



## **Information for Prospective Board Members**

Thank you for expressing interest in the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council board of directors. The following information is an overview of the organization and explains the basic responsibilities of our board members to aid you in your decision to join us in our important work.

### **Purpose**

The Upper Nehalem Watershed Council, originally established under The Governor's Coastal Salmon Restoration Initiative and House Bill 3441 (Oregon Legislative Assembly - 1995 Regular Session), is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the voluntary protection, preservation, conservation, enhancement and restoration of the Upper Nehalem Watershed.

A primary purpose of the Council is to represent the broad and diverse geographic areas and community interests in the Nehalem watershed and to work collaboratively with these interests, including engaging the local community, to protect, restore, and enhance the watershed.

### **Mission**

To foster stewardship and understanding of the natural resources of the Upper Nehalem Watershed among the stakeholders of the watershed communities in order to protect, conserve, restore and sustain the health and functions of the watershed.

### **Vision**

A balanced ecosystem that supports a healthy watershed which provides for an economic base and viable watershed communities.

### **Values**

Our role is to establish and support the implementation of a Watershed Action Plan through a consensus building process. Our membership is broadly representative of those individuals and stakeholder groups having an interest in the ecological and economic productivity of the watershed and the health of the watershed communities. We seek to

be inclusive rather than exclusive. We seek to maintain a balance of stakeholder group representation.

**Board member responsibilities include the following:**

- ✓ Know and effectively articulate the mission, purpose, goals, policies, and programs of the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council (UNWC).
- ✓ Attend 75% of regularly scheduled steering committee meetings and participate in UNWC events.
- ✓ Be willing to chair or participate in at least one subcommittee or working group.
- ✓ Participate in establishing and enforcing organizational policies.
- ✓ Accept responsibility for UNWC financial accountability.
- ✓ Commit an amount of time, talent, or treasure to the UNWC commensurate with your abilities and means.
- ✓ Participate in hiring, evaluation, and dismissal of the UNWC executive director.
- ✓ Support and advise the executive director as appropriate.
- ✓ Participate actively in assessing UNWC performance and setting its strategic goals and objectives.
- ✓ Represent the UNWC to the community.
- ✓ Invite fellow UNWC members and staff to speak at group meetings you attend.
- ✓ Adhere to the UNWC Conflict of Interest Policy.
- ✓ Maintain appropriate confidentiality of UNWC internal business.

If you want to join our board of directors or have any questions beyond what is presented, please contact us for more information.

**Upper Nehalem Watershed Council**

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