May 2010 marks the 20th anniversary of American Wetlands Month, a time when the Environmental Protection Agency and its partners—federal, state, tribal and local agencies, and organizations in the non-profit and private sectors—celebrate the importance of wetlands to our nation’s ecological, economic, and social health. This year’s American Wetlands Month will focus on coastal wetlands.

Month in and month out, of course, wetlands are vital to our lives. They store, clean and filter our water, prevent soil erosion and control flooding. They provide rich habitat for thousands of species of birds, fish and mammals. And they are indescribably beautiful.

To help celebrate National Wetlands Month, you can:

1. **Learn about wetlands.** This is a great time to gain a better understanding of what a wetland is, where wetlands can be found, and why wetlands are important.

2. **Explore a wetland near you.**

3. **Take action to protect and restore wetlands.** Support and promote wetlands informing community members about wetlands’ vital roles, “adopting” a wetland.

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Estuaries

Estuaries are bodies of water formed when freshwater from rivers flows into and mixes with saltwater from the ocean. In estuaries, the fresh river water is blocked from streaming into the open ocean by surrounding mainland, peninsulas, or fringing salt marshes. The blending of fresh and saltwater creates a unique environment containing an abundance of life. Estuaries gather nutrients from land and ocean, forming an ecosystem that contains more life per square inch than the richest Midwest farmland. Estuaries supply essential habitat for over 75 percent of our nation’s commercial fish catch.

Oregon’s 22 “major” estuaries are ecologically essential for many fish and wildlife species, including salmon, herring, flounder, crabs, oysters, clams, wading birds, ducks, geese, shorebirds and harbor seals. Estuaries provide migration routes as well as habitat for reproduction, rearing, resting and foraging.

Celebrating National Wetlands Month continued

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Volunteer

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The Wetlands Conservancy | AQUA PLATE SPECIAL

During American Wetlands Month, Pacific Natural Foods will donate a portion of its profits from the sales of all Pacific Natural Foods non-dairy and ready-to-drink beverages to The Wetlands Conservancy. New Seasons Market will be honoring American Wetlands Month by contributing $1.00 for each pound of Oregon Shrimp sold from May 5th through May 11th. Another $1.00 will be donated, for each Farm Plate Special sold the week May 19th through the 25th. The highlight of this special will be Oregon Bay Shrimp.

Each of these establishments makes conscious choices about where and how to procure, grow or prepare food. They realize that conservation of Oregon’s wetlands and streams also supports local economies and the health of Oregon’s communities.

TWC is delighted to be a part of a convergentance of mission and vision among conservation non-profits, retail stores, local producers, and restaurants. Please support our partners in the Aqua Plate Special. Like a greatestuary, or a wonderful meal, it’s a complex and powerful mix of Oregon's wetlands and streams also supports local economies and the health of Oregon’s communities.

TWC PARTNERS IN CELEBRATING WETLANDS

New Seasons Markets are also Aqua Plate Special partners. Participating restaurants will promote one Aqua Plate Special menu item featuring a sustainable seafood whose habitat is dependent upon the health of Oregon’s estuaries. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of each Aqua Plate Special will be donated to The Wetlands Conservancy.

The Wetlands Conservancy is a non-profit organization founded in 2000 by three Portland families. New Seasons Market is proud to be locally owned and operated and has deep roots in the community. With nine locations across the Portland-metro area, we place a priority on buying locally. We buy from local farmers, ranchers, creamery co-ops, fishers, crabbers, local artisan cheese makers, vintners, brewers, coffee roasters and artists. Then we add familiar products to our shelves, The result is the best quality local products in a store that is easy and fun to shop.

New Seasons Market is also a major partner in the statewide educational fundraising campaign called the Aqua Plate Special. This statewide marketing campaign is raising awareness and supporting the work of The Wetlands Conservancy through culinary connections.

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Oregon-based culinary businesses see the value of wetlands – it’s as close as the plate on the dinner table.

In honor of American Wetlands Month in May, The Wetlands Conservancy and numerous culinary business partners in Oregon are raising awareness among diners and supermarket consumers about conserving and restoring wetlands. Aligned with the national focus on estuaries, the May programs highlight the positive effects that healthy estuaries have on the environment and food systems.

It’s all part of a month-long culinary campaign called the Aqua Plate Special. This statewide educational fundraising campaign is raising awareness and supporting the work of The Wetlands Conservancy through culinary connections.

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Aqua Plate Partner Websites

Café Nell
www.cafenell.com

Lenné Estates
www.lennonestate.com

New Seasons Markets
www.newseasonsmarket.com

Newmans at 988
www.newmansat988.com

Nostrana
www.nostrana.com

Pacific Natural Foods
www.pacificfoods.com

Pazzo Ristorante
www.pazzo.com

Red Star Tavern & Roast House
www.redstartavern.com

PACIFIC FOODS

Since 1987, Pacific Natural Foods has been blazing trails in the natural foods industry. At that time they started making soymilk and they’ve slowly changed the way people view healthy, natural food ever since. They now have a full line of beverages made from nuts and grains, creamy and hearty soups, broths, pot pies, pizzas and ready to drink coffees, matés and teas. All products are made with only fresh, wholesome all-natural and organic ingredients that they can trace all the way to the source, because they think it’s important to connect the food we eat with its roots.

NEW SEASONS

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Lenné Estate Shares a Taste of its Terroir

Celebrating American Wetlands Month, Lenné Estate will offer a Wetlands Partnership 2008 Pinot Noir for sale during May. Nearly half of the sale of each bottle will be donated to The Wetlands Conservancy. This wine represents the best barrels from what wine critics are calling the Oregon’s finest vintage ever. The wine can be purchased at Lenné Estate or online, at www.lennonestate.com.

Lenné was started by Steve and Karen Lutz in 2000, when they purchased a 20-acre site and planted Pinot Noir the following year. The vineyard sits on a steep, south-facing slope just east of the town of Yamhill. The shallow soil, dense spacing and diverse Pinot Noir clone helped realize Steve and Karen’s goal of creating profound wine in the vineyard. Today, Lenné utilizes gravity and minimal handling to ensure that the wine is a direct expression of the terroir of Lenné. Their small production wines are primarily available from their tasting room in the heart of the vineyard at Lenné.

You can taste and learn more about Lenné wines at the May 8 Indie Wine Festival and or visit their picturesque vineyard in the heart of Yamhill County’s wine country. For directions and information about Lenné please visit, www.lennonestate.com

RED STAR TAVERN & ROAST HOUSE

www.redstartavern.com

PACIFIC FOODS

www.pacificfoods.com

NEW SEASONS MARKETS

www.newseasonsmarket.com
**Volunteer Needed**
The Wetlands Conservancy seeks a volunteer to help prepare an application for accreditation by the Land Trust Alliance (LTA). The volunteer will work with the TWC Operations Director to study the LTA Standards and Practices, research and assist in writing and updating policies, and compile our accreditation application. Required skills include: Data input and formatting skills in Word and Excel, ability to organize paper and computer files, and a sense of humor. A minimum of 60 hours of office work (June-August 2010) at our Tualatin office is requested. For more information, contact: Gordy Molitor gordymolitor@wetlandsconservancy.org

**17,878 ÷ 103**

Between November 2009 and April 2010, TWC land steward Jennifer Wilson hosted 13 work parties at Cedar Mill, Kneez, Pascuzzi Pond and Hedges Creek Marsh Preserves. 103 individual volunteers, plus two classes of third-graders, helped to plant 17,878 plants.

That rich addition to restoration and on-going maintenance of more than 35 acres in the Tualatin Basin included 5,000 bare root native wetland trees and shrubs (willow, ash, alder, spirea, snowberry, dogwood), 756 emergent wetland plants (sedges, rushes), and 5,000 willow and dogwood cuttings.

In a collaboration with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, 820 Nelson’s checker mallow (Sidalcea Nelsonii) plants found safe homes at the Hedges Creek Preserve. These representatives of an endangered species were rescued from a development site, and Hedges Creek will provide excellent habitat for a beautiful plant to re-establish itself.

Sidalcea Nelsoniana, Nelson’s checker mallow (Mallow family) is a native perennial forb of wetland prairies and riparian wetlands. Nelson’s checker mallow was listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act in 1993. The species is also listed as threatened by the state of Oregon.

**Gordy Molitor joins TWC staff as Operations Director**

Gordy Molitor brings more than 30 years of management experience to his new position with The Wetlands Conservancy. His career path has included serving as the Executive Director of Washington County Community Action, as the Country Director for CARE International and most recently as the Executive Director of Portland-based Green Empowerment. Working with TWC offers Gordy an excellent way to contribute to and learn more about Oregon, after living overseas for many years.

Gordy’s interest in wetlands began at early age. As a young boy, he spent much of his free time in the swamp and creek behind his house, making forts among the cattails and catching fish in the creek. Then Gordy watched as development turned the swamp into a church parking lot, and machinery dredged and straightened the creek to “prevent flooding.” He tasted further irony when his school built an ecology center alongside the drainage ditch that had once been a free-flowing creek, the place where Gordy and his friends had learned so much about nature in a truly organic way.

**Carolyn Vogt joins TWC Board**

Carolyn Vogt is a shareholder with the Northwest law firm of Lane Powell PC. Carolyn practices corporate mergers, and renewable energy law. She is the Chair of the firm’s Renewable Energy practice group. Carolyn’s father, a retired biology professor, led the family on annual camping trips to Colorado and New Mexico, helping to instill an understanding of the critical importance of land conservation. Carolyn likes to hike, garden and bicycle.

**TWC Board elects new officers**

TWC Board elected John vanStaveren president, Jim Rapp Vice President, Ed Casey Secretary, and Anne Eakin Treasurer. Geoff Huntington past president remains as a board director.

**TWC Board**

- John vanStaveren, President
- Jim Rapp, Vice President
- Ed Casey, Secretary
- Anne Eakin, Treasurer
- Geoff Huntington
- John Christy
- Mary Skaggs
- Mary VanStaveren
- John Bauer
- Kim Smith
- Paul Petterson
- Mark Jockers
- Kon Takahashi
- Joe Hahn
- Jim Rapp

**Staff**

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- Executive Director
- Gordy Molitor
- Operations Director
- Mary Anne Sollestrom
- Office Manager
- Jennifer Wilson
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- Paul Engelmeyer
- Coastal Steward
- John Christy
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