

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Water Resources Commission

**FROM:** Paul R. Cleary, Director

**SUBJECT:** Water Resources Commission Work Session  
October 10, 2002

### **Watershed Stewardship Education Program**

#### **I. Issue Statement**

Derek Godwin, Sea Grant Extension Watershed Educator; and Flaxen Conway, Sea Grant Extension Community Outreach Specialist, will provide an overview of the Watershed Stewardship Education Program, highlighting concepts related to riparian management and riparian restoration efforts around the state. *This is an informational report only; no Commission action is required.*

#### **II. Background**

The Watershed Stewardship Education Program (WSEP) is a statewide program within the Oregon State University Extension Service (Forestry and Agriculture Programs) and Oregon Sea Grant. WSEP offers educational sessions and materials to help watershed groups and individuals understand how their watersheds work and apply this knowledge to watershed stewardship on their own land or in their community.

The aim of WSEP is to increase the capacity of watershed groups and community members to identify and address water resource issues at local levels. Increased capacity is achieved through research-based education; skill-building projects; and new partnerships among residents, local organizations, businesses, agencies, and educational institutions.

WSEP is recognized by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board as the primary educational resource for implementing the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds, and is accredited by the Certified Crop Advisor Program (CCA) and the Associated Oregon Loggers (AOL) Oregon Professional Logger Program.

#### **III. Recommendation**

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