

March 11, 2014

To: Yachats Planning Commission
From: Larry Lewis, City Planner
Re: Criteria for Stream Determination

At the last work session the Planning Commission identified the need to review and establish criteria for classifying streams, i.e. fish-bearing streams, perennial streams, intermittent streams, other drainages, and riparian zones. Classifying streams and drainages would be valuable to property owners, developers, the Planning Commission and city staff. There are three broad categories to consider:

- **City of Yachats Local Wetland Inventory (LWI) and Yachats Zoning and Land Use Code** – a summary of relevant LWI information and summary of current zoning standards.
- **Outside Established Sources** – for example, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) as well as other potential sources.
- **Additional Research or Assessment of Streams** – for example, methodologies have been established that help establish stream status, i.e. perennial versus intermittent.

Following discussion by the Planning Commission at the March 18, 2014 work session, city staff can conduct further research.