



# **PARTNERSHIP**

**FOR LINCOLN LANDS AND WATERS**

## **NATURAL RESOURCES INNOVATION TOUR 2023**



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## SUSTAINING LINCOLN COUNTY'S FUTURE THROUGH INNOVATION



### Heritage

Lincoln County was founded in 1893. For generations, Lincoln County farmers, foresters, and fishers/fishmen have provided safe, high quality and affordable food and fiber products for the state of Oregon and beyond.

During the last 120 years, fishing, farming and forestry in Lincoln County have fluctuated. Though a smaller industry now, the three sectors are still a prominent part of our community.

### Who we are

We are farmers, foresters, and supporters of the fishing industry who seek to preserve our thriving natural resources sectors in Lincoln County. Through our collective efforts, we work to tell our stories of stewardship and care of the land for the well-being of generations to come.



# SUSTAINING OUR FUTURE THROUGH INNOVATION



## About This Tour

Natural resource sectors are often overlooked in the areas of innovation and contributions made towards sustaining our future. We want to show you how Lincoln County's forestry, fishing, and farming sectors contribute to our future by promoting sustainable and continued industry advancement.

## AGENDA

**May 23rd, 2023 8:00 am to 3:30 pm**

Start Location:

Lincoln County Fair Grounds (Commons) 4-H Barn  
1633 NE 3rd St, Newport, OR 97365

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| <b>8:30 am</b>  | Guest Arrival - coffee, drinks and snacks        |
| <b>8:50 am</b>  | Load buses for Stop One Foulweather Trawl        |
| <b>9:05 am</b>  | Depart for Stop One Foulweather Trawl            |
| <b>10:15 am</b> | Load buses and depart for Stop Two Forestry Site |
| <b>10:40 am</b> | Arrive at Stop Two Forestry Site                 |
| <b>11:40 am</b> | Depart for Lunch at "The Lab"                    |
| <b>12:10 pm</b> | Lunch at "The Lab"                               |
| <b>1:10 pm</b>  | Depart for Farm Stop                             |
| <b>1:50 pm</b>  | Arrive at Farm Stop                              |
| <b>3:00 pm</b>  | Depart for Fairgrounds                           |
| <b>3:30 pm</b>  | Arrive at Fairgrounds                            |

# STOP ONE

## FISHING INDUSTRY

### Foulweather Trawl

#### Fish Net Industry



### About Foulweather Trawl

Foulweather Trawl was started by Sara Skamser in 1984. As the only custom commercial fishing net loft in Oregon — and arguably the top shop on the west coast — Foulweather Trawl serves thousands of fishermen in the region. The fishing nets are hand-woven by shop artisans, with different style nets for various fisheries. The nets are often designed specifically for certain fishing vessels to ensure the proper size net on the right size boat and any customizations the boat owner requests. Additionally, Foulweather Trawl has a long and storied history of innovation, with scientists, managers, and fishermen working together, often right in the net shop, to design new technologies to improve the sustainability of U.S. fisheries. They were among the first to develop an excluder net that helped reduce bycatch by sorting fish by size and designing nets with bycatch excluder devices and other sustainability measures.

Foulweather Trawl was run by Sara and John Skamser from 1984 till 2022. Sara passed away in 2022 following a battle with cancer, and management of the shop was taken on by Denise Schrock, an experienced commercial fisherman. John Skamser still owns Foulweather Trawl and is actively involved in operations. To learn more, please see: <https://1859oregonmagazine.com/think-oregon/trawl-goddess-of-the-west-coast/>



# STOP TWO

## MANAGED FOREST



### Boone Island

Name: Boone Island

Landowner: Weyerhaeuser Co.

Lat: 44.597896 N

Long: -123.979211 W

Logging Contractor: Knudson Logging,  
Inc. Philomath, OR

Knudson Logging is a fully mechanized logging company with a 7-man crew. They run a leveling shovel logger, two processors, two loading shovels, and a yoder with a mechanical grapple. The mechanical grapple allows for “boots off the ground” logging, which means there is no crew in the brush other than a hook tender (site lead) to move the lines when logging is complete. The mechanical grapple has a camera onboard which allows the operator to see what they are picking up with the grapples.

**Presenter:** Matthew Fiorito, Area Manager Alsea Forest Area. Matthew has been employed with Weyerhaeuser for 15 years in a variety of roles starting with being a forest engineer, and working up to an Area Manager position. He has worked on 4 different tree farms throughout the Willamette Valley and is a graduate of Oregon State University College of Forestry.

**Presenter:** Jerry Workman, Area Manager Mid-Coast Forest Area. Jerry has been with Weyerhaeuser for 26 years in a variety of roles. He spent much of his career as an engineer on the Snow Peak Tree Farm near Lebanon, OR. Jerry has been a contract harvest manager, company harvest manager, safety lead, and spent time as the area manager for the Cathlamet Tree Farm in Washington before coming back to Mid-Coast in 2022.

# LUNCH AT "THE LAB"

## YAQUINA LAB

### About "The Lab"



The Yaquina Lab is a multipurpose facility that provides shared space and equipment for fishing and other ocean-minded businesses. Tenants have 24/7 access to co-working spaces, private offices, a shared kitchen, food processing, and dry and cold storage areas. There is no long-term lease or deposits required from members which reduces start-up cost and risk. The Central Coast Food Web is a new non-profit that will run programs out of the Yaquina Lab for the purpose of improving access to local foods, capturing and retaining blue foods economic value in Lincoln County, increasing ocean literacy and supporting climate friendly food solutions. Starting the summer of 2023, programs will include workforce development trainings for seafood processing, value-added product development to support 100% utilization of fish, and a Blue Foods Marketplace to provide online sales channels for independent seafood producers. This is all nested in the coastwide Ocean Cluster Initiative -- a USDA grant funded project led by the Oregon Coast Visitors Association, aimed at making local seafood easier to find and buy. The Initiative supports the Lab and its clients by helping subsidize rental costs and coordinate shared distribution networks.

Laura Anderson is the founder of Local Ocean Seafoods, which in 2022 became an employee owned company. She launched the Yaquina Lab and is a founding board member of Central Coast Food Web. She privately consults on a number of food systems initiatives and represents the seafood sector in her volunteer service roles, including the Nature Conservancy of Oregon, the Oregon Coast Aquarium, and the Oregon Ocean Science Trust.



# STOP THREE

## LOCAL FARM

### Miller Farms

Raising cattle and sustainable pasture management



### Meet Tim Miller of Miller Farms

Tim Miller is a 3rd generation farmer in the Siletz Valley. His grandfather moved to the area 115 years ago. The current cattle operation started in 1984, upon his return from active duty in the Air Force. The last 35 years have been spent developing and refining the farm's grazing system. The farm provides high-quality forage for cattle while sustainably sequestering carbon.

The farm stop is on Miller Farms Cedar Creek property. The stop will cover the history of the property and problems with elk grazing, water systems, and soil fertility. We will look at the solutions to these problems and learn about forage management in a rotational grazing system. If weather permits, there will have a haylage-making demonstration.