



2007
Annual Report



WESTERN RIVERS
CONSERVANCY

Letter from the Chair and President



Phillip Wallin



Jon Roush

Thanks for your interest in Western Rivers Conservancy. Our mission is to conserve the best river ecosystems in the western United States by buying critical habitat lands and partnering with other programs.

Climate change is all around us, stressing river systems. On April 1, 2008, the snowpack in Oregon's Coast Range was 442% of normal, six times that of one year ago. What would be the impact on the Rogue or Siletz or Nehalem River of a warm rainstorm on that kind of snowpack? If biological diversity is to survive the next century, we need to set aside our best remaining river systems as sanctuaries where fish and other life forms will have the best chance of survival.

Western Rivers Conservancy has grown and matured over the past year in order to begin to meet that huge challenge. We have brought on new field staff so that we can expand our operations beyond the Pacific Northwest. We hired a Stewardship Director to oversee the integrity of lands we acquired in the past. We completed our inventory of the "Great Rivers of the West" to guide and focus our work in the years to come. We found new sources of financing for land acquisition and forged new partnerships.

Our work in 2007 bore some important fruit, detailed in the pages that follow:

- We purchased 170 acres at the confluence of the Elk River and Rock Creek, critical coho spawning streams on Oregon's south coast.
- We acquired 4,386 acres along Goose Creek, completing protection of a key tributary to the Smith River on California's north coast.
- We conserved 43 acres of critical salmon habitat and riparian forest along the East Fork Winchuck River on Oregon's south coast.
- We acquired the 440-acre Riverside Ranch at the mouth of California's Salt River, a crucial first step toward restoring tidal marshland in this salmon-rich north coast estuary.
- We purchased 160 acres along a critical half-mile spawning stretch of the South Fork Trinity River in northern California.
- We made our first acquisition in the Hood River basin – 20 acres at the confluence of the West and East Forks.
- We celebrated the long-awaited removal of Marmot Dam on the Sandy, meanwhile adding two properties to the salmon sanctuary we have been assembling for ten years.
- We purchased 424 acres of exceptional wildlife habitat along Beaver Lake and Marsh on Washington's Olympic Peninsula.
- We continued long-term landscape level projects on the Hoh River in Washington and Blue Creek on the lower Klamath River.

This work is much too important to leave to government. The private sector needs to take the lead and set the pace. We need your help to protect our highest quality western rivers, while there is still time. Please be in touch with our staff or our Board to discuss how we can work together.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Phillip Wallin in black ink.

Phillip Wallin, President

Handwritten signature of Jon Roush in black ink.

Jon Roush, Chair, FY2007



Western Rivers Conservancy protects outstanding river ecosystems in the western United States. We acquire land to conserve critical habitat, provide for compatible public use and enjoyment and cooperate with other agencies and organizations to secure the health of whole ecosystems.

Priority River Clusters

Western Rivers Conservancy focuses on the following regions, each of which has a high density of rivers with healthy headwaters and largely natural riparian corridors.



1

Washington's Olympic Peninsula: An array of exceptional salmon streams flow out of protected headwaters in the Olympic Mountains, supporting a wealth of salmonid diversity and habitat for sensitive and endangered species.



2

Mount Hood's Glacial Streams: Dam removals on the Sandy and Hood Rivers are creating free-flowing streams for wild salmon and steelhead in the strained lower Columbia River system.



3

The Central Oregon Coast: Once a tremendous producer of salmon and steelhead, this region is stressed by the loss of habitat to dairy farming and logging.



4

The Klamath-Siskiyou Region: From the Sixes River south to the Eel River are numerous wild rivers and coldwater tributaries that are essential to the long-term survival of Northwest salmonids in the age of climate change.



5

The Northern Sierra Nevada Foothills: From Battle Creek south to Butte Creek are a cluster of streams that hold the potential for restoring the Sacramento River's depleted runs of salmon and steelhead.

Building on our success in these current priority areas, we are beginning to expand our program into all eleven western states.



WASHINGTON'S OLYMPIC PENINSULA



MOUNT HOOD'S GLACIAL STREAMS



CENTRAL OREGON COAST



KLAMATH-SISKIYOU REGION



NORTHERN SIERRA NEVADA FOOTHILLS

Klamath-Siskiyou Region

ELK RIVER
SMITH RIVER & GOOSE CREEK
KLAMATH RIVER & BLUE CREEK
WINCHUCK RIVER
SOUTH FORK TRINITY RIVER
SALT RIVER ESTUARY

An array of top-quality salmon streams tumble out of the Klamath and Siskiyou Mountains of northern California and southern Oregon. These rivers are the lifelines of one of the most biologically rich regions in the world.



TIM PALMER

The Elk River's headwaters in the proposed Copper Salmon Wilderness.

Elk River and Rock Creek

Extraordinary by any standard, the Wild and Scenic Elk River is often cited as one of the finest salmon and steelhead fisheries on the West Coast. It rises from the largest contiguous forest block remaining in the Oregon Coast Range, where ridge after ridge of Port Orford cedars tower amidst massive Douglas firs. Anchored by these healthy forests, the Elk supports one of the largest numbers of spawning coho salmon per mile of any river on the Oregon Coast. Fall Chinook, coho, winter steelhead and sea-run cutthroat trout all thrive in its waters.

The Grassy Knob Wilderness protects much of the basin, and the proposed Copper Salmon Wilderness Area would protect the Elk's headwaters. Downstream, large ranches are still family-owned and operated. Some of these families, along with Western Rivers Conservancy, the Elk River Land Trust and others, are working to conserve the remainder of this special watershed.

Acting on a brief window of opportunity in fall 2007, Western Rivers Conservancy purchased 170 acres on the Elk River to keep it from being

developed. The land is strategically located at the junction of the Elk and one of its largest tributaries critical for coho salmon – Rock Creek. Rock Creek's upper reaches are roadless and pristine. Western Rivers Conservancy is working to convey the Rock Creek property to the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest to be managed for fish and wildlife habitat and low-impact recreation. Our goal is to establish habitat connectivity between this property and the adjoining landscape of old-growth forests, protected wilderness and rare botanical areas. ■



RUSS SCHNITZER

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Purchased 170 acres at the confluence of the Elk River and Rock Creek.

Rock Creek is a critical tributary, especially for coho salmon.



ROCK CLIPPER

Goose Creek tumbles through boulder-strewn canyons to provide clear, cold water to the South Fork Smith River.

Smith River and Goose Creek



The Smith River is a healthy and beautiful salmon stream on California’s north coast. In contrast to the stressed Klamath River system one watershed to the south, the Smith has no dams, and is the finest wild fishery California has to offer.

Most of the Smith River system is protected in the Smith River National Recreation Area and Redwood State and National Parks. Most, but not all: A 9,501-acre tract was owned by Green Diamond Resource Company along Goose Creek, a cold, boulder-strewn tributary to the South Fork Smith River. Western Rivers Conservancy has been working since 2001 to fill this significant gap by acquiring Goose Creek and adding it to the surrounding Smith River National Recreation Area. In FY07, WRC completed acquisition of all of the Goose Creek lands from Green Diamond.

By protecting Goose Creek, we are helping to ensure cold, clear water forever for Smith River salmon and steelhead. Less healthy rivers in the region may someday rely on the Smith to restock their fish runs in the event of catastrophe. Meanwhile, Goose Creek – a rugged, clearwater treasure – has become a protected haven for native trout, steelhead, salmon and endangered aquatic species.

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Purchased the final phase of the Goose Creek lands – 4,386 acres – from Green Diamond Resource Company.
- Committed 17 acres to Del Norte County for use as community open space.

Lower Klamath River and Blue Creek

Though dammed and dewatered for much of its length, the Klamath is still a mighty and beloved river of the West. In the struggle to protect the Klamath, some of the top priorities are cold, clear tributaries where fish can take refuge from rising water temperatures. One such tributary, Blue Creek, flows out of the Siskiyou Mountains to meet the lower Klamath. This is the historic homeland of California's largest Tribe, the Yurok, whose name means "downstream."

In an historic opportunity, Western Rivers Conservancy (WRC) is partnering with the Yurok Tribe to acquire and conserve the Blue Creek watershed. On behalf of the Yurok, WRC will purchase 47,000 acres from Green Diamond Resource Company, a company we have partnered with many times. The project will create a salmon sanctuary along lower

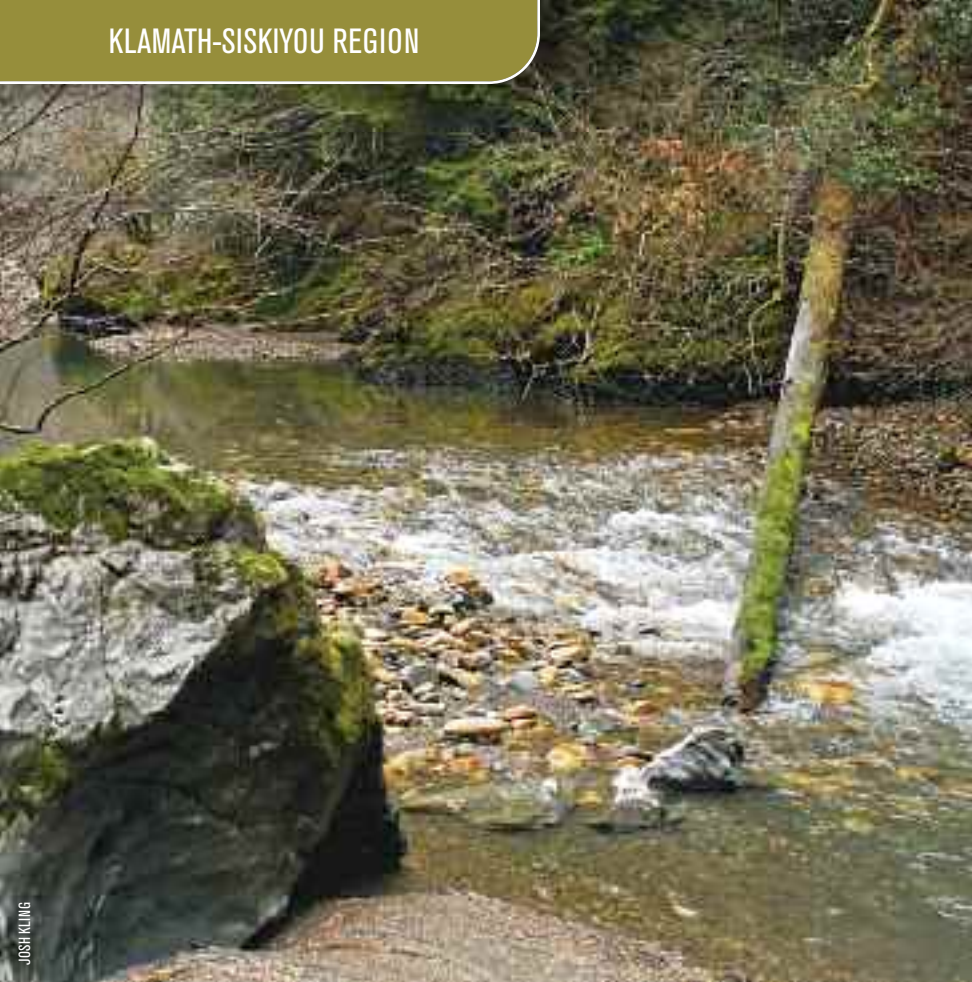
Blue Creek, with riparian forests growing to maturity and shading the water. A 20,000-acre Yurok Tribal Park will be established to protect riparian and upland habitat. The Tribe will utilize the remaining 27,000 acres for sustainable forestry as an economic stronghold for their people. When the project is complete, the Yurok will be able to practice traditional crafts, hunting and spiritual customs across their ancestral lands. ■

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Developed partnership with the Yurok Tribe and Green Diamond Resource Company to conserve 47,000 acres along the lower Klamath River and Blue Creek.



Blue Creek is a haven for Klamath River salmon stressed by high water temperatures.



The Winchuck is an important salmon stream on Oregon's south coast. Its watershed has Oregon's only coast redwood forests.

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Purchased critical salmon spawning stretch and riparian forest along East Fork Winchuck River, and conveyed the land to the Siskiyou National Forest.



Winchuck River

The Winchuck is the southernmost river on Oregon's Coast, with the basin straddling the Oregon-California state line. Some find it surprising to learn Oregon still has redwoods, yet this is a place where coast redwoods grow alongside Sitka spruce. While its watershed is small by West Coast standards, there can be no argument about the Winchuck's importance as a coastal fishery. The 71-square-mile basin supports healthy runs of Chinook, coho, steelhead and sea-run cutthroat trout.

In late 2006, Western Rivers Conservancy purchased a 43-acre property along one mile of the East Fork Winchuck to prevent homesite development and timber harvest along this sensitive reach. The property has old-growth stands of coast redwood and Douglas fir, a large floodplain forest, key wetland habitat and the lower reach of an important tributary, Wheeler Creek. In addition to providing

spawning habitat for Chinook and steelhead, the property supports northern spotted owls and marbled murrelets. The area is also the West Coast's hot spot for amphibian biodiversity. Fifteen species of amphibians are found in the area, and nine species are found on the property.

Western Rivers Conservancy conveyed the property to the Siskiyou National Forest, which will manage the property to promote its tremendous fish and wildlife habitat. Adjacent to the land, the U.S. Forest Service operates the historic Ludlum House as a cabin for vacationers. ■

South Fork Trinity River



From high in the mountains of California's north coast flows the longest tributary to the Klamath, the Trinity River. The South Fork is the most remote branch of the Trinity River, revered for its scenic trails, whitewater, wild narrow canyons and mountain meadows. The South Fork Trinity is also home to an endangered fish run – one of only two surviving populations of native spring Chinook in the entire Klamath basin.



The South Fork Trinity is a last stronghold for Klamath spring Chinook.

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Purchased 160 acres along a critical half-mile spawning stretch.
- Removed several structures from the property to return it to a more natural state.

Certain key spawning stretches are especially important in the struggle to save Klamath River spring Chinook. One of these stretches along the South Fork Trinity was owned by a family that wanted to see their property conserved for the long term. Western Rivers Conservancy purchased the property in November 2006. This 160-acre inholding within the Shasta-Trinity National Forest is especially vulnerable to erosion and slope failure, which would compromise water quality for salmon along this sensitive stretch. We now seek to convey the land to be part of the

surrounding National Forest, working with the U.S. Forest Service to ensure that logging and development will be prohibited. When the project is complete, we will have put in place a small but important piece of the puzzle for the greater recovery of the Klamath River basin. ■

Salt River Estuary

Up and down the Pacific Coast are tidal lands where the river meets the sea. These estuaries are some of our most productive and dynamic biological systems, and also some of the most altered from their natural state. Many are damaged beyond repair, but some, like the Eel River Estuary, can be saved.

Knowing that land ownership can be a crucial first step toward restoration, Western Rivers Conservancy brought its expertise to a restoration partnership along the Salt River, part of the Eel River Estuary system. In August 2007, WRC purchased the 440-acre Riverside Ranch, a former dairy farm that has been identified as one of the most restorable tidal marshland areas in California. We plan to convey the land in 2008 to the California Department of Fish and Game so that

restoration can begin. The tidegates and portions of the levees will be removed, and the tidal wetland will reestablish itself. The result will be rejuvenated habitat for more than 30 species of fish that use the estuary as a feeding, spawning and nursery area. Numerous shorebirds will also benefit from revived nesting habitat, as well key migratory species such as the Aleutian cackling geese and neotropical songbirds.

The Salt River restoration project is a partnership involving a long list of federal, state and local entities. Among them are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service, California Department of Fish and Game, the California Coastal Conservancy, Humboldt County and the City of Ferndale. ■



2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Purchased the 440-acre Riverside Ranch, a crucial first step toward restoring tidal marshland and salmonid habitat.



Mount Hood's Glacial Streams

HOOD RIVER
SANDY RIVER

From the icy flanks of Mount Hood flow these important salmon streams where dam removals are launching efforts to restore the rivers to health.



JOSH KLING

The West Fork Hood River cuts a canyon through volcanic rock just upstream of Punch Bowl Falls.

Hood River

Western Rivers Conservancy has launched an initiative to acquire and conserve high-quality riparian lands in the Hood River basin, an important salmon watershed that flows off the north flanks of Mount Hood to the Columbia River Gorge.

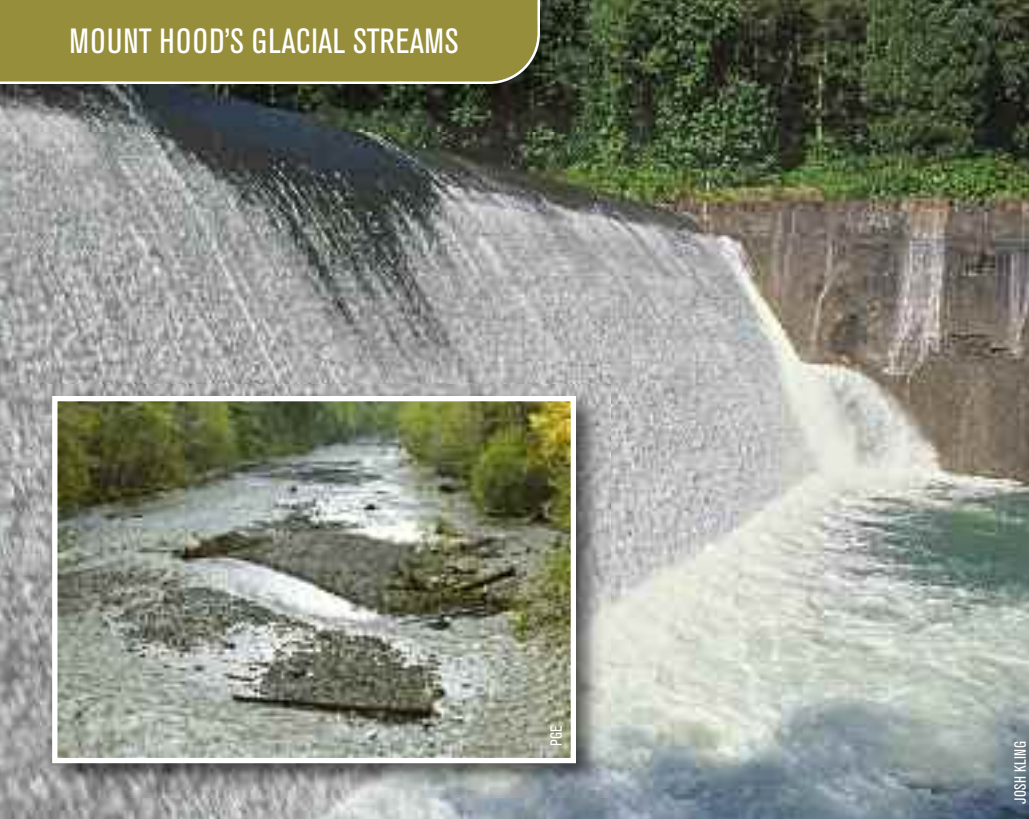
In November 2006, Western Rivers Conservancy made its first land purchase in the Hood basin. WRC was the successful bidder at an auction for the 20-acre property at the confluence of the West and East Forks of the Hood River, the site of Punch Bowl Falls. This forested tract is a favorite recreation spot that provides easy access to view the waterfall and the beautiful columnar basalt cliffs that

surround it. It is also a popular spot to fish for salmon and steelhead.

With the removal of Powerdale Dam on the horizon in 2010, our goal is to establish permanent sanctuaries for salmon and other at-risk species on all three forks of the Hood River. We believe there is a brief opportunity to protect riverlands before residential development encroaches on the riparian zone throughout the basin. Working with landowners and many organizations already involved in Hood River restoration, we seek to accomplish results that will benefit not only fish and wildlife, but landowners and the general public as well. ■

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Purchased 20 acres at the confluence of the West and Middle Forks of the Hood River, the site of Punch Bowl Falls.
- Built support among community groups and landowners for acquisition, restoration and long-term conservation of lands along the Hood River.



2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Added two properties totaling 190 acres to the emerging 5,000-acre natural area.
- Committed to purchase 352 acres within the Wild and Scenic Salmon River corridor.
- Celebrated the long-awaited removal of Marmot Dam on the Sandy.

The Sandy is now free-flowing (inset) where Marmot Dam once stood.

Sandy River

The Sandy River is a crown jewel among Columbia River tributaries. With the much-anticipated removal of Marmot Dam completed in 2007, the Sandy now flows freely from Mount Hood's glaciers to the Pacific Ocean, a significant rarity in the

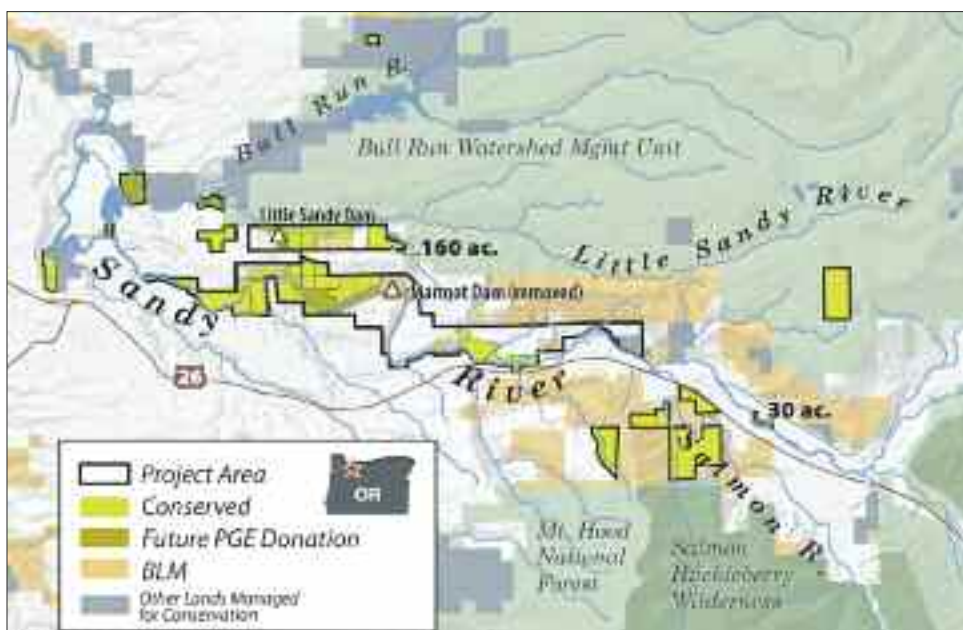
Columbia basin. While dam removal was underway, Western Rivers Conservancy protected another 190 acres with the purchase of two properties. This adds to a 5,000-acre natural area that WRC is assembling along the Sandy and Little Sandy Rivers, in partnership

with Portland General Electric (PGE) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). To date, we have conserved 2,900 acres – more than halfway to our goal.

In May 2007, Western Rivers Conservancy conveyed a 160-acre property along the Little Sandy River and Sievers Creek to the BLM. In summer 2008, PGE will demolish the Little Sandy Dam, opening up ten miles of stream habitat. Western Rivers Conservancy has now conserved over 700 acres in the Little Sandy River sub-basin in anticipation of the steelhead returning to these stream reaches after more than a century of blockage.

WRC also purchased a 30-acre remnant of rare native habitat along a largely developed stretch of the Sandy near Wildwood. This intact cottonwood and red alder forest features a wetland and entire side-channel rearing area for coastal cutthroat trout, coho salmon and steelhead. We matched a grant from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) for the purchase and provided a stewardship fund to help the Columbia Land Trust care for the land in perpetuity.

Finally, Western Rivers Conservancy entered into an agreement to buy 352 acres from Clackamas County along the Wild & Scenic Salmon River and Boulder Creek. Aptly named, the Salmon River – anchored by exceptional habitat in the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness – produces more wild fish than any other stream reach in the Sandy basin. ■





RUSS PUEGER

The Little Sandy River will become free-flowing when its dam is removed in 2008.

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Washington's Olympic Peninsula

BEAVER LAKE & MARSH
HOH RIVER

An array of exceptional salmon streams flow out of protected headwaters in the Olympic Mountains, home to a wealth of habitat for wild salmonids and threatened species.



JOSH KLING

Beaver Lake and the surrounding marsh provide habitat for an exceptional array of fish and wildlife.

Beaver Lake and Marsh

Known for its superlative water quality, the Sol Duc River is unique among Olympic Peninsula streams in that it often runs clear even during winter storms. This is due to the forested headwaters that feed the Sol Duc and its tributaries. Beaver Creek is one such tributary providing cold, clean flows year-round.

Western Rivers Conservancy is completing a ten-year effort to preserve an exceptional wetland and wildlife area along Beaver Creek. This stream, along with Beaver Lake and the surrounding marsh, encompass an area of old-growth forests, riparian habitat and wetlands that support a wealth of sensitive species. The lake drains through a narrow gorge that terminates at Beaver Falls, a spectacular cascade that is impassable to migrating salmon. From here, Beaver Creek continues down a short course to meet the Sol Duc River. Western Rivers Conservancy's goals are to conserve the area's forest and wetland habitat and maintain the high water quality in Beaver Creek.

In December 2006, Western Rivers Conservancy purchased 424 acres of timberlands from Rayonier that include all of Beaver Lake, a large portion of Beaver Creek, the surrounding marsh and the lower course of a tributary, Cold Creek. This complements 213 acres WRC purchased in the upper part of the marsh in 1997. These acquisitions ensure that Beaver Creek flows cold and clear and conserves habitat for marbled murrelet, northern spotted owl, bald eagle, harlequin duck, heron, northern river otter, beaver and numerous reptiles and amphibians. The marsh is habitat for the sensitive Olympic mud minnow, landlocked sockeye salmon (kokanee), cutthroat trout and yellow perch. The land will become part of the surrounding Olympic National Forest. ■

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Purchased 424 acres of fish and wildlife habitat along Beaver Lake and the surrounding marsh, critical contributor to the Sol Duc River.



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Beaver Lake is home to landlocked sockeye salmon (kokanee).

Hoh River

The Hoh River is the total package for a healthy salmon river, and it deserves protection from top to bottom. It has no dams and no major hatchery influence. It has a dynamic floodplain with healthy riparian forests and abundant spawning gravel. All thirteen species of native salmonids are present. Its headwaters are pristine within Olympic National Park. Only the lower two-thirds of the river require habitat protection.

In 2001, Western Rivers Conservancy took on the challenge of protecting 7,500 acres along the lower 30 miles of the Hoh, downstream from the Park and clear to the Pacific Ocean. We concluded that the best long-term steward for the land would be a private, nonprofit river trust. The Hoh River Trust, established in 2004 by WRC and the Wild Salmon Center, acts not only as owner and steward of the Hoh River lands, it is also a voice for conservation of the whole ecosystem in a way that engages the community.

We developed a good working relationship with Rayonier Timber, the primary landowner on the Hoh. To date, WRC has purchased 4,500 acres from Rayonier along fourteen river miles and conveyed this land to the Hoh River Trust. Now, we seek to acquire 3,000 acres of Hoh River lands owned by another forestry company. With patience and persistence, we are committed to succeed.

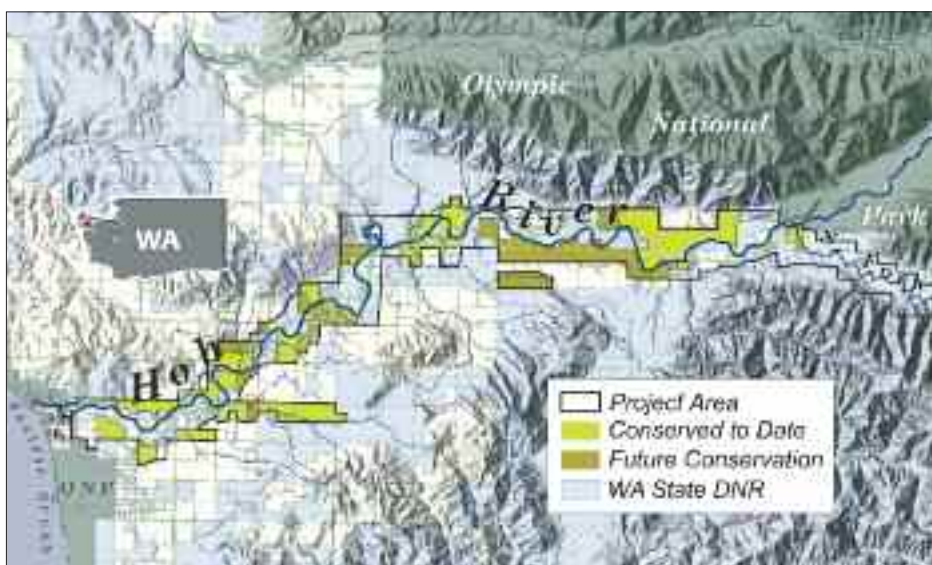
We are fortunate to have had the stalwart help of many Hoh River partners, including: The Hoh River Trust, Wild Salmon Center, Washington Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Above all, we have benefited from the solid support of Congressman Norm Dicks. These partners have given us the staying power we need to achieve the vision of an entire watershed protected forever and available for the public to enjoy. ■

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Negotiated purchase of additional Hoh River land, working toward our goal to protect a world-class salmon ecosystem from headwaters to ocean.



Abundant wood and gravel create excellent salmon habitat on the Hoh River.





DAVE MCCOY/EMERALD WATER ANGLERS

Flowing from the Olympic Mountains, the Hoh is a world-renowned fishing destination.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the fiscal years ending September 30

	2007	2006
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,373,721	\$2,415,140
Grants, Interest and other receivables	353,945	237,363
Prepaid expenses	13,916	6,668
Investments	1,580,708	1,571,196
Land holdings, options, equipment and other real property	10,384,083	3,583,185
Total assets	\$13,706,373	\$7,813,552
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable, accrued and related expenses	30,892	36,971
Notes and interest payable	2,953,840	-
Funds held on behalf of others	417,942	399,950
Total liabilities	\$3,402,674	\$436,921
Net assets:		
Unrestricted net assets	\$8,495,664	\$5,574,907
Temporarily restricted net assets	1,627,199	1,620,888
Permanently restricted net assets	180,836	180,836
Total net assets	\$10,303,699	\$7,376,631
Total liabilities and net assets	\$13,706,373	\$7,813,552

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total 2007	Total 2006
Revenue:					
Contributions of land, net	1,238,694	-	-	1,238,694	914,367
Contributions and grants	617,485	3,958,031	-	4,575,516	2,984,977
Special events, interest and other revenue	142,878	10,439	-	153,317	327,695
Change in fair market value	(5,000)	-	-	-	527,396
Total public support and revenues	1,994,057	3,968,470	-	5,962,527	4,754,435
Net assets released from restriction	583,628	(583,628)	-	-	-
Total revenues	2,577,685	3,384,842	-	5,962,527	4,754,435
Expenses and donations:					
Donations of land	900,000	-	-	900,000	-
Program expenses	1,614,266	-	-	1,614,266	1,506,345
Management and general	271,005	-	-	271,005	224,496
Fundraising expenses	250,188	-	-	250,188	159,998
Total expenses	3,035,459	-	-	3,035,459	1,890,839
Change in net assets before non-operating activities	(457,774)	3,384,842	-	2,927,068	2,863,596
Non-operating activities:					
Net assets released from restrictions for land acquisition	3,378,531	(3,378,531)	-	-	-
Change in net assets	2,920,757	6,311	-	2,927,068	2,863,596
Net assets at beginning of year	5,574,907	1,620,888	180,836	7,376,631	4,513,035
Net assets at end of year	8,495,664	1,627,199	180,836	10,303,699	7,376,631

This financial information is excerpted from Western Rivers Conservancy's audited financial statement. To obtain a complete copy of the audit by the firm of Gary McGee & Co., please contact Western Rivers Conservancy.

STAFF



Staff and Board float the North Fork Flathead River in Montana, July 2007.

Phillip Wallin is President and co-founder of Western Rivers Conservancy. Phil has 36 years of conservation land-buying experience, both as a founding staff member of the Trust for Public Land and The Nature Conservancy, and later as founder of River Network.

Sue Doroff co-founded WRC and serves as Vice President. Sue has more than 25 years of experience in conservation and commercial real estate, focusing on private-public cooperation. She is responsible for the long-term protection of more than 50,000 acres of riverlands in the Pacific Northwest.

Jenny Andrews, Communications Manager, joined WRC in 2003. Jenny has a background in newspaper journalism and earned her degree in Environmental Science.

Alan Christensen joined the Conservancy in 2007 as Senior Project Manager. Alan has 35 years of experience managing and protecting western landscapes and wildlife. During his career with the U.S. Forest Service, he rose to become Assistant Director for Natural Resources in Region 6.

Hannah Davidson is Western Rivers Conservancy's Director of Finance and Administration. She brings with her more than 20 years of administrative and management experience, primarily in nonprofit organizations.

Josh Kling, Project Manager, joined WRC in 1999. Prior to that, Josh specialized in ecological monitoring while working for the U.S. Forest Service at the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument.

Mat Millenbach, Stewardship Director, is responsible for assessing the long-term success of our land acquisition projects. Mat worked for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management for 30 years, serving in four western states and in Washington, DC. He is on the Board of Directors of the Public Lands Foundation and the Yellowstone Association.

Russ Pinto, California Director, has two decades of experience in conservation land buying. Before joining Western Rivers Conservancy in 2004, Russ worked as the Director of Land Protection for the Oregon State Office of The Nature Conservancy.

Anne Tattam joined Western Rivers Conservancy in 2006 as Administrative and Development Assistant. Anne is a native Oregonian and a skilled angler and fly tier. She previously worked for the Native Fish Society.

Cam Tredennick joined WRC in 2008 as Senior Project Manager. Cam has 15 years' experience in conservation law, public land management and land acquisition. He has also been an attorney and project manager for The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Resources Law Group.

David Wilkins, Development Director, has a 14-year history of fundraising for river and forest protection, previously working as Development Director for Oregon Wild.

Willis Yarberry joined WRC in 2008 as Director of the Interior West and Federal Affairs. A talented veteran of the land conservation world, Willis is spearheading our Helena, Montana, office. Willis worked for The Nature Conservancy for 12 years, most recently as Director of Major Projects & Government Relations in Helena.

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