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**Region 10 Water Quality Conferences: Building Trans-boundary Partnerships**

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Abstract:

Since 2001 the Region 10 Water Quality Coordination Team has hosted 4 bi-annual regional conferences. Each of the conferences has been developed around a different theme with invited regional expertise in that arena invited to be members of the steering and planning committee. The four conference themes were: Research and Extension; The Role of TMDL Implementation in Watershed Restoration; Groundwater Under the Pacific Northwest; and Moving Science into Policy and Action. The goal of the conferences is to bring together research and extension faculty, regional decision makers, agency personnel, and watershed groups facing similar challenges related to managing water resources. By bringing together diverse group of participants, we hoped to build lasting partnerships and highlighting the role of land-grant universities in solving applied problems. Evaluations are meticulously examined to make continuous improvements. The conferences have been a huge success. Participation in the conferences has increased over the years with attendance reaching over 225 in 2007.

Impact Statement:

As part of the Region 10 Coordination grant one of the goals was to bring regional expertise and partners together at a bi-annual conference to address successes and challenges in regional water quality issues. The topics and themes of the conferences would change to fit contemporary issues. To date four conferences have been held with growing participation of partnerships and attendance. Evaluations have been positive as has been reflective in the growth of the program and the diversity reflected in the attendance that often varies with the theme.

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