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Northwest Region
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**National Marine Fisheries Service Announces Hearings to
Get Public Input on Proposals to Protect Salmon and
Steelhead Populations**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has scheduled community hearings to get public input on proposals to protect salmon and steelhead populations on the west coast under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

The public hearing in your area is scheduled for April 30 in Astoria at the Columbia Maritime Museum, 1792 Marine Drive, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Federal protection under the ESA is proposed for 13 distinct groups or evolutionarily significant units (ESU) of salmon and steelhead heading toward extinction. They are: Ozette Lake sockeye, Hood Canal summer chum, Puget Sound chinook, upper Columbia River spring chinook, middle Columbia River steelhead, lower Columbia River chum, lower Columbia River chinook, Snake River fall chinook, upper Willamette River chinook, upper Willamette River steelhead, southern Oregon/California Coast chinook, Central Valley spring chinook, and Central Valley fall chinook.

Streams where these fish still remain, and those streams that previously helped support healthy salmon and steelhead populations, are proposed as critical habitat.

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