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ALTERNATIVES TO PESTICIDES**



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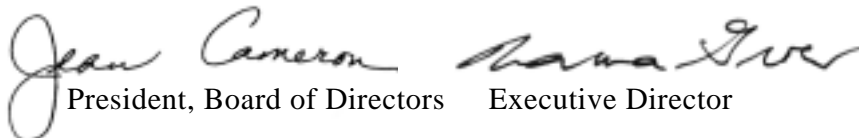
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Dear NCAP Supporter,

Protecting people and the environment from the harmful effects of pesticides by advancing healthy solutions to pest problems is what we at NCAP do day in and day out. Though seemingly simple, achieving this mission is no easy feat, especially in light of numerous and significant challenges from far afield. We are pleased to report that despite the current political and economic climate, 2003 was full of progress such as:

- **Winning legal challenges that result in better public disclosure of ingredients in pesticide products as well as curbs on pesticide use near salmon waterways.** A judge's order to provide "no spray" buffers and restrict the use of 38 pesticides known to harm salmon was a direct result of the pioneering Endangered Species lawsuit brought by NCAP and its allies.
- **Proving that alternatives to pesticides are seriously worth considering.** First-year data from a large-scale demonstration project led by NCAP showed that the use of a cover crop compared to the use of chemical pesticides resulted not only in quality potato yields but in a \$280-per-acre savings for farmers.
- **Engaging a growing member base.** With the help of a key foundation challenge grant and a look to future sustainability, NCAP welcomed 507 new members and increased total dues income by \$8,000. Hundreds of members — both new and old — responded to our calls for action on key pesticide issues in their communities.
- **Reaching more people than ever before.** A concerted outreach effort and continued improvement resulted in NCAP's website receiving a significant increase — 34% — in the number of visitors from the year before. NCAP is becoming better known from the dozens of times we were mentioned in a variety of media nationwide in 2003, as well as the 75 events we attended.

All that we do is designed to create a foundation for a more-livable, less-toxic world. We are pleased that you have joined us in these efforts. Thanks so much!


President, Board of Directors Executive Director

Cover Photo: Trilliums grow in abundance in the Northwest.

Photo by Pollyanna Lind.

ABOUT THE NORTHWEST COALITION FOR ALTERNATIVES TO PESTICIDES

Through outreach, education, advocacy and organizing, the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides works to protect people and the environment from the hazards of pesticides by advancing healthy solutions to pest problems.

In 2003, NCAP focused on three programs designed to achieve our mission:

SUSTAINABLE FARMING

The Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides coordinated a 160-acre demonstration project with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in eastern Idaho to document *sustainable potato farming practices* as a way to reduce pesticide and fertilizer use and improve soil and water quality on tribal lands. The goal of the demonstration project is to show that sustainable practices result in high-quality potato yields and are both economical and environmentally beneficial. Data were collected on the demonstration acres and the results are promising, showing a significant cost savings over use of pesticides in growing potatoes. Though it takes place in Idaho, the demonstration project has implications that extend far beyond the state's borders, with the potential to affect potato farming in the greater Pacific Northwest, reorient research commitments towards non-chemical practices, and reduce environmental contamination on tribal lands in Idaho and growing grounds in other states.

CLEAN WATER

The Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides teamed up with Washington Toxics Coalition for the third year of the *Clean Water for Salmon Campaign* to build a broad-based



NCAP member Lionel Youst captured this photo of a spawning coho in November 2003 on the East Fork of the Millicoma River.

grassroots effort that will result in a wave of communities adopting salmon-friendly pest management policies and practices in Oregon and Washington. The campaign is also designed to force the federal government to comply with mandates to protect threatened or endangered species such as salmon from the hazards of pesticides.

RIGHT TO KNOW

For the past decade, the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides has been working to increase public access to information about pesticide ingredients. This extended *Inerts Disclosure Campaign* is necessary because pesticide manufacturers are trying to hide information from the public about certain ingredients in pesticides. These ingredients, known as "inerts," are not included in most of the health and safety testing done to register a pesticide with the EPA. Accurately assessing a pesticide product's hazards to human or environmental health cannot be done without a complete understanding of all of its ingredients. That is why NCAP will continue the fight for the public's right to know about what exactly is in each and every pesticide product.

2003 HIGHLIGHTS

NCAP is all about bringing public attention to problems that are caused by pesticides and proposing solutions that don't rely on harming human and wildlife or polluting our planet. We are tireless defenders of the public's right to know about the hazards of pesticides. And we insist on government transparency and accountability when it comes to pesticide regulation. These principles guide our everyday actions. During 2003, NCAP:

- **Won restrictions on the use of 38 pesticides** in NCAP's landmark lawsuit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to protect endangered or threatened salmon runs from harmful pesticides.

- **Ensured passage of Oregon's most comprehensive** roadside vegetation management policy that increases notification, creates easy public access to spray data, and sets a specific use reduction goal for Lane County's 1,500 miles of roadside.

- **Produced a report on the findings** of the potato demonstration site on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation showing that a mustard cover crop is an environmentally and economically beneficial alternative to chemical fumigant. The report sparked creative thinking and renewed dialogue about alternatives to pesticides in Idaho's potato growing communities.

- **Secured commitment** by four Oregon counties to emphasize prevention rather than pesticide use for West Nile virus mosquito control.

- **Secured the state's most salmon-friendly parks pest management policy** in Salem, Oregon, in collaboration with local grassroots activists and city staff. The policy creates pesticide-free playgrounds, parks and other public areas.

- **Was featured in more than 200 stories** in a variety



NCAP's Aimée Code received an award from Lane County Commissioner Peter Sorenson for her work on the roadside vegetation management policy.

of media in multiple states from as close to home as Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California, to as far away as New Zealand.

- **Won a lawsuit against EPA** requiring that the agency stop providing blanket protection to industry for documents used to determine if a confidentiality claim about the identity of inerts is legitimate.

- **Helped form and activate the National Pesticide Reform Coalition**, 15 national, regional, and statewide groups working to ensure an effective national strategy to protect wildlife from pesticides.

- **Joined the steering committee** of the Western Region IPM Center, a group recommending funding allocations for USDA research, including for alternatives to pesticides.

- **Jointly sponsored** with Idaho Organic Alliance, University of Idaho Extension and the College of Southern Idaho a statewide conference that drew about 140 participants to Twin Falls, Idaho, to focus on local foods.

- **Convinced the U.S. Forest Service's Region 6** to include an alternative focused on prevention in the agency's invasive plants environmental impact statement.

- **Obtained a commitment from Portland Parks & Recreation Department** to publicly provide an explanation of its pesticide use and to maintain a publicly accessible database of pesticide use that is updated monthly.

- **Helped plan two events sponsored by farm worker groups** and agreed to serve as fiscal sponsor to the Washington Farm Worker Pesticide Project.

- **Appeared at 75 events**, mostly in the Pacific Northwest but some as far away as the East Coast, with a total attendance of 8,500 people.

- **Celebrated Executive Director Norma Grier's 20th year anniversary** with NCAP.

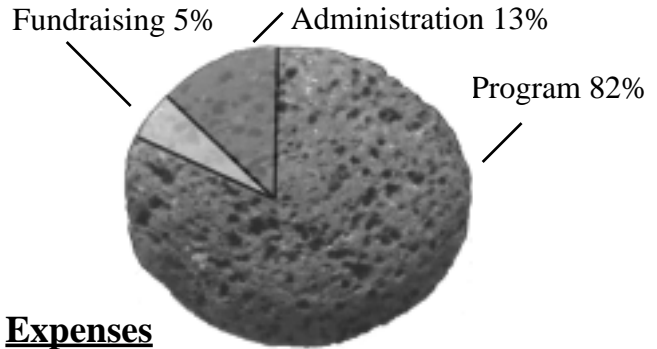


Executive Director Norma Grier has been with NCAP for 20 years.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2003

Expenses

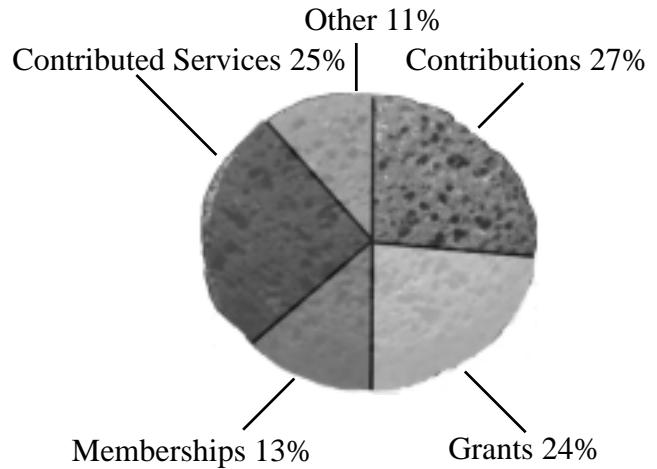
Program	\$446,550
Fundraising	\$29,297
Administration	\$67,883
Total Expenses	\$543,730



Revenues

Contributions	\$125,404
Grants	\$112,170
Memberships	\$63,897
Contributed Services	\$116,482
Other	\$54,197
Total Revenues	\$472,150

Revenues



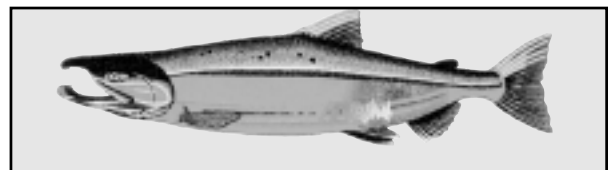
Change in Net Assets	(\$71,580)
Net Assets Beginning	\$467,543
Net Assets Ending	\$395,954

These figures are derived from audited financial statements using the accrual method of accounting. Income is recorded when it is awarded.

“The Oregon AFL-CIO relies on NCAP for technical advice and assistance on many pesticide-related issues. From pesticide alternatives to personal and community protections to worksite poisonings, NCAP has been a highly valued resource and ally for Oregon’s labor movement. From farm workers to flight attendants, construction workers to corrections officers, NCAP has always been there for workers.”

Brad Witt
Secretary-Treasurer
Oregon AFL-CIO

Endowment Fund	\$209,110
Reserve Fund	\$72,025
Other Net Assets	\$114,819
Total Net Assets	\$395,954



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THANK YOU

Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides relies on members and donors for support. Without your financial commitment, our work would not be possible. We are proud to list the individuals who have contributed gifts of \$100 or more during the 2003 calendar year. Businesses, organizations, foundations and agencies also provide crucial support.

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Boise Consumer Co-op
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Leslie Rubinstein
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Debby Schwartz
Yoko Silk
Louisa Silva
Dan Stih
Paul Thiers
Jim Tolers
Sally White
Rod Yoder
Ben & Kee Zublin



Pollyanna Lind

MEMBERSHIP

NCAP depends on its thousands of annual members. Joining is easy:

Basic	\$25
Limited Income	\$15
Associate	\$50
Advocate	\$75
Sustainer	\$100
Benefactor	\$500
Toxic Avenger	\$1,000+

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Your bequest or planned gift helps assure NCAP's continued ability to work to protect people and the environment by advancing healthy solutions to pest problems. And, there may be significant tax benefits. Consult your attorney or tax advisor about making a bequest or planned gift.

- ☛ Include NCAP in your will with a bequest of a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate.
- ☛ Leave stocks and bonds to NCAP.
- ☛ Name NCAP as the beneficiary of your pension plan, IRA or life insurance policy.
- ☛ Make a planned gift such as a charitable remainder trust or charitable gift annuity.

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Jennifer Miller

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