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Duncan Creek restoration group seeking members

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PORT ORCHARD — The nonprofit organization Committee to Restore Duncan Creek, formed in 1997, is seeking new members to join the group.

According to the organization, Kitsap County has obligated \$2 million to replace the current culvert located under Colchester Drive, which blocks fish passage above Colchester Drive, in Manchester. The mile-long stream can support coho and chum salmon, and cutthroat and bull trout, committee member David Kimble said.

“We will be planning for future stream-side and watershed/habitat restoration projects,” Kimble said. “We need to apply for wildlife restoration grants before the culvert is replaced. Conducting outreach and education are two of the primary purposes of this group, with the main goal of lobbying the county to complete the replacement of the fish-blocking culvert.”

Those interested in joining the committee are asked to contact Lucinda at 425-578-4048, Alexandra at 360-908-3818 or Kimble at 360-871-2007 for more information on how to get involved.

The Committee to Restore Duncan Creek has information on its website: thecommitteetorestoreduncancreek.org.