



NORTH COAST COMMUNITIES for WATERSHED PROTECTION



Water is Life!

Dear Friends:

North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection is looking forward to a busy spring and summer. First up, we'd like to invite you to a free community screening of Jesse Andrew Clark's new film, "Free to Grow."

June 4: Screening of "Free to Grow" with mapping info from Beyond Toxics

[Old Grove Films](#), [Beyond Toxics](#), and North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection present a screening of "Free to Grow," with filmmaker Jesse Andrew Clark in attendance. The half-hour documentary explores the impact of industrial pesticide use on Oregon families. Oregonians have taken up the fight against aerial herbicide spraying by the forestry industry for over fifty years — but has public safety around these substances improved?

After the film, Jennifer Eisele from Beyond Toxics will discuss practical ways that coastal residents can keep track of spraying in their communities and watersheds. This includes a first-of-its-kind map which plots pesticide applications in Oregon forests from 2014 to 2024. We will also provide resources to sign up for future forestry herbicide spray notifications through the Oregon Forestry Activity Electronic Reporting and Notification System ([FERNS](#)). Admission is free. Bay City Arts Center, 5680 A Street, Bay City, Oregon, Thursday, June 4, doors at 5:45 p.m., film at 6 p.m.



ACTION ALERT

May 18: Deadline to comment on State Forest Operating Plans

The State of Oregon has released its annual operations plan for timber harvest and state forest management, here: <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/working/pages/aops.aspx>

The Astoria District plan includes calls for up to 679 acres of trees 81-116 years old to be clearcut (not including partial cuts); up to 283 acres of complex structure (according to ODF classification) clearcut including 112 acres OFS and 171 acres LYR; **231 acres of trees over 100-116 years old to be harvested!**

The Astoria plan also calls for 1200 acres to be sprayed with toxic and dangerous chemicals from helicopters. An additional 200 acres is to be sprayed by ground application (very dangerous for the workers doing the spraying). Several of the proposed harvest sites have domestic drinking water points of diversion.

The Tillamook District plan is estimated to produce 50.5 million board feet in volume. This translates into a planned 1,617 acres of clearcuts and a planned application of pesticides (ground and aerial) on 1,829 acres. This, while 40% of Tillamook residents source their drinking water from state forests!

We need them to know that we are watching and that we want **ODF to stop the removal of trees over 80 years old and an end to the pesticide use** that is part of logging operations. There should be no more pesticide spraying and logging within designated drinking water sources.

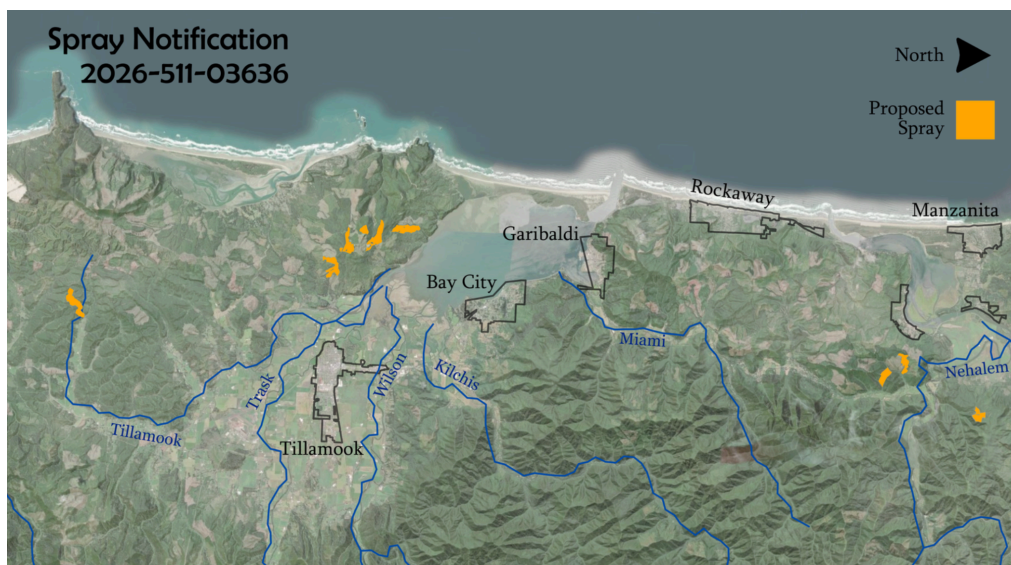
Please write! You may comment [online](#) or via email at odf.sfcomments@odf.oregon.gov or by mail to ODF Public Affairs, 2600 State Street, Salem, OR 97310. Comments must be received by May 18 at 5 p.m. to be considered by the Board of Forestry.

May 19: General Election

Don't forget to vote! If you are a registered voter in Lane County, Measure 20-373, aka the [Lane County Watershed Bill of Rights](#), is on the ballot. This measure protects drinking water and local watersheds.

Ongoing: NCCWP, the Rockaway Beach Public Library, and University of Oregon present an exhibit, "Coastal Futures." The display offers maps, illustrations, and explains the importance of wetlands for environmental health and clean drinking water. The exhibit runs through May 31 at 120 N. Coral Street in Rockaway.

Spray Notification for Wheeler and Cape Meares



PHANTOM [map] 57.1 ACRES	
HERBICIDE APPLICATION (UNIT)	
STATUS:	PROPOSED on Apr 01, 2026
METHOD(S):	Aerial - Helicopter
OPERATOR:	Paul Washburn
COMPANY:	Western Helicopters Services, Inc
CHEMICALS:	clopyralid, sulfometuron methyl
CARRIERS:	water
ADDITIVES:	None

2010 END [map] 56.2 ACRES	
HERBICIDE APPLICATION (UNIT)	
STATUS:	PROPOSED on Apr 01, 2026
METHOD(S):	Aerial - Helicopter
OPERATOR:	Paul Washburn
COMPANY:	Western Helicopters Services, Inc
CHEMICALS:	clopyralid, sulfometuron methyl
CARRIERS:	water
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Community Meetings:

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

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 Wednesday, May 20.

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, May 26.

Updates

Jetty Creek: Recently, the City of Rockaway Beach signed an agreement to purchase 800 acres of forestland near the lower part of Jetty Creek by the end of the year. Of this 800 acres, about 600 acres is actually in the Jetty Creek watershed, the City's primary drinking water source. NCCWP applauds this decision to protect our drinking water. It is a good start! We will continue monitoring the watershed as plans go forward for the management of this important land. Let's advocate for best practices to protect our drinking water.



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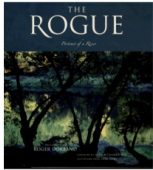
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BOOKS BY LOCAL ARTIST*

ROGER DORBAND

\$15-20 suggested donation
(RETAIL \$50-100 EACH)



The artistry of this book draws its inspiration from the Steens Mountain region of the high desert country of southeast Oregon. It consists of 26 poems and 23 pen and ink drawings by Ursula K. Le Guin and 59 color photographs by Roger Dorband. The Steens Mountain region is known for its elemental landscape, austere beauty and immense spaces.



A wonderful combination of excellent writing and superb photography. The text is educational, inspiring, and frosted with eloquent quotes, many from the fabulous pen of American's famed writer Zane Gray. Kudos to Roger Dorband who has put together a "must have" for any 'river rat', lover of photography or collector of coffee table masterpieces.



PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THIS EVENT.
*PICK UP AT OUR MONTHLY MEETING IN ROCKAWAY OR ASTORIA

Nedonna Beach Wetlands: The recent victories at the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) are major steps forward in protecting ecologically vital wetlands and safeguarding Rockaway Beach's backup aquifer, a crucial source of drinking water for the community. But there is still work to be done. This backup water source, often used in late summer and early fall, is compromised by high density housing, a high percentage of septic tanks, and saltwater intrusion. This aquifer needs an updated source water protection plan. As drought conditions continue to increase, it's especially important to protect this source of drinking water.

Books for Sale: We have been given a generous donation from Roger Dorband's estate. Two of his books will be on sale at a discounted price as a fundraiser for NCCWP. These gorgeous books are available by contacting us at

rockawaycitizen.water@gmail.com.

We are very grateful!

Links

The University of Oregon recently featured an article about the mapping tool created by Beyond Toxics. Read here:

https://news.uoregon.edu/uo-labs-collaboration-nonprofit-brings-pesticide-use-oregon-light?utm_source=oregonnews-04-27-26

You may have heard that more young people are getting colon cancer. A study finds a link to a common weed killer:

<https://www.businessinsider.com/young-colon-cancer-cause-scientists-point-to-picloram-2026-4>

The March issue of the Oregon travel magazine *1859* includes an article, “Oregon Coast Faces Rising Drought Risk,” by Daniel O’Neil, discusses the bad news about a warm, dry spring.

Read it here:

<https://1859oregonmagazine.com/featured/oregon-coast-faces-rising-drought-risk/>

Roundup and its active ingredient, glyphosate, are in the news:

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/apr/16/supreme-court-monsanto-glyphosate>

And Mother Jones recently released a piece that is the result of a yearlong investigation:

[“We Are Bombarding America’s Forests with Roundup”](#)

In her Substack, Anna Kaufman has a thoughtful essay on the connection between our soil and our souls: **[“On Soil and Soul”](#)**

“We progress further away from a grand harmonization, and into the era of the monotone, the monocrop, the monopoly.”

Ways to Get Involved

- Volunteers needed for summer tabling events (locations in Tillamook, Rockaway Beach, Manzanita, Seaside, Clatskanie and Astoria)
- Help with monitoring ongoing logging and pesticide applications in the North Coast watersheds.
- Hanging posters for upcoming events.

Contact rockawaycitizen.water@gmail.com to find out more.



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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