



## ***Joint Technical Conference on Ecological Restoration of the Greater Columbia Basin***

**SUBJECT: Potential Sponsorship and/or Exhibitor at the Joint Technical Conference of the Society of Ecological Restoration Northwest Chapter and Pacific Northwest Chapter of Society of Wetland Scientists  
September 25-28, 2007 in Yakima, WA**

The Society of Ecological Restoration (SER) and Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS) are non-profit organizations with national and international representation. Both societies operate as charitable and educational organizations to foster conservation efforts while furthering our understanding of restoration needs in aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. This is done through a variety of forums including meetings, supporting student education, workshops, and field trips. Combined the Northwest Chapter of SER and Pacific Northwest Chapter of SWS have over 1,000 members who are involved in every aspect of restoration and aquatic protection work in the region. Both organizations have been meeting annually since 1989 to share information through the presentation of scientific papers, posters, panel discussions, public workshops, and field trips. This year's joint meeting and technical conference will be held at the Yakima Convention Center in Yakima, Washington.

This year's conference is focused on "Ecological Restoration of the Greater Columbia Basin." We are asking you to join us in sponsoring this joint technical meeting. We need sponsorships to offset the costs of cash awards for student posters (high school through graduate school), scholarships for participants from small non-profit and community groups, the essential coffee and tea breaks, and general meeting expenses. You can choose to sponsor a specific portion of the program or assist with general meeting expenses. Sponsorship recognition will be based on the level of funding provided.

For potential exhibitors, the Yakima Convention Center has spacious facilities. Commercial businesses that would like to exhibit their products and services will be charged \$600 for a table (and includes one free registration). Non-profit organizations may exhibit for \$400 (with one free conference registration included). Informational or educational exhibits are available for non-profit or community groups at \$200 (no registration provided).

Please fill out the attached form and send your sponsorship funds to the address below before August 30, 2007. If you have any questions, please contact either of us, Becki Kniveton at 206-695-6673 or BSK@shanwil.com, or Katie Walter at 206-695-6738 or KLW@shanwil.com. Thank you for taking the time to consider becoming a sponsor. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jim Hansen  
Program Chair (SER)

Jim Wiggins  
Program Chair (SWS)

**\* SWS and SER are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. All your donations are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to Society of Ecological Restoration Northwest Chapter and send them to the SER Chapter Treasurer, Tim Walls in care of : Snohomish County Surface Water Management, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, MS-607, Everett, WA 98201-4045.**