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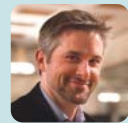
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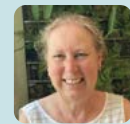
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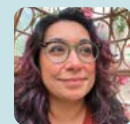
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WaterWatch Transitions



Casey Armstrong
Development Director

We're delighted to welcome Casey Armstrong to WaterWatch as our new director of development! With a strong commitment to conservation and a background in grassroots organizing, Casey comes to WaterWatch from

Patagonia's Portland store, where she served as marketing team leader and developed a passion for fly fishing that has come to reinforce her belief environmental change happens when people are not only connected to places, but to each other. A gardener, sculptor, and alumna of Whitworth University in Spokane, Casey holds a B.A. and Executive Master of Business Administration, and has volunteered with organizations focused on preventing habitat degradation and reviving native fish populations. She enjoys exploring Oregon with her family and puppy Lark, spending time on the Clackamas River, and frequenting local swimming holes.



Jesse Robbins
Board Member

We were initially going to announce Jesse's departure as development director when he took a position with Trout Unlimited last year, but we're pleased to announce Jesse has come aboard as the newest member

of our board of directors! Prior to his work with WaterWatch and Trout Unlimited, Jesse spent years in the fly fishing industry as fly shop staff, a guide, and at Far Bank Enterprises. As a writer, Jesse's work has appeared in *The Drake*, *The Flyfish Journal*, *Swing the Fly*, *Modern Huntsman*, *TROUT*, *On the Water*, *Atlantic Salmon Journal* and elsewhere, and he is the author of the newly-released book *The Best Fly Fishing is Everywhere*. A native of midcoast Maine, Jesse and his partner live near the confluence of the McKenzie and Willamette rivers with their cache of old boats, timeless books, acoustic guitars, and always-strung fly rods.



Mary Scurlock
Board Member

WaterWatch is thrilled to welcome Mary Scurlock back to our board of directors, following a five-year hiatus and 30,000-mile ocean sailing adventure. During her two decades at Pacific Rivers Council (formerly

Oregon Rivers Council, now Pacific Rivers), Mary advocated for conservation of freshwater ecosystems through Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act enforcement, Northwest Forest Plan defense, and improved logging practices on non-federal forestlands. Mary is also the founder of the Oregon Stream Protection Coalition, represented environmental coalitions in Oregon and Washington committed to bringing private forest practices in line with federal aquatic conservation requirements, and served as the Conservation Caucus representative to the Timber, Fish, and Wildlife Committee of the Washington Forest Practices Board. Welcome back Mary!



Kate Crowell
Winter and Spring Legal Intern

A second year student at Lewis and Clark Law School, Kate has been interning for WaterWatch since January and has lent invaluable assistance and legal research to WaterWatch on our water rights transfer litigation on Grave Creek and with

an application for instream water rights on the Smith River. Kate is set to graduate from Lewis and Clark next year, and pursue a legal career focused on water rights and environmental justice. Born and raised in Los Angeles, Kate earned a B.S. in natural resources and environmental management, and a B.A. in political science at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa before attending law school. Kate enjoys scuba diving, tidepooling, hiking in Tryon Creek, and watching women's sports. Kate will wrap up her internship with WaterWatch at the end of April.

Stream of Consciousness

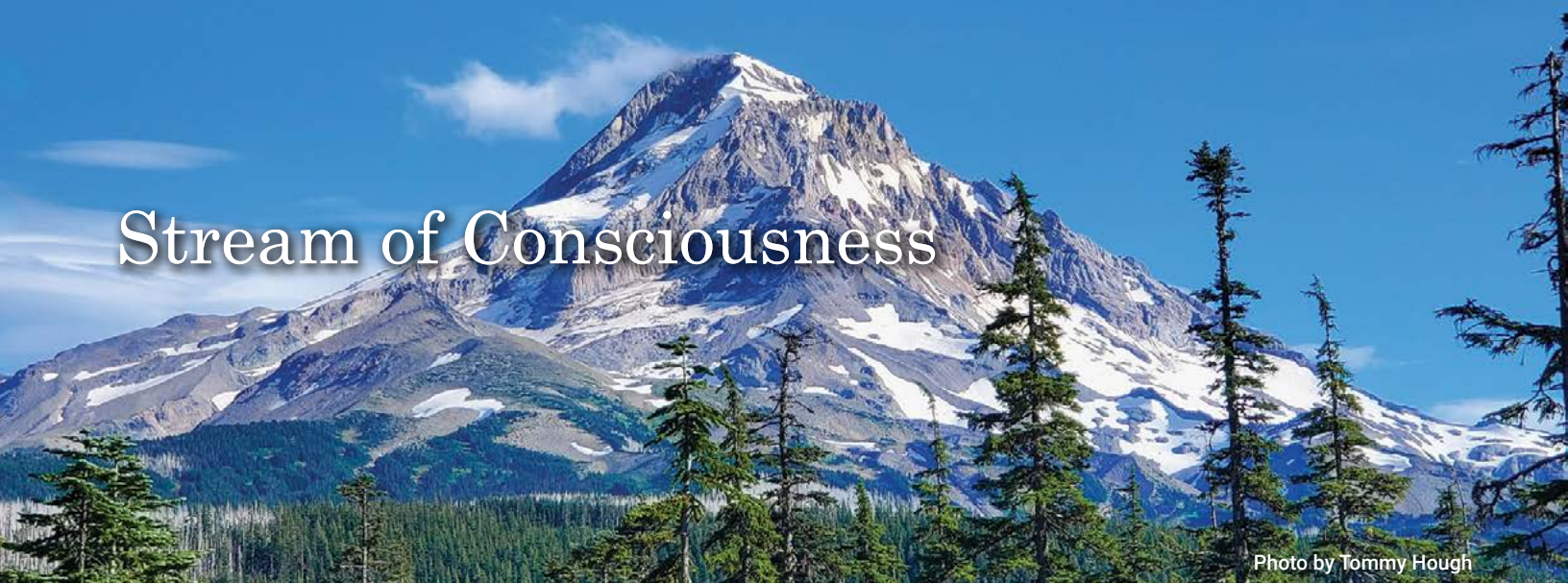


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Neil Brandt
Executive Director

Entering spring feels a little counterintuitive after the mild winter we've had in Oregon this year. With many of our Cascade peaks at historically low snowpack levels, I'm finding it difficult to embrace the explosion of blooms and growth that normally signals a welcome beginning to the spring season.

This year, I'd gladly accept another six weeks of winter (and a few more powder days skiing on Mt. Hood) as our state faces the stark reality of a serious drought season ahead. And this year's drought forecast makes it clear the work WaterWatch does to protect and restore Oregon's rivers will be more important than ever in the coming months and years.

With spring also comes new beginnings, and with that I'm thrilled to introduce you to Casey Armstrong, WaterWatch's newly-hired development director. Our former development director, Jesse Robbins, has transitioned from staff to the WaterWatch board of directors, and after a five-year hiatus Mary Scurlock has rejoined the board of directors. Please join me in welcoming Casey, and welcoming Jesse and Mary back to WaterWatch! You can read more about Casey, Jesse, and Mary in Transitions on page three.

In this issue of *Instream*, we report on the low Oregon snowpack and concerns over its impact on our state's rivers and fish on page five. We've also had a busy start to the year advocating for flows in Oregon's rivers in the legislature, in the courts, and on the ground. Our expanded Water Brief section includes several WaterWatch wins, from a recent legal victory in our campaign to remove Winchester Dam

to an update on our work in Oregon's short legislative session and our efforts to halt two damaging water bills that, thankfully, did not pass. On page seven, we profile WaterWatch's leadership in a coalition effort to stop HR 655, a federal bill that would transfer land out of the Mt. Hood National Forest and threatens the Dog River, and we highlight Governor Kotek's recent executive order directing accelerated climate protections for state lands and waters. Finally, don't miss WaterWatch's In the Community, which includes our calendar of upcoming events on page 10.

I want to thank you for helping us celebrate WaterWatch's 40th anniversary last year. We truly enjoyed revisiting WaterWatch's four decades of impressive wins for Oregon's rivers with you, and I really appreciated connecting with everyone who had a WaterWatch story to share.

As we kick off the next 40 years of WaterWatch in 2026, I want to recognize our members, supporters, and volunteers who have helped sustain WaterWatch since 1985. Your consistent support for WaterWatch's critical work to protect and restore our rivers has enabled us to remain engaged in every corner of the state, year after year, and to see our long-term campaigns through to victory. You've helped WaterWatch grow, flourish, and make a game-changing difference for Oregon's rivers, streams, fish, and state water policy over our first four decades. Here's to the next 40 years of WaterWatch!

For rivers,

Executive Director

Dire Winter Snowpack Raises Concerns

By February, Oregon's own state climatologist was calling this year's snowpack "terrible." Water advocates are worried.

Despite an abundance of precipitation that fell in the final days of winter that helped take the edge off Oregon's 2026 snowfall deficit, this winter has nevertheless gone down as one of Oregon's worst in terms of overall snowfall totals. By mid-March the state's average snowpack was 30 percent of normal — the state's second-lowest reading since 1980 and the worst since 2015. Oregon's 2026 snowpack was also the worst of any state in the west — putting Oregon at the epicenter of the west's snow drought crisis.

Heralding below normal spring and summer streamflows, the season's measurements have also raised grave concerns over the survival of fish and vulnerable aquatic species this year. With so little runoff expected, Oregon's rivers and fish will face exacerbated drought conditions and may experience die-offs this summer.

While the Oregon Coast and the state's western valleys saw somewhat normal levels of winter precipitation, rain is not snow, and frequent warming or above-freezing weather spells in the mountains, coupled with a series of "pineapple express" storms and intense atmospheric rivers that brought huge rainfall totals to the lowlands also kept temperatures warm in the higher elevations, which resulted in frequent melting of barely accumulated snow unable to coalesce into a reliable base.

On clear days this winter, Oregonians could see with their own eyes what skiers, winter sports enthusiasts, and high country residents had been suffering through since December: little to no visible snowpack along the lengths of the Cascade and Coast ranges, or atop the state's highest peaks. Snowpack levels on Mount Hood, for example, were still at only 45 percent of the yearly average by mid-March as winter drew to a close.

As this issue of *Instream* was being prepared, 11 of Oregon's 12 major basins had ended the season at less than 40 percent of their normal snowpacks — the lowest in a decade. In March the forecasted inflow at the Prineville Reservoir was expected to be 18 percent of average, while water levels on the Deschutes River were forecast to be 80 percent of average at Benham Falls and 47 percent of average for the Little Deschutes River near La Pine. At two state snowpack survey sites west of Bend, snowpack measurements the first week of March came in at 38 percent and 26 percent of normal. One of those measurements marked a record low not seen since snowfall record-keeping began in that region in 1990.

Combined with the volume of water siphoned away from Oregon rivers and streams by cities, irrigators, and other users, Oregon's low snow conditions have raised serious concerns over the survival of our state's native fish. As of mid-March not a single basin in the state was above 50 percent of its normal capacity, an astonishing amount 30 percent lower than the previous record-breaking low snowpack year of 2015, which saw major fish kills of returning adult salmon on the Willamette and Clackamas rivers.

The tragedy of 2015 and concerns over what may occur this year highlight one of WaterWatch's core pillars and concerns over streamflow volume, and a basic in water temperature science: during the hottest months of the year, the lower the rate of flow, the higher the water temperature can get. With the capacity of so many of Oregon's rivers and streamflows allocated to out-of-stream uses, temperatures in the state's major rivers, including but certainly not limited to the Willamette, can become deadly for aquatic life as early as June. While some other rivers around the state have even more severe temperature problems, temperatures in the Willamette were already reaching the mid-70s in June 2015 — far too warm for salmon. That these beloved, hearty, and otherwise resilient fish died in the very Oregon waters they had returned to was a tragic wake-up call.

As our climate continues to warm, we are seeing an increase in weather conditions that have resulted in less-stable annual snowfall and precipitation averages, as well as more severe and frequent wildfires. But it's the allocation of so much of the state's streamflow to municipal, irrigation, and other out-of-stream uses whose impacts on Oregon's fish and aquatic life we can work to reduce. With incredible native trout and prized runs of salmon and steelhead throughout the state, WaterWatch continues our work to reign in water allocation and advocate for more responsible water management and policy to help our state's native fish even in low-snowpack, low-runoff years. ■

If you, your family, or friends come across fish die-offs this spring and summer, no matter where you are in the state or what rivers or streams you frequent, please take photos and let us know via email at info@waterwatch.org

Photo courtesy of Greg Shine / BLM

Harney Basin Groundwater Protection Hits Major Milestone



Photo by Lisa Brown

In December, the state designated the Harney Basin a Critical Groundwater Area with the adopted rules for cutting back groundwater pumping to stabilize groundwater levels by 2058. This marks a major step forward for Oregon groundwater policy, and the culmination of a long, multi-year, science-driven effort with over a decade's worth of discussions in various forums. A huge debt of thanks is owed to everyone who submitted comments in support of sustainable groundwater management, drinking water, and groundwater dependent ecosystems throughout this lengthy process!

While the state designation marks a major milestone, additional procedural requirements mean enforcement of actual pumping reductions is still years away. During that time full pumping will be allowed to continue, which will likely result in a further decline of the aquifer. Under a voluntary agreement provision irrigators could begin to reduce the amount of groundwater pumped prior to cutbacks being enforced, but no voluntary agreements have been submitted thus far to the Oregon Water Resources Commission, the agency which holds the authority to approve voluntary agreements.

Representative Mark Owens, an alfalfa farmer from the Harney Basin, brought a bill during this year's short legislative session designated HB 4049 that would have undercut the authority of

the Oregon Water Resources Commission to ensure voluntary agreements result in the needed pumping cutbacks identified in the newly adopted Harney Basin rules. WaterWatch opposed this bill. Unfortunately, the bill triggered hours of closed-door backroom dealings between Rep. Owens, the Oregon

Water Resources Department, and the Governor's office in an attempt to force the agency to revise its guidance regarding voluntary agreements. As reported in Rep. Owens' newsletter, the goal of the discussions was "to see a revised [guidance] memo issued," and "if that occurs, this legislation may not be necessary."

Closed-door backroom deals should have no place in the development of agency policy that will have far-reaching

consequences on a public resource: water. That only certain interests are included in the talks increases the risk of harm. Moreover, WaterWatch believes that legislative interference to undercut years of scientific agency work is misplaced. To the extent any backroom deal undercuts newly adopted Harney Basin rules, this will highlight the need for statutory reforms to ensure groundwater is managed for all Oregonians, not just irrigators.

Thank you again to everyone who submitted comments to help protect Harney Basin groundwater. HB 4049 ultimately died in the legislature, but stay posted as we move on to the next milestones. ■



HR 655: A Bad Deal for Our Rivers and Public Lands



Photo courtesy of U.S. Forest Service

Shortly after the New Year, WaterWatch began to help assemble a coalition of angling, land-use, and conservation organizations to prevent the giveaway of public lands in the Mt. Hood National Forest proposed by HR 655, a troubling bill that would sacrifice fish, wildlife, and clean water to benefit Google, one of the wealthiest corporations on the planet. Passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in December, this legislation would transfer 150 acres around Crow Creek Reservoir in the Mt. Hood National Forest to the City of The Dalles. The carve-out would allow The Dalles to triple the size of the reservoir, eliminate public involvement in issues facing the project, and eliminate basic environmental oversight and review. As reported by OPB in January, Google's data centers in The Dalles are a significant driver in the community's increased water demand.

WaterWatch has identified a number of reasons to oppose HR 655:

- This legislation would eliminate 150 acres of public land in the Mt. Hood National Forest, permanently transferring land that belongs to all Americans to local politicians so it can be managed to benefit one of the world's wealthiest corporations which has already received over \$260 million in tax breaks for its facilities in The Dalles.
- HR 655 would likely harm five runs of salmon and steelhead listed under the federal Endangered Species Act in the Hood River and the Dog River — an important tributary of the Hood River — and all fish species migrating in the Columbia River. In 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency identified the Hood as an "excellent" cold water refuge for salmon migrating in the Columbia River that rely on its significantly cooler waters when temperatures in the Columbia are unsafe for salmon.

- The lower Hood River already violates Oregon water quality standards for temperature, and the EPA identified the need to "maintain and increase flows in the Hood River Basin," noting that at its confluence with the Columbia, Hood River flows are already overallocated from 144 to 216 percent (June through September). Removing cold water from the Dog River to benefit Google's data centers in The Dalles will further reduce Hood River flows, and likely cause increased water temperatures downstream, thus undercutting the cold water refuge as well as the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's attempts to cool the Hood River's temperatures.
- HR 655 would sidestep meaningful consideration of harm to other water users and the environment. To date, neither the U.S. Forest Service or any other federal agency has meaningfully considered how Google's exploding water demand and the expansion of The Dalles' water use would impact those values.

The backers of HR 655 seem to feel the rules that safeguard Oregon's salmon, water, and public lands are just "red tape" to be eliminated in the name of efficiency. They do not, apparently, understand these values are what makes Oregon such a special place, and that Oregonians don't want to see them degraded to benefit one of the wealthiest corporations on the planet. ■

Please contact Senators **Ron Wyden** and **Jeff Merkley** and ask them to hold HR 655 in the U.S. Senate as best they can, and prevent it from being included in any reconciliation legislation or otherwise passed.



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"WATERWATCH'S OFFER TO REMOVE THE DAM AT LITTLE OR NO COST TO THE OWNERS STILL STANDS."



Photo by Jim McCarthy

Wins Continue for the Free the North Umpqua Campaign — Good News for Fish!

The North Umpqua River's salmon and steelhead will find it easier to move upstream and downstream past Winchester Dam by 2029, thanks to a final fish passage order approved by a 6-to-1 vote of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission in February. The action came after the Winchester Water Control District, which owns the dam, chose to fight rather than comply with a September 2024 ODFW proposed order requiring demolition of the inadequate north side fish ladder and construction of new fish passage facilities on the south end of the dam, closer to the natural travel corridor for migratory fish. An administrative law judge ruled against the dam owners' challenge in December. With counsel from Earthjustice and Crag Law Center, WaterWatch and our allies intervened in that case in support of ODFW and the North Umpqua.

Construction of legally compliant fish passage at the dam is expected to cost upwards of \$70 million. Because the dilapidated 136-year-old structure is maintained solely to provide a private recreational lake for approximately 110 landowners surrounding its reservoir, many expect the owners will opt to remove the dam rather than build new fish passage. WaterWatch's offer to remove the dam at little or no cost to the owners still stands.

In March, an administrative law judge upheld \$77,767 in fines issued by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) against the dam owners and TerraFirma Foundation Repair, Inc., for water quality violations during repairs at the dam in the summer of 2023. TerraFirma is a basement repair company owned by the Winchester Water Control District

board president which served as the primary contractor for the 2023 repairs. WaterWatch and our allies intervened in the case on behalf of the river, water quality, fish, and wildlife, and were represented by Crag Law Center.

The ruling marked the second time in five years a judge has upheld state fines for water quality violations during botched Winchester Dam repairs. The judge upheld DEQ fine enhancements due to the dam owners' "reckless" and "flagrant" conduct resulting in water quality violations. The ruling found dam owners have a "history of hiring contractors inexperienced with complex in-water work" and demonstrated a "general disregard" for water quality protections during the 2023 repair work. The judge also found that "TerraFirma did not have a background with in-water projects with respect to dams or otherwise" and that the dam owners demonstrated a pattern of "choosing expediency and low cost over qualifications and experience when selecting a contractor for the 2023 repair project."

WaterWatch and our allies continue to support ODFW as amicus parties represented by Crag Law Center in the ongoing court case over the \$27.6 million fine against Winchester Water Control District, TerraFirma, and DOWL Engineering resulting from the massive fish kill during the 2023 repairs. We are also monitoring the lawsuit brought by the owners in a bid to delay enforcement after the Oregon Water Resources Department found the water stored behind the dam exceeded the owners' water right claim. That case had a status hearing March 31st. ■

Another Bad Columbia River Water Bill Falls by the Wayside — But Not for Long

The largest river in the Pacific Northwest, the Columbia River provides critical habitat to a myriad of fish and wildlife species, including federally listed salmon and steelhead, along its 1,253-mile journey from Canada to the Pacific Ocean. Unfortunately, the river system has been heavily dammed, diked, and drained over the decades, which has imperiled some of Oregon's most iconic fish species.

WaterWatch has been working on Columbia River water issues since the late 1980s. Our work has helped stop widespread illegal water use, helped rewater the Umatilla River, led to the state's sensitive stock rules which limit new withdrawals in the summer months, cut back irrigation withdrawals under existing permits, and protected important wildlife habitat from agricultural encroachment. In the last 20 years, we have stopped over 11 bad water bills — most of which would have legislated direct appropriations from the river.

This year saw another dangerous Columbia River bill coming from Umatilla Basin irrigators. Among other things, HB 4006 would have exempted area irrigators who diverted water between river miles 252 and 303 from important transfer and permit amendment laws, statutorily granted "district" status — along with a district's ability to condemn both lands and waters — to a local intergovernmental entity, legalized the spreading of existing water rights to unlimited lands, and kneecapped agency management beyond diversion points. The bill proponents' goal is to expand their irrigation boundaries to over 700,000 acres, roughly the size of Rhode Island. Of concern, this would have expanded irrigation in the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area, which raised additional concerns related to increased nitrate contamination.

WaterWatch mobilized an impressive coalition to help stop this bad bill, and put out a call to you, our dedicated members, to weigh in against it. The good news is your advocacy worked and the bill stalled in Committee. That said, bill proponents have indicated they will bring a similar bill in 2027, so the fight to protect the Columbia River and Oregon's iconic fish and wildlife is not over yet. ■

Governor Kotek Directs Accelerated Climate Protections for State Lands and Waters

In a positive step forward for the protection and restoration of Oregon's rivers, lakes, and wetlands, this past fall saw Governor Kotek issue Executive Order 25-26, which directs state agencies to prioritize climate resilient strategies into existing programs related to Oregon's lands and waters.

The executive order puts Oregon on a better path to address climate change by recognizing the state's arrival at an "inflection point as changing climate and ocean conditions impact Oregon's landscapes, waters, communities, and local economies with increased temperatures, warming surface waters, changing precipitation patterns, reduced snowpack, hotter and drier summers, sea-level rise, diminishing water supplies, habitat constraints to iconic species, and more frequent and damaging wildfires and extreme weather events."

EO 25-26 also calls for greater conservation of natural lands and waters as "resilience anchors" against climate change, encourages the state to demonstrate greater environmental leadership and stewardship and, critical to WaterWatch's work, directs state action to protect, conserve, connect, or restore 10 percent of Oregon's lands and waters within 10 years.

The governor's directive sets a clear goalpost for agencies, legislators, and communities to work together to restore and protect our lands and waters, including our beloved rivers, that are so important to Oregon's landscapes, ecosystems, and cultures.

Over the winter the Governor's office, working closely with Oregon's 14 natural resource agencies, began to take steps to implement EO 25-26. In the coming months there will be ample opportunity for public input. Given the inextricable link between climate and the protection of freshwater resources, we hope you will lend your voice to influence this important work. ■

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WaterWatch in the COMMUNITY

40th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Auction



Photos by Nina Johnson

WaterWatch's 40th anniversary celebration throughout 2025 culminated in a gathering of our community on November 1st at our 40th Anniversary Event and Annual Auction at Castaway Portland. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made it another special evening and memorable WaterWatch event.

Patagonia Tabling



Photo by Casey Armstrong

WaterWatch executive director Neil Brandt and communications manager Tommy Hough met with holiday shoppers and WaterWatch supporters at the Portland Patagonia store in December. Thanks as always to the team at Patagonia for the invitation and hospitality!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Portland Bridge Swim



Photo by Tommy Hough

Look for WaterWatch at Cathedral Park beneath the St. John's Bridge on Sunday, July 12th, during the reboot of the Portland Bridge Swim, an 11-mile swim down the Willamette River beginning at Sellwood Riverfront Park at 10 a.m. and expected to wrap up at Cathedral Park by 3 p.m.

To stay in the loop on future events: Visit our website events calendar at WaterWatch.org

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Join a community of visionaries committed to healthy rivers and climate resilient waters. Become a River Defender with WaterWatch now.

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