

Timber and Tides webinar series offered

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Seven Capes Bird Alliance, alongside Mid-Willamette Bird Alliance, Coast Range Association, Sierra Club Oregon Chapter, and Wild Salmon Center, is excited to announce a webinar series on the vital connections between coastal forests and marine ecosystems. Join this free, three-part series to explore these interwoven environments and why their conservation is critical, now more than ever.

Pacific Northwest coastal forests and marine habitats are more interconnected than people may realize. Temperate rainforests filter pollutants and reduce ocean acidification. Migrating salmon help sustain forest ecosystems by bringing nutrients upstream when they return from the ocean to spawn and die. Other species, like the Marbled Murrelet, spend part of their life history both at sea and within ancient forests. These interactions create a dynamic ecosystem emphasizing the need to protect both forests and marine environments.

Renowned scientist and forest advocate Dr. Dominick DellaSala presents the first of three webinars in the series, “Old Forests Do It Best as Natural Climate Solutions,” which takes place from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 2. DellaSala will focus on the benefits ancient forests provide to communities and nature, and

how federal forest-climate policies involving the Northwest Forest Plan and National Old Growth Amendment are missing the mark on much needed forest protections.

DellaSala is chief scientist at Wild Heritage (www.wild-heritage.org) and former president of the Society for Conservation Biology, North America Section. He is an internationally renowned author of more than 300 peer-reviewed papers and nine award-winning books on forests, climate change, endangered species, and speaking truth to power. He is motivated by his work to leave a living planet for his two daughters, four grandchildren, and all those who follow.

Although the webinar is free, pre-registration is required. Register at www.sevencapes.org/timberandtides

The second webinar in this series will feature Conrad Gowell presenting “Exploring the Salmon Habitat of Our Coastal Streams” on Jan. 8, 2025, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., followed by Dr. Matthew Betts presenting “Managing Forests for Bird Conservation” on Feb. 5, 2025, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.