

Love Your Watershed During COVID-19 Survey: Open-Ended Question Analysis

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I reviewed all the responses to the three questions requiring a written response, and collated them by categories. My short analysis is that the majority of people responding are interested in more project updates, some new educational topics and information on plant identification and invasive species. Most are willing to meet in person as long as it is outside with masks and social distancing. The responses to questions #1 and #3 overlapped quite a bit. A quick summary is below. Note that many responses included more than one item and I separated them, sometimes into different categories, so you may notice I have more results than are listed on the actual response sheet.

#1 Which topics do you think you would be interested in hearing more about in an online format...?

- Educational, large variety - 12 responses:

Anything about the central coastal region, natural and social history of the Luckiamute area, fish habitat, and living creatures in our water, soil, etc., building reptile habitat, building seasonal ponds for wildlife, the state of salmonids in the watershed, biology of restoration, Watershed protection, educational presentations, legal protections for the watershed, strategic plans, a review of the master plan and the areas of the watershed in need of specific actions toward that plan logging and aerial spraying.

- Project updates - 9
- Plant and Animal Identification - 5
- Invasive Species - 3
- Other - 4

#2 What, if anything, would make you feel safe enough to attend an in-person event hosted by the LWC?

- Held Outside - 10
- Masks - 8
- Social Distancing - 7
- Clean/Hand Sanitizer - 2
- Parking - 1
- long term decline in cases - 1
- following state laws/as determined by health authorities - 2
- General - 1
- Not willing to meet in person - 1

#3 In general, which topics are you interested in hearing news and information about from the LWC?...

- General large variety - 10:

I love the work you do and info you share! I am glad you are doing this survey, it's a good idea!, I'm open, crafts (like the fish contest), ecology, nature and social history of Luckiamute, pandemic impacts on programs, again, I'm open and have been surprised that I find some of the presentations so very interesting!, basically, if the speaker is knowledgeable and passionate about their topic, that works best for me, a variety... many unknown ones were fascinating--, any and all that affect the environment of this area.

- Education on Projects - 6 (lots of overlap with #1 in these responses)
- Wildlife/Plants - 4
- Invasive Species - 3
- Education of Public and LWC contacts on steps to improve watershed health on own properties - 2

Among the more interesting things to note, I believe, are the following responses:

- Educational requests for nature and social history of Luckiamute
- Pandemic impacts on programs
- Speakers that are knowledgeable and passionate about their topic
- Educating farmers about clearing the ditches of all trees and vegetation and the resulting erosion and loss of habitat
- What residents can do with our own properties and encourage in our neighbors
- Biology of restoration
- Review of the strategic plan
- Volunteer opportunities
- Legal protections for the watershed (re: logging and aerial spraying)
- Success stories.