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Klamath River Coho Salmon Recovery Plan Completed and Available to the Public

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service announced completion of the Klamath River Coho Salmon Recovery Plan and its availability to the general public in the July 10, 2007 *Federal Register*. The plan was completed in accordance with the 2007 amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act (MSRA) and relied heavily on the existing coho recovery strategies developed by California.

“Using up-to-date scientific information, this recovery plan provides prioritized actions for restoring coho salmon in the Klamath Basin,” said Rod McInnis, Regional Administrator for NOAA Fisheries Service’s Southwest Region. “But one thing is clear; coho recovery can best be accomplished through the formation of effective conservation partnerships among the diverse communities and interests to solve the many natural resource issues facing the Klamath River Basin.”

NOAA Fisheries Service began working on this recovery plan soon after passage of MSRA on January 12, 2007 to fulfill a requirement under the Act. This recovery plan should not be confused with the recovery plan NOAA Fisheries Service is currently developing for federally-listed coho salmon within the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) evolutionary significant unit under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). NMFS expects to release a draft ESA SONCC coho salmon recovery plan for public comment in spring 2008.

Members of the public may obtain copies of the Klamath River Coho Salmon Recovery Plan by:

- Email. Send email requests to: [KlamathCohoRecoveryPlan.SWR@noaa.gov](mailto:KlamathCohoRecoveryPlan.SWR@noaa.gov). Include “Request for Klamath River Coho Recovery Plan” in the subject line of the message.
- Website. Download a copy of the recovery plan from: <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/klamath/index.htm> or [http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/salmon/MSRA\\_RecoveryPlan\\_FINAL.pdf](http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/salmon/MSRA_RecoveryPlan_FINAL.pdf)
- Regular Mail. Request a copy of the plan by mailing: Rodney R. McInnis, Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213.

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