



The Crag Cairn

Spring 2012



Crag is a client-focused law center that supports community efforts to protect and sustain the Pacific Northwest's natural legacy.

Bamboo Sushi Spring Fundraiser

May 1st

Dine at Bamboo Sushi (SE 28th) & 10% will be donated to Crag!

April 24 - May 1

A most delicious way to support Crag's Coastal Law Project

Crag is excited to partner with the world's first certified sustainable sushi restaurant, Portland's own Bamboo Sushi, to raise funds and build awareness for Crag's work to protect Oregon's coast, ocean, rivers and wildlife. Bamboo Sushi's SE 28th restaurant will be running a drink special April 24 - May 1, featuring two special Crag cocktails. \$1 from the sale of each drink will be donated to Crag. On Tuesday, May 1st, Bamboo will also be donating 10% of its net proceeds to Crag. Invite your friends, spread the word and make plans to drink and dine at Bamboo Sushi April 24 - May 1st. Treat yourself to sustainable seafood and delicious drinks while raising funds for Crag's Coastal Law Project!

April 24-May 1

Crag Cocktail Special \$1 from each drink special donated to Crag!

BAMBOO SUSHI
sustainable delectable possible

Bamboo Sushi
310 SE 28th Ave.
4:30 - 10:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE!!!



The festivities formerly known as the Filbert Farm Party

Support & celebrate Crag's work with a day of family fun, music and food on the banks of the Willamette River

Saturday, July 28th

Public Lands

Crag works to ensure accountable management of your public lands and to protect them from unsustainable development and destructive overuse.

Canary in the Old-Growth by Tanya Sanerib, Staff Attorney

If there ever was a canary for Oregon's coastal old-growth forests, it would be the marbled murrelet - a threatened sea bird that requires big old coastal trees for nesting. Sadly, the canary is calling out for help. Marbled murrelet populations continue to decline due in large part to habitat loss. Unfortunately, Oregon continues to liquidate mature and old-growth coastal trees in Oregon's Tillamook, Clatsop and Elliott State Forests that murrelets need to hatch their eggs and increase their numbers.

Cascadia Wildlands, the Center for Biological Diversity, and the Audubon Society of Portland called upon Crag to help them save the marbled murrelet and the amazing old trees in the Tillamook, Clatsop, and Elliott State Forests. It turns out that the State is authorizing logging in and around areas that marbled murrelets use for nesting. This results in harm to the birds and their habitat, or an unlawful "take" in Endangered Species Act lingo. On January 19, 2012, with Crag's help, these organizations threatened to sue under the federal Endangered Species Act unless the State of Oregon agrees to prepare a conservation plan for the birds. Stay tuned to crag.org and our Facebook page for updates on this matter, and make a donation to help save Oregon's canary in the old-growth.



Photo courtesy of Peter Halasz

Adolescent Marbled Murrelet

Livable Communities

Crag provides services to local communities with an eye towards increasing their strength and political power and establishing a progressive base. As part of this program, we are tackling injustice and working to protect the health and vibrancy of communities throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Photo courtesy of NASA



Pan-Tropical Storm Rita over the U.S.

Climate Chameleons - How Can We Adapt?

by Courtney Johnson, Staff Attorney

How can communities address climate change? We know that taking steps to mitigate climate effects by reducing greenhouse gas emissions is critical. But given the delayed pace with which we are addressing the factors contributing to climate change, we should expect that our communities will soon feel some of its effects. That is why Crag is working with Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition to build grassroots support for the concept of climate change adaptation in coastal communities.

The State of Oregon has identified risks associated with climate change that are likely to occur, including coastal erosion, loss of wetlands and their ecosystem functions, and changes in precipitation and availability of fresh clean water. Addressing these impacts means making tough decisions about where and how we develop homes and infrastructure. For example, in the face of greater storm surges and the quickening pace of coastal erosion, will we choose to cover our beaches with seawalls and riprap in an effort to hold back the sea? Or will we choose to allow the beach and wetlands to migrate inland, preserving ecosystems and public access to the shore? Crag is helping coastal communities understand their options and the tools available to adapt to a changing climate so these difficult questions can be addressed now.

Salmon, Water and Wetlands

Crag works to protect waterways, wetlands and clean drinking water through legal action and community organizing.

Pulling the Plug on Nestlé's Plans to Bottle & Sell Oregon's Water

by Suzanne Savell, Development Coordinator

On behalf of Bark and Food and Water Watch, Crag recently filed two protests challenging the Oregon Water Resources Department's (Water Department) approval of permits that move Nestlé one key step closer to bottling and selling Oregon's water. Crag is donating our services to protest the Water Department's decisions on behalf of the thousands of Oregonians who are committed to protecting their natural resources. Bark and Food and Water Watch are members of the Keep Nestlé Out of the Gorge Coalition, which also includes the union Oregon AFSCME, Oregon Mission Centres of the Sisters of the Holy Names, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, Environment Oregon, Alliance for Democracy and the Sierra Club. The Coalition formed two years ago in response to Nestlé's bottled water proposal.

In February the Water Department approved water transfer permits that start Nestlé down the path to bottling and selling Oregon water. The spring water is located on state property and is currently used by the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) for a hatchery raising threatened salmon. The approved transfer applications now under protest are an integral part of the process that would lead to ODFW exchanging its water rights with the City of Cascade Locks, so that ultimately the City can sell the spring water to Nestlé. In essence, the state agencies are carving up the water right for a publicly owned fish hatchery to facilitate Nestlé's plans to bottle and sell Oregonians' public water for private gain.

"It's the State's job to safeguard Oregon's public resources, especially our precious water resources for the benefit of all Oregonians, not multinational corporations. Allowing the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to move forward with this water rights exchange would permit a state-owned resource to be used for a private business model that is unsustainable," said Jackie Dingfelder, Oregon State Senator for District 23. The Coalition has raised many other concerns, including the small number of low wage jobs the plant would create, the increased manufacturing of wasteful plastic bottles and Nestlé's documented track record of not serving rural communities' best interests when bottling public water resources.

To learn more about the many issues around Nestlé's proposal to bottle and sell our water, please join Crag, Bark and Food and Water Watch for a screening of the film Tapped on Thursday, June 7th at the Mission Theatre at 6:30 pm.

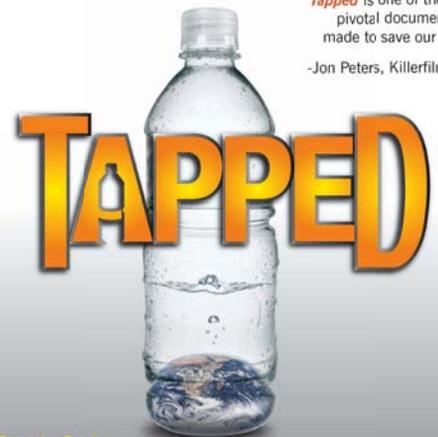


FROM THE PRODUCERS OF WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR? AND I.O.U.S.A.



"Tapped is one of the most pivotal documentaries made to save our lives."

-Jon Peters, Killerfilm.com



Our Screening Details:



6:30PM Thurs, June 7th
The Mission Theatre
1624 NW Glisan, Portland



www.tappedthemovie.com

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