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FOUR STAKEHOLDER GROUPS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF COASTAL FISH PLAN

As part of the process to develop a Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (Coastal Species Plan), the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has established four stakeholder working groups to assist and advise the Department on development of the Plan.

The four groups are organized to correspond to species stratum that comprise ODFW's Coastal Species Management Unit: North Coast, Mid-Coast, Umpqua and Mid-South Coast. Each Stakeholder Working Group includes representatives of a broad range of stakeholders, including [commercial and recreational fishing](#), tribal, local government, ~~commercial and recreational fishing~~, watershed council and conservation, timber, and other interests. Federal and state agency representatives will also participate as non-voting members.

Through a facilitated ~~consensus~~-building process, each Stakeholder Working Group will provide recommendations to ODFW for hatchery and harvest programs and actions and, to a lesser degree, predator and habitat issues. The four groups will be meeting over the next six months, with two Orientation Sessions scheduled in July to kick-off the project:

- **August 7;** 10:00 am – 3:30 pm
Douglas County Library
1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd.
Roseburg, OR 97470
(Targeted to Umpqua and Mid-South Coast Working Groups)

- **August 16;** 10:00 am – 3:30 pm
Eden Hall
6645 Gleneden Beach Loop Road
Gleneden Beach, OR 97388
(Targeted to North Coast and Mid-Coast Working Groups)

For more information about this project, please refer to the project [website](#) at _____ or contact Tom Stahl at 503-947-6219 or thomas.stahl@state.or.us.

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