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Stakeholder group to discuss coastal coho recovery Monday

SALEM – As part of an ongoing series of meetings to help state and federal agencies shape recovery planning for coastal coho, an advisory committee will meet in a public session Monday, Sept. 27, in Charleston.

The agenda of the Oregon Coastal Coho Project Stakeholder Team includes a discussion of fish passage and habitat issues impacting coho, a presentation on hatchery issues relevant to the Oregon Plan Assessment, and a status update on the Oregon Plan Assessment.

The meeting will be held at the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, 61907 Seven Devils Road, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Public comment will be taken beginning at 3 p.m..

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 represent fish conservation, fishing, private land, timber, agricultural, tribal and other interests. More information on the Coastal Coho Project and the stakeholder team can be found at www.oregon-plan.org.

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