

## **New Board of Directors Candidate Biography**

**Board Candidate:** Andy Lade, MS, MPP, GIT, ENV-SP

**Affiliation:** Biologist, NOAA Fisheries (Contractor with Ocean Associates Inc.); Volunteer, Lowlander Center

**Location:** White Salmon, Washington, USA

**Focus/Specialties:** Communications, Event Planning, Volunteer Coordination, Strategic Planning

**Specialties:** Andy is a collaborative natural resource management professional, who has worked both as a communications professional and a scientist. He provides a clear, effective approach to communications. He performs tasks thoroughly and pays close attention to details.

**Biographical Sketch:** Andy has a unique blend of scientific and organizational operations experience, making him well-suited for the RRNW Board. He has served on the Corvallis Environmental Center's Board, has organized a national conference for non-profit organizations, and has worked as a scientist and communications professional at Inter-Fluve, NOAA Fisheries, and USFWS. He has written over 100 proposals, dozens of newsletters, and coordinated a NOAA speaker series. He has advanced degrees in the natural sciences and environmental public policy.

**Statement of Interest:** I primarily want to join the RRNW board to coordinate with others to explore more economical means to maximize our restoration impact. I am also looking for a community-service outlet and want to aid the continued development of our community of restoration practitioners. My primary involvement with RRNW over the past 3 years has been serving as the audio technician at the symposium. On the board, I am interested in the role of Technology Coordinator or an operational support role.