

A Word From the Watershed: Coastal Oregon's Fire History at Upcoming Annual Meeting

It's time for the 2021 Upper Nehalem Watershed Council's annual meeting! Held at the Vernonia Grange with a virtual Zoom option on Thursday, June 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, the annual meeting is an important time when we gather to establish council membership, elect board members, review bylaws and set priorities for the coming year.

This year, we will also welcome Aaron Groth, the Coastal Regional Fire Specialist with Oregon State University's Forestry and Natural Resources Extension Fire Program. In a special presentation, Groth will discuss coastal

Oregon's fire history, recent fires, and steps you can take to protect your community, family, home, and property, followed by a Q&A session.

Coastal Oregon has a long history of wildfires and is at risk for wildfires today, as the 2020 Pike Road, Mapleton, and Echo Mountain Complex fires demonstrated. Knowing this history can serve as a reminder of wildfire dangers that coastal residents face, and be a signal to prepare our communities to prevent or withstand fires.

If you have ever had questions about fire preparedness, or a

desire to volunteer for the UNWC and become more involved, please join us at the Vernonia Grange on June 24.

Masks are required at this event due to the duration of the event indoors. Those who wish to disclose and prove full vaccination status may attend without masking. The meeting will also be available via Zoom, so if you are feeling ill, or have been in recent contact with someone who is ill, please attend virtually. Together we will continue to protect our community from COVID-19. We hope to see you then!



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