



Seeking Volunteers for Stream Surveys

Help Survey Fish Passage Barriers in the Long Tom Watershed!

Project Description: With grant funding from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, the Long Tom Watershed Council is working to assess barriers to fish passage in our Watershed. Using information collected through field surveys June through September 2008, the Council will identify priority projects for removing migration barriers and restoring passage for cutthroat trout and other migratory fish in the watershed.



Benefits and Activities for each Volunteer:

1. Learn about problems cutthroat trout and other native aquatic fauna face in the watershed; how culvert design and maintenance affect migratory fish species; and how individual landowners can play a role in helping to restore fish passage and reconnect fish to important habitat areas up- and downstream through culvert improvements.
2. Receive training on field equipment (e.g., GPS, laser level, clinometer) and data collection techniques necessary to gather field data accurately and consistently.
3. Assist in collecting and recording data in the field on culverts or other types of barriers (e.g., barrier width, height, substrate type, gradient, water depth, habitat quality, etc.) at predetermined sites throughout the Long Tom Watershed.

Qualifications:

- Good attitude and ability to work as a team – volunteer stream surveyors will work with other volunteers and Council staff to complete barrier surveys.
- Ability to take measurements in and around streams; help carry equipment.
- Interest in stream restoration, migratory fish, freshwater ecology, water quality or related field.

Timeline and pay: Opportunities are available June-September 2008. This is a volunteer position.



Time commitment: Ideally volunteers will commit to at least five days during the project period. However, we encourage all interested individuals to contact the Council so we may consider a time commitment that works for you. We will hold a **volunteer training day on Saturday, June 7, 2008** to welcome volunteers and introduce the project in more detail, including data collection, field equipment, and visits to survey sites. Volunteers should plan to attend the training day.

Application process: Please send an e-mail or letter to Jenna Garmon (jgarmon@longtom.org) briefly describing your interest in this project, related skills, and available time commitment.

Thanks for your interest!

Do you have a dam or culvert on your property that we could survey? There are NO ramifications for any landowner that has a culvert or dam that blocks fish passage—simply an opportunity to let us work alongside you to address it, bringing in grant funding and technical expertise. We can provide many references of satisfied landowners we have partnered with.