

McKenzie-Willamette Confluence Steering Committee

Historically, the area where the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers join encompassed some of the most productive and complex fish and wildlife habitat in the Willamette River Basin, including critical rearing habitat for ESA listed spring chinook salmon. While many habitats have been lost through time, this area still includes extensive flood plain forests, side channels, and other high-quality fish and wildlife habitat.

The Confluence Area has immense potential to protect existing flood plain habitat and improve areas where important habitats have been lost. Along with the need to restore habitat, it is essential that adjacent landowners be protected from riverbank erosion and catastrophic flooding.

The McKenzie Watershed Council is facilitating the implementation of a comprehensive strategy for fish and wildlife habitat enhancement and flood / erosion control in the Confluence Area. This effort is guided by a Steering Committee that includes representatives from the local sand and gravel industry, other landowners, government agencies, and key interests.

The McKenzie-Willamette Confluence Steering Committee includes representatives from the following organizations:

- Wildish Sand and Gravel
- Eugene Sand and Gravel
- Delta Sand and Gravel
- River Ridge Golf Course
- McKenzie River Flyfishers
- McKenzie River Trust
- Oregon Division of Geology & Mineral Industries
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Oregon Division of State Lands
- NOAA Fisheries
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers