

How will rising sea levels impact our wetlands?

MANZANITA — Join the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council on Thursday, May 10, as we welcome Fran Recht of the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission for the next installment of our Speaker Series exploring sea level rise and “landward migration zones.”

This free, public event will be held at the Pine Grove Community House, 225 Laneda Ave., in Manzanita. The presentation will start at 7:20 p.m. following an update from the Watershed Council at 7 p.m.

Recht’s presentation will show the results of a study that projected the heights of different sea level rise scenarios onto the Nehalem estuary and estuaries up and down the coast. Recht will also discuss work done to help watershed councils and other conservation organizations plan for conserva-



Normal tide at Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge

CINAMON MOFFETT PHOTO

tion and restoration of the areas that may be our future tidal wetlands.

The tidal marshes and swamps of our estuaries

are vitally important areas for salmon and many other species. These habitats exist in a narrow elevation band between the lowest and highest tides. As sea level rises, will our current marshes become mudflats or be submerged? Will marshes be able to reestablish on higher ground?

Recht, habitat program manager for the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission was the project manager, on behalf of the MidCoast Watersheds Council for the sea level

rise modeling project.

This presentation is part of the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council’s regular Speaker Series.

This year, we’re raffling off a gift certificate or special item from a local business supporter during each event. This month we have a \$25 gift certificate from Manzanita News & Espresso.

Raffle tickets will be available for a \$5 donation at the door, and the winner will be drawn at the end of the presentation.



COURTESY NORTH COAST LAND CONSERVANCY

Broom-busting at the North Coast Land Conservancy’s Reed Ranch Habitat Reserve in Warrenton in May 2017

Time to bust some broom

Each May, North Coast Land Conservancy staff and volunteer focus on removing invasive Scotch broom on our properties. We call it Broom Buster Month.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 12, we will be busting broom at Surf Pines Prairie Habitat Reserve, which the Conservancy had been managing for several years and recently acquired. It is located off U.S. Highway 101 just north of Gearhart.

Volunteers will also get a look at early blue violets in bloom and other native prairie species as they work on eradicating the Scotch broom.

If you’re interested in helping, contact Stewardship Director Melissa Reich at 503-738-9126 or melissar@nclctrust.org to let her know you’re coming and get directions.

Wear sturdy boots and

gloves. Bring loppers if you have them; otherwise, all equipment will be provided. Bring drinking water and lunch; there will be no toilets or potable water on site. Dogs are not allowed on Conservancy properties.

Coastal property owners are encouraged to remove Scotch broom and other invasive plants from their own properties during Broom Buster Month as well. Visit NCLctrust.org/bust-broom-in-your-backyard for more information and tips.

Widely planted and admired in the early 20th century for its bright yellow blossoms, Scotch broom outcompetes native plants and is turning our open coastal prairies into a monoculture of dense, weedy shrubs, destroying the habitat many coastal animals need to survive.



North Coast Choral
featuring Rev. Tim from KMUN

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Franklin & 16th
Friday, May 18 at 7pm
Sunday, May 20 at 2pm
Tickets at \$10



FRIDAY NIGHT
Prime Rib (first come) \$22
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with all of the Workers favorite foods!

ENTERTAINMENT
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May 12th, 2018

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