

Pierce Conservation District Farm Program 2011 3rd Quarter Report

Special points of interest:



Pierce Conservation District (PCD) partnered with the City of Gig Harbor to coordinate and present the 6th annual Donkey Creek Chum Festival. At the PCD booth people learned the connection between salmon and natural resource protection while having fun.



Manure storage bins will help the farm owners near Wollochot Bay in Gig Harbor prevent surface water runoff while implementing part of their farm management plan.



26 small farm owners increased their production by utilizing the Pierce Conservation District's Poultry Processing Unit in the 3rd quarter of 2011.

- > 102 requests for information (including 32 requests for the Manure Share Program list)
- > 23 farm visits to make management recommendations (including 1 Pierce County referral)
- > 10 soil samples taken from pastures through the "first ones free" soil sampling program to ensure proper nutrient application
- > 3 farm owner education workshops with 30 participants
- > 3 public outreach events, one of which was coordinating the Donkey Creek Chum Festival
- > 14 farm best management practices implemented
- > 2,400 pounds of material recycled through the Agricultural Plastics Recycling Program from 10 drop-off sites
- > 10 manure spreader rentals with guided nutrient application onto 24.5 acres of land
- > 3 new farm management plans written and 2 existing farm plan updates
- > 26 poultry processing unit rentals with 1,088 birds processed at an estimated value of \$19,477.50
- > 2 grant applications submitted. One grant was for rain barrel making and cistern classes, and one was for education and outreach
- > Represented the Conservation District on the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board, the KGI Watershed Council, the Pierce County Open Space Task Force, and the Shellfish Protection District