

Watershed Restoration Prioritization Workshop
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Workshop Objectives:

1. Learn how to prioritize stream restoration projects using an approach developed and tested in Oregon with Sea Grant support.
2. Learn how to implement the prioritized actions as part of a broader watershed management and restoration plan.

This three-hour workshop will examine the concepts of river habitat restoration, the importance of maximizing connectivity while protecting key watershed components and maintaining watershed scale processes.

During the first part of the program, trainees will be introduced to a “transparent” and “flexible” decision making tool that was developed in Coos Bay, Oregon, under the coordination of Drs. Guillermo Giannico and Jon Souder (OSU) with support from Sea Grant. Some of the main collaborators in the development of this tool included Drs. Phil Roni, Tim Beechie and George Pess (from NOAA’s Northwest Fisheries Science Center, USA), and Dr. Gordie Reeves (U.S. Forest Service). The “Coos Bay Prioritization Approach” (as is commonly referred to) involves ample public consultation at various stages and has been adopted during the past eight years by several watershed councils in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. During the second half of the workshop Dr. Jon Souder will take the lead in reviewing the steps needed to successfully implement the restoration projects that were prioritized using the approach introduced during the first part of the workshop.