



Oregon Plan *Teamwork*

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This monthly publication is written and distributed by Mikell O'Mealy, Oregon Sea Grant Fellow in the Governor's Natural Resources Office. It presents her observation of the evolving roles and activities of supporting teams and oversight bodies of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds.

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Implementation Team Plans to Assess Local and Regional Needs

In planning for the effective implementation of the Oregon Plan throughout the state, the Implementation Team seeks to better understand local and regional progress. The Team is proposing to hold five workshops with regional managers in December and January to better assess the needs at local and regional levels. Specifically, members of the Team hope to gain ideas for better regional coordination, an understanding of regional priorities to implement the plan, guidance on providing effective technical assistance to local groups, a view of regional monitoring and accomplishment tracking, and a determination of the need for guidance in restoration prioritization.

The five workshops are proposed to follow the five Governor's Watershed Enhancement Board regions; North Coast, Southwest Coast, Willamette Valley, Central Oregon and Eastern Oregon. Questions or suggestions regarding these workshops can be directed to Implementation Team members or to Ken Bierly at (503)-378-3589.

IMST Reports Anticipated in Coming Months

The Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team continues to work diligently in their critical investigation of science issues key to the Oregon Plan. At their next meeting, the Team intends to adopt two final reports; Project 6: Determination of predator impact and recommended mitigation, and Project 7: Current hatchery programs and review of the protocols that will be used to supplement natural salmon populations. Still in progress are reports concerning forest practices, escapement goals, fish habitat as it relates to land use, agency monitoring, stream temperature and its relation to land use practices and fish habitat needs, and fish habitat in estuarine and lowland systems.

Implementation Team is prepared to review the findings of these reports and determine what actions should be taken per the recommendations of the IMST.

Monitoring Team Anticipates Critical Review at Workshop

A great diversity of monitoring activity has been initiated across the state under the Oregon Plan. Structured by a monitoring strategy, this activity is expected to facilitate a better understanding of baseline habitat conditions, natural and cultural trends, and the processes leading toward recovery or decline of coho, steelhead and other salmon species. The Monitoring Team has made significant progress in the coordination of these activities to enable assessment of the effectiveness of these efforts.

A review of this work is anticipated in an upcoming workshop scheduled for November 19 and 20. A foundation for discussion will be set with presentations from key monitoring programs, monitoring results to date, and the Oregon Plan Monitoring Report. The goal of the workshop, however, is to stimulate discussion on some of the key questions monitoring efforts are designed to address. Facilitated discussions will help to raise these questions, including: Are we monitoring the right things?, Is monitoring telling us what we should be doing differently?, and Are monitoring results used at the policy and political level? The Monitoring Team hopes feedback from this workshop will help guide their efforts in effectiveness monitoring. For additional information on this workshop, please contact Kelly Moore, Oregon Plan Monitoring Program Leader at (541)-757-4263 Ext. 226.

Healthy Streams Partnership Asked to Address Landowner Incentives

In a letter signed by Governor Kitzhaber, Senate President Brady Adams and Speaker of the House Lynn Lundquist, the Healthy Streams Partnership was given an important assignment. In accordance with their role in monitoring and supporting local efforts, the Partnership was asked to develop a package of incentives and assistance measures to encourage the participation of private landowners in the Oregon Plan.

To facilitate building upon previous and existing work, the Partnership heard presentations on incentive development from the Department of Forestry, Defenders of Wildlife and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The group then initiated discussion to identify various disincentives to landowner participation in the Oregon Plan, the need to promote and evaluate existing incentives, and the need to communicate the benefits incentive programs can bring. The Healthy Streams Partnership is scheduled to present their work to the Joint Legislative Committee on Salmon and Stream Enhancement at its November 10th meeting.

GWEB Conference Celebrates on-the-ground Action

Over 300 participants from across the state traveled to Ontario Oregon for the 5th Biennial Conference of the Governor's Watershed Enhancement Board on Oct. 14, 15 and 16. The enthusiastic group was made up of a mix of watershed council leaders and participants, Soil and Water Conservation District board members and employees, and state and federal agency employees. While the experience, job descriptions, and home-range of attendees varied greatly, a common purpose of building watershed communities and facilitating local action brought the group together.

The three-day conference featured a technical assessment workshop, regional project highlights, achievement awards, technical sessions, mini-grant awards, field tours and more. Undoubtedly, participants gained information on new techniques, processes, and restoration strategies from the presentations, as well as important feedback and review. But even more appreciated, was the opportunity

to come together to share successes, challenges, lessons and hopes for their work in watershed councils and local communities.

November Meeting Schedule

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| Nov. 3 | Outreach Team
Department of Human Resources Room 3, 2850 Broadway NE, Salem.
Time: 1:30pm to 4:00pm |
| Nov. 6 | Healthy Streams Partnership
Hearing Room C, State Capitol, Salem.
Time: 9:30am to 4:00pm |
| Nov. 9, 10 | Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team
Agricultural Production Room, LaSells Stewart Center, Oregon State Univ., Corvallis.
Time: 8:30am to 5:00pm each day |
| Nov. 10 | Joint Legislative Committee on Salmon and Stream Enhancement
Hearing Room A, State Capitol, Salem.
Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm |
| Nov. 17 | Coastal Salmon Restoration and Production Task Force
Room 350, State Capitol, Salem
Time: 8:30am to 5:00pm (tentative) |
| Nov. 19, 20 | Monitoring Team Workshop
First Interstate Room, LaSells Stewart Center, Oregon State Univ., Corvallis
Time: 9:00am to 5:00pm on Thursday and 8:00am to 3:30pm on Friday |
| not meeting | Implementation Team |