

## Public Meeting Invitation

Tues, Jan 27, 6 - 8 p.m., Veneta Community Center

“Weaving together culture and habitat”



Pacific Lamprey (Photo: Freshwaters Illustrated)



Traditional baskets  
(Photo: Brenda Brainard)



Camas

**Brenda Brainard**, educator & director of Eugene 4J Natives Program

- Indigenous cultural heritage in the Long Tom Watershed
- Cultural significance and use of local and Oregon plants and animals

**Stan van de Wetering**, Aquatic Programs Leader at Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians (CTSI)

- Habitat improvement from a tribal perspective

**Sharla Robinson**, Healthy Traditions Coordinator at CTSI

- History of traditional food resources and current limitations

### Meeting Hosts:

**Lindsay Reaves & Alan Dickman**, LTWC Board members

Open to all

Free with refreshments

For more info, Rob: 338-7060  
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The Long Tom Watershed Council serves to improve water quality and watershed condition in the Long Tom River basin through education, coordination, consultation, and cooperation among all interests, using the collective wisdom and voluntary action of our community members.

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# Weaving together culture and habitat

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We're opening our 2015 public meeting program with a fascinating presentation on the cultural heritage of the Long Tom Watershed. This event will weave together a Tribal view of habitat management and explore some of the native species that are important to Indigenous people and hold cultural value. Learn about the traditions, stories, and uses of native plants and animals from Brenda Brainard, educator and director of the Eugene 4J School District Natives Program. She'll show us the importance of animals such as lamprey, which are not only a source of food but hold spiritual meaning, and native plants harvested for food or traditional basket weaving.

Sharla Robinson and Stan van de Wetering from the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians will share the perspective of managing habitats for the cultural traditions and values of Indigenous people, including efforts and opportunities to improve habitat for traditional use and harvest, particularly on public lands.

Folks have often commented that they enjoy learning about the natural and cultural history of the watershed, and we hope you won't miss this fun, engaging, and educational event on January 27<sup>th</sup> in Veneta!



*Camas bulbs are a traditional food source for local Indigenous people like the Kalapuya.*

*(Photo: Willamette Resources & Educational Network)*



*Educator Brenda Brainard of the Eugene 4J School District's Natives Program, and some of her traditional baskets woven from native plants.*



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## Welcome, Heidi Heisler!

We're excited to welcome our newest staff member, Heidi Heisler, as our Fiscal Manager. Heidi will be taking on the essential role of overseeing the Council's financial obligations such as managing incoming grant funds, payments, grant reports, payroll, and budgeting. For the past 7 years, Amanda Wilson has done a phenomenal job as our Fiscal Manager, and she will be bringing Heidi up to speed for the next couple months before expanding her employment with the McKenzie Watershed Council to full time.

Previously, Heidi worked for 6 years at the Loan Processing Department of Pacific Continental Bank, where she was highly regarded for her thoroughness and natural problem-solving ability. Heidi and her husband, Ryan, live in Springfield, and became the proud parents of triplet girls last year. In her spare time, Heidi enjoys being outdoors, especially camping.



We are tremendously excited to have Heidi join our team, and Amanda's continuing dedication during her training period.

# LTWC seeking Development & Communication Director

LTWC will be hiring a Development & Communications Director to lead the organization's fundraising activities. We're looking for an individual who is passionate about the Council's mission and eager to partner with our staff and Resource Development Committee to diversify and grow funding sources. Watch for the position posting on our website, and please spread the word!

## Upcoming LTWC Events

### Taste the Watershed at Claim 52

Friday, Jan. 23, 5 - 9 p.m. (1030 Tyinn St, Eugene, near Westside Post office. Signs will be posted!)

Claim 52 is donating 25% of their beer sales to LTWC!

### March 31 Public Meeting: Ludwigia: status & management tools for our area (invasive water primrose)

Tuesday, March 31, 6:00 p.m. Monroe Community Library (across the street from Monroe High School)



Left: Ludwigia flower

(photo: Benton SWCD); Right: Ludwigia infestation at Delta Ponds (photo: Goodpasture Island Neighbors)

The Long Tom Watershed Council, a local nonprofit, counts on participation from many people and organizations. The local office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) donates postage for our mailings. They use the following disclaimer, standard procedure for all BLM partnerships:

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The Long Tom Watershed Council is still a local nonprofit (since 1998) with no government authority. We partner with local people, businesses, and agencies in the interest of finding local solutions and bringing grant funding from private and public sources to do restoration, education, and monitoring work in the Long Tom River basin. We're thankful for the donation of postage expenses!

## LTWC Board of Directors

### Lower Long Tom

Steve Horning, *Vice-Chair*  
Jim Pendergrass, *Chair*  
John Reerslev

### Upper Long Tom

Cary Hart  
Lindsay Reaves  
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David Turner, *Vice-Chair*

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## Long Tom Watershed 10 Sub-basins



## Council Staff Contacts

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# Help stop the spread of invasive puncture vine!

Puncture vine (*Tribulus terrestris*) is an invasive weed found primarily in pastures, fields, gravels, or disturbed ground. It's most easily identifiable by its seeds, which are large, vicious looking spiny burrs that give the plant its name. The stems branch out in a spreading mat, and the hairy compound leaves are opposite, with each leaflet approximately 1/4" long. Flowers are small and yellow with 5 petals.

This plant can cause major **problems for agriculture and native habitat**. The thorny burrs can harm wildlife, people, and livestock by piercing feet and skin. The burrs can also become bailed up with hay and other crops, and may even puncture through bicycle tires. The foliage is also **toxic to livestock**, particularly sheep. The plant forms dense mats that chokes out native vegetation. This weed was recently removed from county property near Junction City, but it may have spread to other areas of the watershed. The spiny seed heads are spread by tires, shoes, clothing or fur.

This plant can be removed by hand, most easily before the seeds have germinated in the spring. If removing puncture vine after it has seeded, make sure to carefully gather and remove all seeds, and to clean seeds from gloves, clothes, and shoes. This weed has not been seen in our area until now, and we need to work together to ensure it does not establish. **Call us (541-338-7060) if you've seen it**, or you can report puncture vine and other noxious weeds at [oregoninvasiveshotline.org](http://oregoninvasiveshotline.org).



Photo of spiny seed head by  
Pacific NW Weed  
Management Handbook

Photo by Richard Old, courtesy of  
Science Society of America



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*Directions: Go south on Territorial Rd from Hwy 126 intersection. Turn east onto Broadway Ave and follow until near the end of road. Across from Catholic Church.*