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13th Annual Native Plant Sale

Saturday, MARCH 18th, 8 AM - 3 PM

Whatcom Conservation District's (WCD) plant sale:

Our annual sale promotes conservation of our natural resources by encouraging planting of native trees and shrubs that can improve water quality, enhance habitat, reduce wind and soil erosion,

and beautify your property.

Supports WCD's environmental educational programs, the annual high school Envirothon contest, and staff support to local schools and civic groups.

Purchase Options

Plants can be either pre-ordered or purchased the day of the sale.

- **PRE-ORDERS:** Pre-orders are accepted ONLY for orders totaling \$100 or more. Pre-orders require 50% pre-payment and must be received in the District office by March 13, 2006. The advantage of pre-ordering is that your order will be packaged for you and available for pick up on Friday, March 17th or during

the sale on March 18th. In the past, friends and neighbors have combined their orders to meet the \$100 minimum.

- **OPEN SALE:** The sale will be 8am-3pm on Saturday, March 18, 2006 in the District's parking lot at 6975 Hannegan Road. Purchases made during the open sale will be based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Like last year's sale, we'll use the serve-yourself format. You pick out and package your

own plants. District staff and knowledgeable volunteers will be there to help and provide plant selection advice.

- Price listed is the price PER BUNDLE.

- Payment can be made by cash or check only (no cash in mail). Make checks payable to Whatcom Conservation District.

See additional information about the plant sale on our website at www.whatcomcd.org.

Note that plants sold at this sale are "conservation-grade." The plants are graded on their ability to survive, not on their ornamental value. Additionally, most of the plants are sold bareroot. That means the plants are small (most are between 10"-24" tall) and without a large root ball, so you won't need a vehicle with a high haul-

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ing capacity to pick them up. Most orders fit in the trunk or backseat of a car. Packaging materials are available at the sale or you can bring your own bags, buckets, etc.

Help Pass on a Better World to Future Generations

As Whatcom Conservation District (WCD) faces continued funding reductions in 2006, we will note our 60th year of accomplishments without much celebration. Eighty-percent of the District's operating budget

With more people and more livestock, often in more concentrated numbers, natural resource protection and conservation has become increasingly important in order to protect our quality of life and the economically and culturally significant agricultural industry.

Historically Whatcom Conservation District has been instrumental in orchestrating successful processes resulting in win-win situations for both the agricultural community and for environmental interests. Examples include:

- Facilitating the Coordinated Irrigation District Management Planning process that produced the Bertrand Watershed Improvement District, an example of local landowners establishing a locally managed water exchange.
- Leading recent north county

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District staff provide hands-on opportunities for kids to participate in improving our natural resources, such as planting native trees and shrubs along Fishtrap Creek in Lynden.

comes from "soft" or grant money, and the availability of those funds has steadily decreased over the years. WCD's 2006 budget has been severely cut and therefore staff will be able to offer technical and educational assistance to our community only if requests fall within narrowly defined, grant-specific tasks.

Since 1946 when Whatcom Conservation District was formed, many changes have come to this county in terms of population growth and increased development. The growth and development has led to water quality and water quantity challenges, along with newer threats of air pollution and bio-security (i.e. hoof and mouth disease, avian flu, etc.).

Whatcom Conservation District Board of Supervisors Election Coming Soon!

WCD Board Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at the WCD office at noon and are open to the public.

New Candidate Information

In March 2006 the positions held by Rod Visser and Cornie Timmerman will expire. One position is elected

and one is appointed by the Washington State Conservation Commission. If you are interested in joining our volunteer Board of Supervisors in either of these 3-year positions, please contact Dawn at the Whatcom Conservation District (360) 354-2035 x 3 for additional information.

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Current WCD Board of Supervisors: from L to R: Rod Visser, Cornie Timmermans, Jerry Van Dellen, Joyce Jimerson, Dick Yoder

WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT Mission Statement:

The Whatcom Conservation District promotes conservation education and provides technical assistance to foster a healthy relationship between the environment and people.



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2005 WACD "Wildlife Steward of the Year" Ed Stone and Michelle Schraeder

Congratulations to Ed Stone and Michelle Schraeder for being chosen as the 2005 WACD Wildlife Steward of the Year. After being nominated by Whatcom Conservation District (WCD) resource specialist, Wayne Chaudiere, the state-wide award was announced at the Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) annual convention in November 2005.

The award highlighted Ed Stone's and Michelle Schraeder's seventeen years of work actively improving fish and wildlife habitat on their property along

Tenmile Creek. The couple's efforts have protected and maintained water quality in the creek by providing vegetative cover and shade to reduce water temperature and to filter out pollutants.

Ed and Michelle's stewardship efforts are benefiting coho and chum salmon, cutthroat trout, and Endangered Species Act listed bull trout. Many species of terrestrial wildlife and birds also benefit from the creation of new wildlife corridors. With the financial and technical assistance of the Natural Re-



Early stages of stewardship efforts show pond creation, large woody debris placement, and native plant installation.



sources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW), a series of ponds were built. The beaver took over and enhanced the ponds by building small dams throughout the network. Ed and Michelle planted trees and built trails to be able to access the land.

Ed and Michelle later purchased the neighboring 26 acres upstream along Tenmile Creek with the goal of restoring that area as well. In 2002 a project was initiated, which included 15.3 acres of buffer and over 600 ft. of constructed channel meander with ponds and large woody debris placement. The project was a cooperative

effort between the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA), WDFW, NRCS and WCD. Funding was provided through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. NSEA donated the large woody debris. Over 6,000 tree and shrub seedlings were planted.

Where there was once significant human alteration, there is now a large expanse of ponds, marsh and wetland forest, which provide high value fish and wildlife habitat. Thanks Ed and Michelle for your stewardship efforts!

Wayne Chaudiere of WCD, Ed Stone, Michelle Schraeder, and John Gillies of NRCS, with the Wildlife Stewardship award.

Free Small Farm Management Workshop coming in APRIL!!

Do you own horses, cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, llamas or other livestock? Are you ready to learn about installing Best Management Practices (BMPs) that will reduce mud, improve chore efficiency, manage manure, improve livestock health and protect surface water, wetlands and salmon habitat? Are you interested in avoiding the risk of violating Whatcom County's Critical Areas Ordinance that pertains to land use within critical areas such as rivers, streams, ditches, and wetlands? Then this series is for you!

Whatcom Conservation District, in cooperation with Whatcom County, will offer an educational farm management workshop series this spring. While the geographic focus of the workshop series will be the

Ferndale Public Library

6:00 - 8:30pm

Wednesday, April 26

Tuesday, May 2

Tuesday, May 9

Wednesday, May 17

Topics Include:

- **Streams and Wetlands:** Living with Livestock Near Water
- **Mud and Manure Management:** Improved Confinement Areas and Animal Health
- **Local Regulatory Requirements Affecting Your Farm**
- **Pasture Management**
- *and MORE!*

Drayton Harbor Watershed, anyone in the county is invited to attend. The

WCD will present materials and information especially of interest to the smaller acreage hobby farmer. If you have livestock, manure, and mud then call today to register!

Guest speakers will include a local fencing company, a veterinarian, and a composting ex-



WCD's farm planning workshops encourage proper pasture management, including use of sacrifice areas and a rotational grazing system

- SPRING 2006 EVENTS -

ATTENTION TEACHERS AND STUDENTS!! -

Annual Regional Envirothon - March 29, 2006

We invite high school environmental science and agricultural science students to create teams of five to compete in this exciting outdoor education contest. Whatcom County public and private high schools, home schoolers, 4H clubs and FFA are all encouraged to participate.

Contact the WCD for more guidance on forming a team. The regional event for our area will be hosted by Snohomish Conservation District at: **Warm Beach Camp & Conference Center** in Stanwood on Wednesday, March 29, 2006 from 8:00am-2:00pm.



2005 Envirothon

WSU 2006 Forest Conservation Tour

Annual event for Whatcom County 5th and 6th graders. May 1st-4th.

Agricultural Plastics Recycling Program for Whatcom County

RE Sources will be working with a team of agriculture and industry representatives to make sure effective - and affordable - local systems are developed for recycling agricultural plastics in Whatcom County. The goal of this effort is to collect and recycle 29 tons of plastic by the end of 2006. Recycling this much material could save the energy equivalent of 111 barrels of crude oil.



If your business or farm is interested in this new program, contact Lisa Friend at recycle@re-sources.org.

pert. Evening classes will be held Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Ferndale Public Library.

Pre-registration is required! Attend one class or all four classes.

Contact the WCD at 354-2035 ext 3 for class agenda and for registration. Participants will receive a map of their property, farm planning materials and great local resources.

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Plant Descriptions

Soil/Moisture Light Tolerance Mature Height (ft.) Features

Evergreen Trees:

Port Orford cedar (*Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*)

Dry to moist Full sun or shade >100 feet Southwestern Oregon native. Also called white cedar. Widely used in landscaping. Avoided by deer. Wood is strong and decay-resistant.

Western red cedar (*Thuja plicata*)

Wet to moist Full sun or shade > 100 Whatcom County native. Widely distributed native. Yellow/green scale-like leaves - reddish brown bark. Its rot-resistant wood is used for shakes, shingles, fence posts.

Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)

Dry to moist Full sun to partial shade > 200 Whatcom County native. Deeply fissured, reddish brown bark - blue green or yellow green needles; fast growing. Many uses: windbreaks, timber, Christmas trees.

Grand fir (*Abies grandis*)

Dry to moist Full sun or shade >200 Whatcom County native. Needles lay flat and are dark green above and silvery beneath. Used for timber, landscaping and Christmas trees. Noted for its fragrant scent.

Noble fir (*Abies procera*)

Dry to moist Full sun to partial shade >200 Western WA native. Found in WA Cascades south from Stevens Pass. Blue-green, 4-sided needles with white stomata on all sides. Used in landscaping and for Christmas trees.

Mountain hemlock (*Tsuga mertensiana*)

Wet or dry Full sun or shade 70-90 usually much less Whatcom County native. Narrow pyramidal crown with pendulous branches and leader. Short, blunt needles are blue-green with white stomata on both sides. Use for landscaping.

Shore pine (*Pinus contorta*)

Wet or dry Full sun or shade 25 - 40 Whatcom County native. Usually found locally near saltwater. The deep green needles are twisted - 2 per clusters - and cones are small. Slow growing and salt tolerant. Good for windbreaks.

Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis*)

Wet to moist Full sun or shade > 100 Whatcom County native. Found from Alaska to California. Stiff, sharp blue-green needle - fast growing; light, strong wood used for pianos, ladders, airplanes, etc.

Broadleaf Trees:

Oregon ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*)

Wet to moist Full sun to partial shade 75 Western WA native. Deciduous. Grows rapidly. Its light-green, compound leaves turn yellow in fall. Good in wet areas. Use for landscaping and habitat restoration.

Quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*)

Wet to moist Full sun to partial shade 75 Whatcom County native. Deciduous. Mature trees have white bark. Noted for its heart-shaped leaves that flutter in the breeze. Forms small groves.

Paper birch (*Betula papyrifera*)

Moist to dry Full sun to partial shade 50-100 Whatcom County native. Deciduous. White peeling bark and oval to round leaves turn golden in fall. Thrives in burned or cutover areas, forms stands. Easy to grow.

Pacific dogwood (*Cornus nuttallii*)

Course, well drained Full shade to partial sun 30 - 50 Whatcom County native. Deciduous. White flowers in spring & fall - red fruit. A beautiful tree but it won't thrive if conditions aren't appropriate.

Madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*)

Dry, well drained Full sun 75 Whatcom County Native. Broadleaf evergreen. Coppery brown, peeling bark. Provides erosion control. Fruit is enjoyed by many different birds. Needs appropriate conditions to grow.

Shrubs:

Red flower currant (*Ribes sanguineum*)

Dry, well drained Sun or partial shade 10 - 15 Whatcom County native. Late winter to early spring bloomer. Considered one of our most beautiful flowering shrubs. Will grow near salt water.

Red osier or redtwig dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*)

Wet or dry Sun or shade 10 - 14 Whatcom County native. White flower cluster/white or blue fruit. Bright red bark in the winter. Easy to grow.

Evergreen huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*)

Moist Sun or partial shade > 6 Whatcom County native. Forms light pink flowers and edible blue berries. Prefers open areas along edges and openings of coniferous forests. Excellent as an ornamental and for erosion control.

Red huckleberry (*Vaccinium parvifolium*)

Moist Shade or partial sun 3 - 12 Whatcom County native.

Indian plum (*Oemleria cerasiformis*)

Moist to dry Sun or partial shade 15 Whatcom County native. Pendulous white flowers blooms in late winter. Fruit (on female plants) enjoyed by birds.

Vine maple (*Acer circinatum*)

Moist or dry Shade or partial sun 15 - 25 Whatcom County native. Green bark - fall foliage varies: yellow to scarlet red. Some use vine maple chips for smoking fish.

Mock orange (*Philadelphus lewisii*)

Dry Sun or partial shade 8 - 12 Whatcom County native. Sweet smelling white flower in late spring - hardy - drought tolerant. Easy to grow.

Ocean spray (*Holodiscus discolor*)

Moist or dry Sun or partial shade 9 Whatcom County native. A many stemmed shrub that produces plumed clusters of creamy white flowers in early summer. Generally easy to grow. Provides good cover for wildlife.

Pacific rhododendron (*Rhododendron macrophyllum*)

Moist or dry-acidic Shade or partial sun 10 Native to Island, Jefferson, and Clallam counties. More common along Oregon coast. Blooms in late spring. Large pink to rose-purple flowers.

Rugosa rose (*Rosa rugosa*)

Moist or dry Sun or partial shade 8 Not native. White to pink flowers and large red hips.

Serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*)

Moist or dry Sun or partial shade 10 - 20 Whatcom County native. White flowers - both birds and humans love the purple fruit which arrives in mid summer.

Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*)

Wet or dry Sun or shade 8 Whatcom County native. Persistent white fruit provides winter food source for wildlife. Provides good soil stabilization. Tolerates salt spray.

Ordering & Purchasing

Pre-orders will only be accepted for orders totaling a minimum of \$100. To pre-order, fill out this form and bring it or mail it to the WCD office with a 50% deposit by the March 13th deadline. All other purchases will be based on a first-come, first-serve basis on the day of the sale.

WCD Plant Sale Order Form

Name: _____ Order Number: _____
(Office use only)

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Check Number: _____
(to contact you regarding pre-order)

Add your name to the WCD mailing list? [] Yes [] No

PRE-ORDERS MAY BE PICKED UP
Friday March 17th (9am - 4pm) or Saturday March 18th (8am - 3pm).

TREES & SHRUBS	SIZE/AGE	Price/Bundle (Plants per bundle)	# Bundles Ordered	COST
EVERGREENS				
Port Orford cedar**	P-1	\$5.00 (10)	_____	\$ _____
Western red cedar	P-1	\$10.00 (10)	_____	\$ _____
Douglas fir	P-2	\$10.00 (10)	_____	\$ _____
Grand fir	2-0	\$5.00 (10)	_____	\$ _____
Noble fir*	P-2	\$10.00 (10)	_____	\$ _____
Mountain hemlock	P-1	\$9.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Shore pine	2-0	\$6.00 (10)	_____	\$ _____
Sitka spruce	P-1	\$10.00 (10)	_____	\$ _____

BROADLEAF TREES				
Oregon ash*	2-0	\$9.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Quaking aspen	Plug	\$8.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Paper birch	1-0	\$6.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Pacific dogwood	Plug	\$10.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Madrone	Plug	\$15.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____

SHRUBS				
Red flower currant	1-0	\$ 7.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Red osier dogwood	2-0	\$ 5.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Evergreen huckleberry	Pot	\$15.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Red huckleberry	Pot	\$14.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Indian plum	2-0	\$ 7.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Vine maple	2-0	\$ 7.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Mock orange	2-0	\$ 8.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Ocean spray	1-0	\$ 6.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Pacific rhododendron*	Plug	\$ 15.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Rugosa rose (Not Native)	1-0	\$ 6.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Serviceberry	2-0	\$ 8.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Snowberry	2-0	\$ 6.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Black twinberry	1-0	\$ 6.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____

PERENNIALS/GROUNDCOVERS				
Beargrass*	Plug	\$ 10.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Deer fern	Plug	\$ 12.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Sword fern	Plug	\$ 12.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Goat's beard	Crown	\$ 5.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Kinnikinnick	Plug	\$ 7.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Salal	Plug	\$ 7.00 (5)	_____	\$ _____
Compost	Bag/1 cu.ft	\$ 3.50 (1)	_____	\$ _____
Wildflower seed mix**	oz.	\$ 3.00 (1 oz)	_____	\$ _____
18" Norplex tree protector/48" stake, ea.		\$ 6.00 (10)	_____	\$ _____

Perennials (in pots) from Fourth Corner Nursery will be available on day of sale. Subtotal \$ _____

Return pre-order to: 6975 Hannegan Road Lynden, WA 98264 TOTAL \$ _____

50% DEPOSIT DUE AT TIME OF PRE-ORDER Balance Due \$ _____

SPECIAL NOTES:
• Payment: Cash or check only (no cash in mail)
• Make checks payable to: Whatcom Conservation District.

AVAILABILITY OF PLANTS: We cannot guarantee the availability of all the plants. This is a first-come, first-served sale.

*Native to other western Washington counties
**Native to Eastern Washington, Oregon and California
Items listed without asterisks indicate plants native to Whatcom County

TERMS:
P= (PLUG): seedling grown in a plastic tube for 1 yr. A plant grown as a plug will develop a more fibrous root system than one grown in the field.
P-1: a 2 yr. old plant which is grown 1 yr as a plug and 1 yr in the field.
2 - 0: a 2 yr. old field grown plant.
1 - 2: a 3 yr. old field grown plant - uprooted after yr. 1 & replanted. Transplanting seedlings tends to improve their root system but it also adds to production costs.
CUTTING: a rootless stem or branch.
BR=BARE ROOT: seedling with soil removed from roots.

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Soil/Moisture	Light Tolerance	Mature Height (ft.)	Features
Black twinberry (<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>)			
Wet to moist	Sun or shade	9	Whatcom County native. Also called Bearberry. Member of honeysuckle family. Yellow, tubular flowers and black fruit which birds love. Grows rapidly.

Perennials:

Beargrass (<i>Xerophyllum tenax</i>)			
Moist or dry	Sun or partial shade	3	Whatcom County native. Perennial herb in Lilly family. Grass-like leaves retain color through winter. Cream colored flowers on terminal spike.
Deer fern (<i>Blechnum spicant</i>)			
Wet to moist	Shade or partial sun	3	Whatcom County native. Medium size evergreen fern with 2 kinds of leaves. Sterile leaves lie close to the ground and spore bearing leaves grow upward.
Sword fern (<i>Polystichum munitum</i>)			
Moist	Shade or partial sun	4	Whatcom County native. Evergreen. Erect to arching leaves that are lance shaped. The most common fern in our area.
Goat's beard (<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>)			
Wet to moist	Sun or shade	3 - 6	Whatcom County native. Perennial herb in rose family. Terminal clusters of white flowers blossom in late spring.
Kinnikinnick (<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>)			
Dry	Sun or partial shade	< 1	Whatcom County native. Ground-hugging evergreen with white flowers and red berries. Grows well on rocky, exposed sites.
Salal (<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>)			
Moist to dry	Sun or shade	2 - 6	Whatcom County native. Evergreen - flowers are white to pink and the edible, berry like fruit is nearly black when ripe.
Wildflower seed mix			
Moist to dry	Sun or partial shade	2-3	Includes yarrow, daisy, fox-glove, California poppy, flax, and lupine. Perennials, annuals and biennials in white, yellow, blue, orange, red, purple and pink

Whatcom Conservation District Board of Supervisors Election Coming Soon! continued from page 1

WCD's Board of Supervisors is made up of five volunteer supervisors who do not receive any monetary compensation.

The following describes Supervisors' roles and responsibilities (not an inclusive list)

- Identify local conservation needs and set goals to protect soil, water, wildlife, and other renewable natural resources in Whatcom County.
- Set policies and direct work of WCD staff within the WCD mis-

Important Election Dates, Deadlines and Requirements

ELECTED POSITION:

To appear on the March 7th, 2006 ballot as a candidate for the elected position, candidates must return the "Nomination petition for Elected Supervisors" with 25 signatures to the Whatcom Conservation District by Feb 17, 2006.

APPOINTED POSITION:

Registered voters residing within Whatcom County must submit a "Recommendation for Appointed Supervisor" (form X1) to WA State Conservation Commission by March 1, 2006. There is no petition required.

For further information about the election and becoming a candidate, please contact Dawn at 354-2035 ext 3. or Washington Conservation Commission at (360) 407-6200.

2006 Supervisor Election

Vote on Tuesday, March 7th, 2006. Polls will be open from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at the conference room in the WCD office, 6975 Hannegan Rd, Lynden.

WHO CAN VOTE?

All those registered to vote in Whatcom County.

WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE?

If you are interested in local natural resource conservation and agricultural issues, this is an opportunity for you to elect an individual to represent you on the WCD Board of Supervisors.

sion to provide voluntary, incentive-based options that support working landscapes while protecting and enhancing our natural resources land base.

- Approve and certify conservation plans.
- Attend monthly board meetings.
- Attend regional and statewide association meetings and conferences.

Do you know the requirements for an elected supervisor?

- Must reside in Whatcom County.
- Must be a registered voter of Whatcom County.
- Must comply with RCW 89.08.160.
- Qualifications must be verified by a WCD Board Supervisor.

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drainage ditch cleaning efforts to alleviate flooding problems for farmers and Lynden area residents.

- Leading development of Por-

sociation, Whatcom County, Northwest Indian College, Lummi Nation, Nooksack Tribe, WSU, and private contractors) to complete resource



Through participation in community events, District staff educate both youth and adults about effects of non-point pollution and ways that local residents can reduce their negative impacts on water quality.

tage Bay shellfish protection district that has worked for years to successfully bring about water quality improvements in Portage Bay.

- Providing planning and cost-share assistance to over 250 dairies to meet the state mandated 2003 deadline for nutrient management plan implementation and certification. Improvements in dairy nutrient management are credited with helping to reduce bacteria levels in the Nooksack River and in Portage Bay shellfish beds.

enhancement projects in Whatcom County.

- Consistently leading the state in Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) project implementation. Through CREP, private landowners in Whatcom County have been thus far compensated over \$3.5 million in signing bonuses and rental payments for voluntarily planting streamside property with native trees and shrubs. As of January 2006, 161 CREP projects improving 1,403 acres



Juvenile cutthroat recovered during maintenance along Scott Ditch

EPA was so proud of their partnership in this effort that they put it on its national website (http://www.epa.gov/nps/Success319/state/wa_nook.htm)

- Bringing millions of dollars to Whatcom County agricultural producers through administration of state and federal cost-share dollars including:

- Over \$1.2 million in nutrient management state cost-share dollars to Whatcom County dairy farmers since 1997.
- Over \$7 million dollars in federal cost-share dollars to Whatcom County livestock producers, primarily dairies, since 1996.
- Passing through over \$2.35 million dollars since 1997 to local project partners (including the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement As-

along 84.3 miles of stream were implemented in Whatcom County. The total dollars spent to date in Whatcom County as a result of WCD's administration of CREP is over \$8.7 million dollars.

These are just a few examples of relatively recent WCD accomplishments. The whole community benefits from the conservation of natural resources. As federal and state funding for these activities goes away, local support becomes more and more important. If you as a Whatcom County resident with whom our mission statement resonates, then you should apply for one of the two vacancies on the District's Board of Supervisors. You can help ensure we pass on a better world to future generations.

WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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