



## Mason Conservation District

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### Board of Supervisor Monthly Summary of Activities

August 2016

#### Community Engagement

It was a busy month for Mason Conservation District outreach activities. Kevin and John attended a few community group presentations together (Harstine Island Community Club and Pioneer Kiwanis), at which John presented while Kevin took notes. Since then, Kevin has presented for Hood Canal Improvement Club, Shelton Rotary, Victor Improvement Club, Shelton Kiwanis, and the 4H Horse Council, and has worked an MCD booth at Allyn Days, Shelton Farmers Market, Belfair Farmers Market, and Taste of Hood Canal. At these events and presentations, Kevin has added a focus on the Voluntary Stewardship Program, specifically the need for ag producers to join the VSP work group. Kevin has also been making phone calls to local ag producers to recruit for the VSP work group.

#### Field Crew

The Field Crew is making great progress on treating and surveying the knotweed in the Skokomish Valley. They will begin treatment of high priority knotweed parcels in the Mill and Goldsborough Watersheds this month. Additionally, they will be conducting another round of treatment in Skookum Creek.

Along with managing the crew, Mitch has been

conducting landowner outreach and data management for knotweed treatment in: Skokomish, Skookum, Mill, and Goldsborough Creeks. Additionally, he has been wrapping up the final draft for a new CREP project, a nine acre planting scheduled to be implemented along Goldsborough Creek this coming winter.

#### Shore Friendly Mason Update

- Currently coordinating a nearshore technical assistance capacity development training for other Puget Sound CDs, to be led by a geologist and nearshore ecologist, 9/15/16. So far 20 people are signed up representing Thurston, Pierce, Kitsap, Snohomish, King, San Juan Islands, and Jefferson CDs.
- We are wrapping up the first phase of the program and are pleased to report that we exceeded almost of all of our original targets. We received 97 responses to the SFM program; completed 112 site visits; have 3 bulkhead removal projects nearing permitting submission.
- One of our SFM cooperators was profiled in a Mason County Life news article dated July 29, 2016.





## Engineering Team Update

Rodney is currently working on the Solstice Farm drainage system in Chimum. Since our last update, we have paused inspection/construction duties at the Skokomish Estuary Phase 3C project, in order for the Skok LWD Project up at Holman Flats to take place during the time frame we have to work within. Rodney has performed Autcad duties on various project drawings, and has been performing scheduling duties for the Engineering office. Finally, Rodney has been the point of contact for the contractors on the Skok Phase 3C, the Skok LWD - Holman Flats project, as well as the Oakland Bay Bridge project at the old Bayshore Golf Course, in which he is working with Karin on a secondary basis. Jesse, Jenn and Mario have been out in the field providing survey duties on MCD construction projects, knotweed location identification and Mason Transit infiltration testing.



## Salmon Habitat Restoration Update

Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 14:

- WRIA 14 Lead Entity Salmon Recovery Funding Board ranked project list was successfully submitted to the Recreation and Conservation Office.
- Continuing to refine project data to assist the Governors Salmon Recovery Office with developing a proposed 2017 budget request.
- Working with project partners with finalizing designs for the Shelton Harbor Restoration Project.
- Continuing to work with an Allyn shoreline landowner to design habitat improvements along the nearshore.

Skokomish River Watershed:

- Coordinating and scheduling with contractors and partners to complete work on the Upper South Fork Skokomish Channel Assessment and Lower Skokomish Mainstem LWD Design.
- Upper South Fork Skokomish LWD Phase 3 construction underway and going well.
- Skokomish estuary construction on hold for now and will resume in September.
- Weaver Creek reconnection project is moving through the permitting process, and we hope to go out to bid very soon.
- South Fork Skokomish Canyon Assessment data collection and analysis underway.
- Working with Mason County to continue landowner outreach efforts related to the Skokomish Valley Road Realignment project.
- Continuing landowner outreach efforts related to property acquisition in support of the US Army Corps of Engineers restoration projects.



Large Woody Debris Installation on the South Fork Skokomish River.