



Endangered Species Act Alert 2000-13

RE: NMFS Salmon Recovery Workshops
DATE: September 14, 2000

Beginning with Bremerton on September 25, the National Marine Fisheries Service is hosting a series of workshops throughout Oregon and Washington to explain the new 4(d) rules and other tools for understanding and complying with the Endangered Species Act.

The workshops, entitled “Salmon Recovery: Endangered Species Act Tools and Local Rules”, will focus on ESA-listed salmon and salmon habitat, and the role of local governments, state and tribal programs in protecting and restoring them. The workshops are aimed at city and county governments; state and tribal authorities; watershed and other local groups, and private citizens.

Each workshop will cover:

- Standards for ESA compliance
- Tools for assessing programs and evaluating the potential for “take” of listed species
- Options for complying with ESA
- Criteria that programs must meet to comply with 4(d) limits
- Criteria and submittal process for local programs and jurisdictions to obtain ESA coverage

The schedule for the workshops is as follows:

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| Bremerton: | September 25 | La Grande: | October 19 |
| Everett: | September 26 | Yakima: | October 24 |
| Vancouver: | October 2 | Astoria: | November 1 |
| Walla Walla: | October 4 | Eugene: | November 2 |
| The Dalles: | October 10 | Tri-Cities: | November 2 |
| Salem: | October 18 | Coos Bay: | November 14 |

Parametrix clients, especially local governments, should be encouraged to attend these workshops. Since space will be limited to 100 participants per meeting, it is important to pre-register. A copy of the workshop brochure and a registration form can be found at:

<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/1salmon/salmesa/4ddocs/4dwkshp2.htm>

Help Spread the Word

Parametrix project managers are encouraged to share this information with clients who may be interested in, or affected by, ESA listings and issues. Additional questions should be addressed to Megan Callahan Grant (mcallahan@parametrix.com), ESA Program Policy Analyst, who can direct them to the appropriate specialist.

