

Learn about watershed council's accomplishments

Lower Nehalem Watershed Council to hold meeting

MANZANITA — Tide gates, stream restoration, native plants, outreach and education — join the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council in celebrating the accomplishments of 2016 during its Annual Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12.

The event will begin with a Year-in-Review presentation by Council Coordinator Alix Lee, including an overview of the habitat restoration and enhancement projects that the council implemented in 2016.

Following the presentation, the annual meeting will commence with a presentation of the 2017 Board of Directors nominees to



The McDonald Slough Reconnection Project, completed in September, replaced a failing and undersized tide gate with a fish friendly structure, improving habitat access and water quality.

the Council Membership. LNWC will vote to appoint members to serve on the board and to guide the council's activities over the next year.

Additionally, council members will participate in

a strategic planning session and survey to help guide the council's activities in 2017 and beyond.

The Annual Meeting and presentation will be held at the Pine Grove Community House, located at 225 Laneda Ave. Doors open at

6:30 p.m. for refreshments. The presentation will start at 7 p.m., and the Annual Meeting will follow at 7:45 p.m.

Refreshments and snacks will be served. This event is free and open to the public.



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Whale researchers who track the small endangered population of Puget Sound orcas say three whales are believed dead or missing since summer. The Center for Whale Research says that as of Oct. 28, there are only 80 animals.

Learn how Oregonians can help orcas survive

ASTORIA — With the deaths of iconic orca J28 and her calf this fall, there are now just 80 southern resident orcas in the Pacific Northwest.

Though orcas face many threats to their survival, their population is directly linked to that of their primary food source — Chinook salmon — and that's where Oregon comes into play.

Learn more about orcas and what Oregonians can do to help their survival from guest presenter Quinn Read at the next Nature Matters free community lecture,

"Orcas Need Oregonians."

The event will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 at the Fort George Lovell Showroom, located at 426 14th St.

Nature Matters is presented by Lewis & Clark National Historical Park in partnership with the North Coast Watershed Association. Doors open at 6 p.m. Seating is limited, so arrive early.

Food and beverages are available for purchase through the Taproom. All ages are welcome.

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