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### **Coastal coho recovery plan topic of Wednesday meeting in Tillamook**

SALEM – An advisory committee helping state and federal agencies guide recovery planning for coastal coho will meet in a public session Wednesday, Sept. 8, in Tillamook.

The meeting will focus on habitat issues surrounding the Oregon Coastal Coho Project. Water quality, wetlands, stream habitat and fish passage are on the agenda for Wednesday's meeting. Near the end of the meeting 15 minutes is set aside to hear public comment.

The meeting will be held at the Oregon Department of Forestry Building, 5005 3 rd Street, Tillamook, from 9 a.m. to 4 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;
- 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 may be found on the Oregon Plan web site at [www.oregon-plan.org](http://www.oregon-plan.org). Information on the upcoming meeting may be obtained from Kevin Goodson, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 503-947-6200.

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