

Grant time for watershed improvement

The North Coast Small Grant Team, a partnership of local watershed councils and soil and water conservation districts, is accepting applications for watershed restoration projects that cost less than \$10,000. Each Small Grant Team has \$100,000 to award to low-cost projects through June, 2003.

Projects eligible for funding are: In-stream, riparian and wetland native fish habitat improvement and native fish passage barrier removal. Conservation practices that address

erosion, reduce nutrient and sediments, improve wildlife habitat and native vegetation; and water quality.

Project proposals must originate in North Coast watersheds; Necanicum, Ecola, Nehalem, Kilchis, Tillamook Bay tributaries, Nestucca and Neskowin.

Funding for this program is made available through Ballot Measure 66, approved by voters in 1998. Measure 66 specified that 15 percent of lottery proceeds be used for watershed enhancement and main-

tenance of state parks. OWEB uses this funding to support voluntary efforts to restore habitat, water quantity and the recovery of listed fish.

For more information, call Debra Rigaud at Tillamook SWCD, 503-842-2848, or see the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) website: www.oweb.state.or.us

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