

# PORTLAND HARBOR

## *Natural Resource Trustee Council*



## Get Involved!

Your voice is important. The Portland Harbor Natural Resource Trustee Council is responsible for restoring the Harbor's natural resources on behalf of the public. We need to understand your priorities and interests as we study, plan, and implement ways to restore the natural resources injured by contamination in Portland Harbor.

Here are some of the ways that we can work together and share ideas about how to restore Portland Harbor:

### Trustee Council Website and Newsletter

Our website is the primary way that we make materials, important dates, and other information available to the public. On it you will find background information, technical documents, fact sheets, and presentations we have given at public meetings. You will also find past editions of our quarterly newsletter, which you can sign up for at any time to get regular updates directly from us.

**Check out:** [www.fws.gov/oregonfwo/Contaminants/PortlandHarbor/](http://www.fws.gov/oregonfwo/Contaminants/PortlandHarbor/)

### Public Meetings and Public Comment Periods

The Trustee Council hosts public meetings to communicate with the public about important documents, the Natural Resource Damage Assessment process, and specific projects. We accept public comment on many of our documents. You can find notice of our public meetings and public comment periods on our website, in our newsletter, and through the CAG (see below).

### The Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group (CAG)

The Trustee Council provides updates to the CAG twice a year. The CAG meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the City of Portland's Water Pollution Control Lab at 6543 N. Burlington Avenue in the St. Johns neighborhood. The meetings are open to the public and are a great way to get informed about a wide range of Portland Harbor issues.

**Check out:** [www.portlandharborcag.info/](http://www.portlandharborcag.info/)



### Contact Us

If you're interested in scheduling a presentation, inviting the Trustee Council to an event, finding out about additional resources, or just have a general question, please contact our Outreach Coordinator:

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering is a great way to get involved. By volunteering, you can contribute to the community, learn about natural resources in Portland Harbor, and become more connected to the lower Willamette River. The following organizations provide a range of volunteer opportunities that relate to Portland Harbor:

### Groundwork Portland

Groundwork Portland organizes the Portland Harbor Community Coalition. This group is working to engage communities of color, low-income residents, and other environmental justice communities in the Portland Harbor cleanup. In addition to the Coalition, Groundwork Portland has other programs where volunteers are needed.

**Contact:** [cassie@groundworkportland.org](mailto:cassie@groundworkportland.org)

**Check out:** [www.groundworkportland.org/](http://www.groundworkportland.org/)

### Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Soil and Water Conservation Districts provide technical, financial, and educational resources to individuals who want to conserve and restore natural resources within their district. They often host workshops, events, and volunteer opportunities.

If you live in East Multnomah County:

**Check out:** [www.emswcd.org/](http://www.emswcd.org/)

If you live in West Multnomah County:

**Check out:** [www.wmswcd.org/](http://www.wmswcd.org/)

### SOLVE

SOLVE works throughout Oregon to improve the environment and build a legacy of stewardship. SOLVE is always looking for volunteers to help with riverside cleanup and planting events.

**Contact:** [morgan@solv.org](mailto:morgan@solv.org)

**Check out:** [www.solv.org/get-involved](http://www.solv.org/get-involved)

### Willamette Riverkeeper

Willamette Riverkeeper's sole mission is to protect and restore the Willamette River. Volunteer with Willamette Riverkeeper and you may find yourself kayaking on the river, conducting outreach at a public event, or monitoring water quality.

**Contact:** [kate@willametteriverkeeper.org](mailto:kate@willametteriverkeeper.org)

**Check out:** [www.willamette-riverkeeper.org/WRK/volunteer.html](http://www.willamette-riverkeeper.org/WRK/volunteer.html)



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