

Woods Hole Research Center Seminar

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Catalyzing radical, practical change in the Pacific Northwest



The challenges of the 21st century are immense. To meet them, we need radical transformation of current institutions — those ways of living, from banking to building, from transportation to tree harvesting, that define us. For this presentation, I will introduce our organization, Ecotrust, and share a suite of projects that feature water as a connective element to our work, from the economic benefits of salmon habitat restoration to ecological forestry, green buildings, and community fisheries. In each vignette I will explore how knowledge, capital, and technology are leveraged as pathways for change.

Biography: Cathy P. Kellon directs the Water and Watersheds Program at Ecotrust where she oversees the Whole Watershed Restoration Initiative, a multi-million dollar, collaborative effort to restore the major ecological functions of high priority river basins in Oregon and Washington, U.S. Cathy has over seventeen years of experience developing and applying strategic approaches to improving habitat for native fish and wildlife, increasing public awareness of the value of nature's services, and ensuring a more reliable access to clean water for all members of our communities. She has previously worked with the State of the Salmon Program, NOAA Fisheries, and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. She earned her Master's in Geography and a minor in Interdisciplinary Water Resources Studies from Oregon State University.

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