



Long Tom Watershed Council

January 2013 newsletter and meeting notice

*Action
Through
Understanding*



Oregon Chub



Cutthroat Trout



Pacific Lamprey

Public Meeting: The latest on local fish & tips for landowners

Tuesday, January 29, 5:45 p.m.

Monroe High School cafeteria (commons room)

Open to all, free, with light refreshments

For more info, Rob: 338-7060 or operations@longtom.org

Cutthroat Trout Migration Study

- Goals of the project
- Results from data so far
- Principles of PIT tagging and how it works
- How tracking seasonal movements of trout helps us prioritize areas to remove passage barriers, and an update on the progress we've made on fish passage corrections.

Tips for landowners

- Tips for landowners to increase fish numbers
- Info on Spring Chinook, Oregon Chub, Pacific Lamprey
- Sample projects people have done to improve fish habitat
- Bear Creek outreach effort, your advice?

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Speakers:

- Karen Hans, ODFW Fisheries Biologist
- Brian Bangs, ODFW Fish Biologist (invited)
- Jed Kaul, LTWC Fish Biologist

Meeting Hosts:

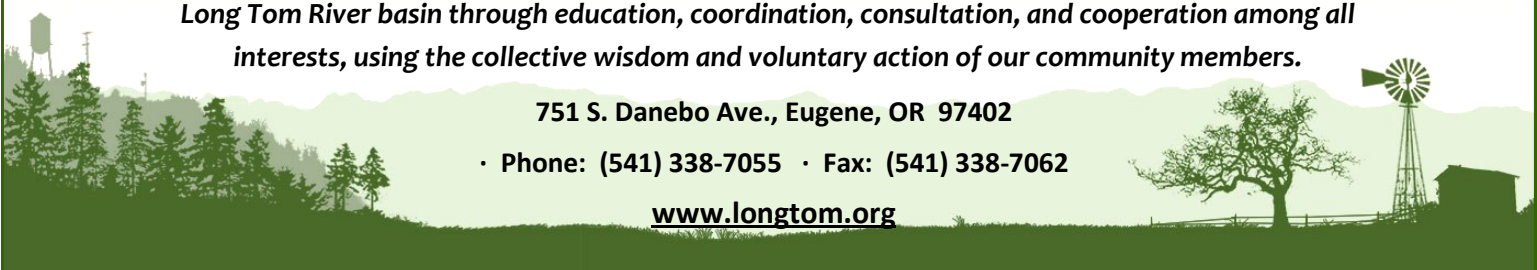
Jim Pendergrass & Mike Brinkley

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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Public Meeting—native Long Tom fisheries

For more than two years, the Long Tom Watershed has been the lead partner in an impressive partnership to understand where trout are migrating and what habitat they are choosing. This helps us better prioritize where to improve habitat for fish and how to help landowners do that. Over 70 volunteers have helped us tag nearly 400 trout so far, and eight private landowners are hosting detection antennas on their land.



The Long Tom watershed is important rearing habitat for young fish because its naturally slower, warmer, and sediment-rich waters provide more cover. At the meeting, learn about the status of other key fish species such as the Oregon Chub and tips for landowners to improve native fish numbers in their local stream.

2013 Fundraising Campaign:

With your help, the Long Tom Watershed Council is working hard!

LTWC's 2013 Fundraising Campaign is here! With your support we can meet important watershed and community goals for the year. We count on the diversity of contributions received from members, partners, and friends – people like you – to make our work possible. Your gift leverages grant funding and the talents and enthusiasm of many individual volunteers. This watershed is a valuable community resource. Help us leave a legacy for future generations who deserve a healthy, productive watershed to work, play, and live.



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Bear Creek and Willamette River outreach projects

This year the Council has funding to support talking with and learning from landowners in two areas of the Long Tom Watershed: along the mainstem Willamette River between Eugene and Harrisburg, and west of Junction City and Cheshire (in the Bear Creek area). We're interested in learning from landowners about these areas of the watershed. We offer site visits to discuss streams, upland habitats such as oak woodland and prairie, wetlands, and the species that rely on them; and how habitat goals could fit with current land management goals. **We have proven experience, completing more than 60 projects in partnership with landowners throughout the watershed, and we can provide references.** We would appreciate talking with you. Please contact Jed Kaul (541-338-7058) or Katie MacKendrick (541-338-7033) to learn more.

Help us spot invasive False Brome!

Description—False brome is an invasive perennial grass with broad, flat, bright green leaves. One of the best ways to distinguish it from similar grasses is by the fine hairs on the lower stem. The lower part of the leaf (called the sheath) freely pulls away from the grass stem. Younger plants look somewhat like a spider while older plants form thicker mats. It can thrive both in forest understories and in oak savanna and prairie habitats.

Please help prevent the spreading of false brome by cleaning shoes, clothing, and vehicles that can carry seeds.

If you believe you have found false brome, please report it at www.oregoninvasiveshotline.org

Visit www.longtom.org/stewardship-resources/invasive-species/ or westerninvasives.network.org for more info about false brome & other invaders.



The "spider form" of spreading bunches of leaves are easier to see in winter.

Photo: Glenn Miller



Notice the fine hairs on grass stem and edge of leaf.

Photo: Bruce Newhouse

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 have a requirement to include the following disclaimer, which is now standard procedure for all BLM partnerships.

BLM Disclaimer: "The views and conclusions contained in this document are those of the authors and should not be interpreted as representing the opinions or policies of the U.S. Government. Mention of trade names or commercial products does not constitute their endorsement by the U.S. Government."

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!

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Upcoming Events



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February 25: LTWC Pint Night for a Cause at Ninkasi!

Monday, Feb 25 5—9 p.m.

Ninkasi Tasting Room, 272 Van Buren St

Ninkasi is donating 25% of pint sales all day to LTWC. Stop by to chat with LTWC staff, Board members, and volunteers around 5 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Things you can do this month

Now is a great time of year to learn about and observe the habitat on your land. With the observations you gather now, you can start planning for spring and summer to benefit management actions for native plants and wildlife.

One of the best ways to start incorporating habitat goals with land management goals is to record observations about the physical characteristics of your property. Some questions to consider: **What trees are present? Do you notice a lot of shrubs—where? Are there any weeds? What is the topography like? Are there any low-lying areas or places with standing water in winter?**

What kinds of birds or wildlife do you observe? The answers will help you consider what resources would be helpful as you decide what activities are right for your land, and you can use this info to request local technical expert feedback.

See our website at www.longtom.org for to help you identify goals and plan actions, or feel free to contact the Council, especially Katie MacKendrick on this subject—541-338-7033.



Observe (Photo: Greg Vaughn)