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Researcher Biographies

Jim Labbe, Urban Conservationist since 2003 has over 20 years of experience in natural resource planning, research, and advocacy as a student, watershed council coordinator, consultant, and citizen advocate. He holds a BA in history from Reed College and an MS in Physical Geography from Portland State University (PSU). His past research includes a history of the Rogue River Salmon Fishery and a study of river channel morphology in the Tualatin River Watershed. Since 2002, Jim has represented Portland Audubon in advocating for natural resource-related policies and programs throughout the Portland-Metro region. He also coordinates outreach and education working with natural area “friends” organizations, watershed groups, and neighborhood associations. In 2007 he completed an updated edition of Portland Audubon’s Urban Natural Resource Directory. Jim also chairs the Coalition for a Livable Future’s Natural Resource Working Group and recently authored a chapter in the Coalition for a Livable Future’s Regional Equity Atlas that assessed access to greenspace in the Portland-Metro region. In March 2005 Jim received the Coalition for a Livable Future’s Robert L. Liberty Regional Leadership Award. Jim also serves on the board of the Johnson Creek Watershed Council and the advisory board for Depave.org.

Anna Denisse Fisher de Leon, She has a BS in Biology from the Universidad de las Americas, Puebla, Mexico and an MS in Natural Resource Studies from the University of Arizona. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in Natural Resource Management at Portland State University, where she is concentrating on monitoring water temperatures for urban streams in the Portland Metro Region. Past research projects include hummingbird distributions in a protected aridland in southern Mexico and vegetations changes as indicators of impacts in the Biosphere Reserve of El Pinacate and Gran Desierto de Altar Sonora. Denisse has also worked as environmental educator at the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy and the Mount St. Helens Institute. She also serves on the board of the Johnson Creek Watershed Council.