

*Coos Watershed Association*

## ***Statement of Shared Values***

***Whereas we believe it is possible to achieve both environmental integrity and economic stability within the Coos Watershed; and***

***Whereas we believe that the natural products and processes of the watershed are indicators of watershed health, and are important to the economy and vitality of the community; and***

***Whereas we believe that human activities have a legitimate place in the watershed; and***

***Whereas we recognize that our actions can affect the stability of the watershed and related economy; and***

***Whereas we believe deliberate planning and action for watershed health are important and are effectively achieved by the people who live and work within the watershed; and***

***Whereas we believe that a watershed-scale perspective improves our ability to sustain the health of the watershed and related economic activities; and***

***Whereas we believe the coordination of our individual efforts can achieve a synergistic, beneficial effect on the watershed;***

***Therefore we will support environmental integrity and economic stability within the Coos watershed by increasing community capacity to develop, test, promote, and implement management practices in the interests of watershed health. (The term "Coos watershed" consists of all lands and waters that drain into the Pacific Ocean through the Coos estuary.)***