in Nehalem) for a delightful dinner and stimulating discussions. The early bird registration fee is \$15, and the regular registration fee is \$25.
- 3. <u>August 4th, Intertidal Estuary Walk</u>: The walk will commence at 9 a.m. from the Nehalem Bay State Park Boat Launch. Please note that a day pass is required for this event. Early bird registration is \$30, and regular registration is \$35.

Dr. Schultz is a leading expert in coastal ecology, particularly in the Pacific Northwest. With extensive experience studying the Oregon coast, he is the perfect guide to the shoreline environment. An Oregonian himself, he spent his youth exploring the shores near Gearhart. He pursued his education at Reed College and obtained his doctorate in botany from the University of British Columbia. Over the years, he has worked for the Nature Conservancy, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, gaining invaluable field experience before becoming a professor at the University of Miami and now the University of Zadar in Croatia. During the academic year, his studies encompass marine ecology and his specialization in plant evolution and genetics, but each summer, he returns to the Oregon coast to share his passion for shoreline science.

If you have any questions regarding these events, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to exploring the wonders of our local ecology together!



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