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Committee to discuss coastal coho recovery Monday in Florence

SALEM – The second meeting of an advisory committee helping state and federal agencies guide ongoing recovery planning for coastal coho will meet in a public session Monday, July 19 in Florence.

The agenda of the Oregon Coastal Coho Project “stakeholder team” includes an introductory exercise and review of the timeline, a review of coastal coho biology, an overview of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds Assessment Framework and a presentation on an analysis of the factors for decline of coastal coho.

The meeting will be held at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince Street, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Time will be set aside during the last 15 minutes to hear any public comment.

The State of Oregon and the National Marine Fisheries Service (also known as NOAA Fisheries) began a collaborative project earlier this year to address the conservation of coastal coho. The objectives of the project are to: 1) Assess Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds efforts to conserve and rebuild coastal coho populations; 2) Use the assessment to assist NOAA Fisheries’ with a status review; 3) Use the assessment as a basis to seek legal assurances for local participants; and 4) Use the assessment as a foundation for developing a recovery plan for coho.

The stakeholder team is advising both the State of Oregon and NOAA Fisheries on the entire Coastal Coho Project. Members of the team come from a variety of fish conservation, fishing, private land, timber, agricultural, tribal and other governmental interests.

Additional information on the Coastal Coho Project or the upcoming meeting may be obtained from Kevin Goodson, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 503-947-6200.

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