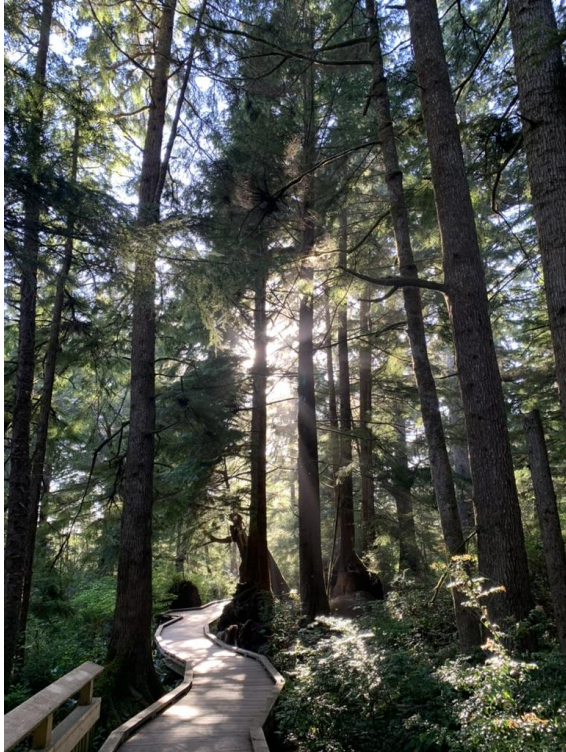




Every day is Earth Day!

Hello Friends:

Every day is Earth Day, but especially [April 22](#), when people all over the world celebrate the natural world, its defenders, and the movement to protect it. Peace and Justice now — save our Earth!

We hope to see you at the following upcoming local events sponsored by North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection:

Community Meetings:

All are welcome at our monthly meetings in Astoria and Rockaway Beach.

We meet in Rockaway Beach on the last Tuesday of each month at St. Mary by the Sea Parish Hall, 275 S. Pacific Street, Rockaway Beach, at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 28.

The Astoria Chapter of NCCWP holds its monthly meetings at 4:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at Kala, 1017 Marine Drive in Astoria. The next meeting is April 15.

Saturday, April 18: NCCWP is excited to present “Coastal Futures: The Path Forward.” Join us to learn more about coastal sustainability and engage in a discussion to plan for a more environmentally and socially resilient future in Rockaway Beach!

This new presentation by students in the Master of Landscape Architecture program at the University of Oregon covers five primary issues that are facing our, and other, North Coast communities:

- Tourism: designing a stronger, more balanced future
- Food systems: food insecurity, access and affordability
- Hydrology: improving resilience to flooding and pollution and improving water quality
- Ecology: regional biodiversity, past and present ecosystems, logging and development impacts and opportunities for improving watersheds and wetlands
- Coastal Protection: city planning in an area with unique flooding and erosion challenges, pathways for dealing with increased risk from rising sea levels and climate disruption. Planning for a more climate resilient community

Each section has interesting facts, data, scientific support, and suggestions for a more climate resilient community. Our community, and others like ours, can use this information in comprehensive planning and ordinance development to provide short and long-term protection for our citizens and wildlife. It emphasizes the complex and vital connections we have with our land and water environments, and how we must protect the natural world in order to ensure our personal well-being and public health. More information is included in an attachment to this email.

Free admission. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

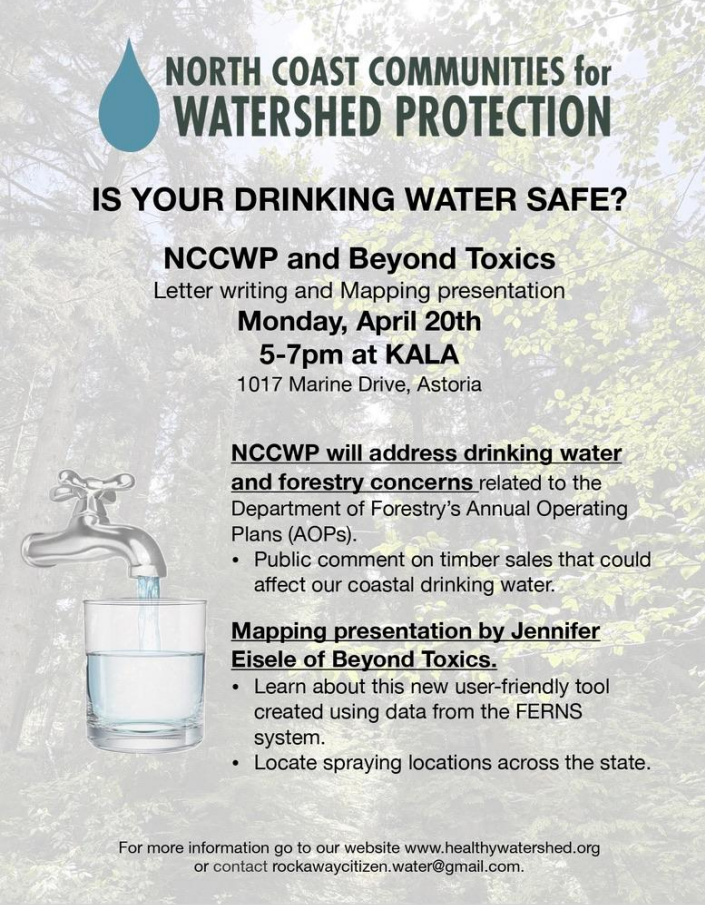
The event will also be accessible by Zoom at: <https://uoregon.zoom.us/j/97287806110>
Saturday, April 18, at 10 a.m., St. Mary by the Sea Parish Hall, 275 S. Pacific Street, Rockaway Beach

We're still looking for volunteers for this April 18 event:

Contact Nancy at rockawaycitizen.water@gmail.com if you can help out.



Monday, April 20: A letter-writing and mapping event in Astoria will address pesticide spraying and the new Oregon Department of Forestry's (ODF) Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for the Astoria District. Please join NCCWP for a letter writing event to address upcoming timber sales in our local state forests. Attendees will be provided with materials and talking points to help guide letter writing. Bring a friend! This year's planned sales include nearly 900 acres of new clearcuts on public and private lands. Over 1500 acres are to be sprayed with toxic chemicals. Some of the proposed harvests include drinking watersheds and trees up to 116 years old!



NORTH COAST COMMUNITIES for WATERSHED PROTECTION

IS YOUR DRINKING WATER SAFE?

NCCWP and Beyond Toxics
Letter writing and Mapping presentation
Monday, April 20th
5-7pm at KALA
1017 Marine Drive, Astoria

NCCWP will address drinking water and forestry concerns related to the Department of Forestry's Annual Operating Plans (AOPs).

- Public comment on timber sales that could affect our coastal drinking water.

Mapping presentation by Jennifer Eisele of Beyond Toxics.

- Learn about this new user-friendly tool created using data from the FERNS system.
- Locate spraying locations across the state.

For more information go to our website www.healthywatershed.org or contact rockawaycitizen.water@gmail.com.

Currently, somewhere between 11% and 17% of the forestlands in the Astoria District are considered “older forests” with “complex structure.” The Key Performance Measure in the Forest Management Plan calls for at least 30% of the forestlands in the Astoria District to have “complex structure.” So, this AOP is going in the opposite direction! Please join us for this important chance to make our voices heard.

The AOPs can be found [here](#). Scroll down for the Astoria District. Comments are due by May 18.

This event will also include a presentation by Jennifer Eisle of [Beyond Toxics](#). Their new mapping program is a first-of-its-kind map which details intended pesticide applications in Oregon forests from 2014 to 2024. It uses data from the Forestry Electronic Registry Notification System (FERNS) to support and inform residents impacted by pesticide use

on both public and private lands. The industry has been getting a free pass — it's time to change!

Monday, April 20 from 4:30-7 p.m. at KALA, 1017 Marine Dr., Astoria. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Thursday, June 4: Screening of “Free to Grow” Jesse Andrew Clark screens his short documentary, “Free to Grow,” which explores the impact of industrial pesticide use on Oregon families. Jennifer Eisele will offer instruction for Beyond Toxics’ user-friendly mapping tool to locate pesticide spraying and logging activities across the State of Oregon. Bay City Arts Center, 5680 A Street, Bay City, Oregon, 4-6 p.m.

Ongoing: NCCWP and the Rockaway Beach Public Library present an exhibit, “What is a Wetland?” The display offers maps, illustrations, and explains the importance of wetlands for environmental health and clean drinking water. The exhibit runs through May at 120 N. Coral Street in Rockaway Beach..



Updates

The City of Rockaway Beach signed an agreement to purchase, by the end of the year, 800 acres of forestland of which about 600 acres is in the lower part of the Jetty Creek watershed, the City's primary drinking water source. The purchase price of \$4.35 million will be covered in large part by a loan and grants from the State. It will be purchased from L&C Tree Farms LLC which Nuveen Natural Capital has owned since 2017.

Our work at NCCWP continues to involve the community in monitoring and advocating for best practices to protect drinking water. Given global warming and water scarcity, we need the strongest protections. This is not a time for compromise. The mountain beavers will be watching.

<https://forestry.ubc.ca/news/the-hidden-world-of-microorganisms-vital-for-forest-health/>

Thanks once again to [Oregon Shores](#) and [Crag Law Center](#) for our recent victories at the State Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA)! Without Crag's help, we would be watching the trees and huckleberry bushes being cut down in Nedonna Beach. One housing project has been halted. We are optimistic about *permanently* protecting that land — and the clean drinking water, fish, and wildlife it supports — by reaching out to land conservancy groups and by advocating for strong legal protections. We couldn't have made it this far without the grassroots effort that included local neighbors and friends who support wetland protection. Thank you all!

Links

Professor Kaveh Madani, Director of the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH), has been named the 2026 Stockholm Water Prize laureate, the world's most prestigious award for outstanding achievements in water. In this interview, Madani ties the antiwar and climate struggles together and calls for wider popular resistance to the long-term environmental harms of global warfare:

https://www.democracynow.org/2026/4/1/iran_war_environmental_effects

These findings from research in Peru are useful to help our communities and officials understand and reduce risks from agricultural pesticides:

<https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/1121918>

Isolated fragments of quality habitat are insufficient for forest bird conservation, research shows:

The value goes up massively when the surrounding landscape is more hospitable.

<https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/1122999>

Ways to Get Involved

- Summer tabling events (locations in Tillamook, Rockaway Beach, Seaside, Astoria)
- Help with monitoring ongoing logging and pesticide applications
- Hanging posters for upcoming events



About us

NCCWP wants no more logging and pesticide use in community water sources regardless of who owns the land, and wants an end to pesticide applications near where people live, work, and recreate. Safe drinking water and clean air are part of the public trust that we all are entitled to have. Please help North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection safeguard and restore our drinking watersheds.

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