

On Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 pm, Herb Hammond, a forest ecologist and retired professional forester with over 45 years of experience in the fields of forest research, forest stewardship plans, consultation, and public education, will give a Zoom talk entitled “Forests for Water or Timber: A Clearcut Problem.” Mr. Hammond and his spouse, Susan, co-founded the Silva Forest Foundation, a non-profit organization devoted to research and guidance in ecosystem-based conservation planning. He has helped Indigenous and rural communities across several continents create over 25 ecosystem-based conservation plans. Mr. Hammond has been the recipient of Canada’s Gold Award for Sustainable Living and has authored several award-winning books, including “Seeing the Forest Among the Trees: The Case for Wholistic Forest Use.”

The presentation is being coordinated by the North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection, in collaboration with the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition, the Lower Nehalem Community Trust, and the Peachland Watershed Protection Alliance (Peachland, BC). In his presentation, Mr. Hammond will address what comprises a healthy watershed, how watersheds provide high quality water in moderate flows, and how water may be degraded by inappropriate human activities. He will also discuss the current health of watersheds, both forested and clearcut, ranging from coastal Oregon to British Columbia. This will provide insight into the direct interactions between deforestation, extreme weather events, and climate change. Mr. Hammond will address what needs to be done to restore and safeguard forested drinking water sources. He will include his personal insights based on his review of reports and images on the current condition of Jetty Creek Watershed, which is the primary source of drinking water for Rockaway Beach. Mr. Hammond’s talk will conclude with a question-and-answer period. Register here: https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/VPHvQ4TcXM3dGGdiF8OAAQ?t=1699485596.

This event is hosted by the North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection (formerly known as Rockaway Beach Citizens for Watershed Protection), a 13-year-old grassroots organization located on the North Coast of Oregon. While NCCWP opposes logging and spraying in all drinking watersheds, we continue to focus on Jetty Creek in Rockaway Beach because it offers the best example of how logging activities were allowed to compromise, and possibly destroy, a town's drinking water. Our goal is to prevent logging and spraying in our drinking watersheds. Our mission is to raise awareness to accomplish this goal.

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