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NWAEP Presents:

Building a Better BA

Explore the do's and don'ts of ESA consultation and Biological Assessments in this half-day workshop with presentations from USFWS and NMFS

When and Where is the workshop?

- When:** Friday, April 4, 2008, 8:30 am - Noon
- Where:** Billy Frank Jr., Conference Center, Ecotrust Building
721 NW 9th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97209
- Registration:** \$95 NWAEP Members, \$115 Non-members

What is the workshop about?

The Endangered Species Act requires Federal agencies to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, or both (the Services), to ensure that their actions are not likely to jeopardize a listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. Whether it is called a biological assessment (BA) or simply an "initiation package," action agencies must give the Services specific kinds of information to start the consultation. However, differences between the Services and their trust species can make it difficult to collect the right information and present it efficiently. This workshop will improve your skills, and preview new internet tools, for writing a BA that will start consultation quickly and finish on time.

Who should attend the workshop?

Environmental scientists, project managers, decision-makers, and those in related fields who are involved with consultation under the ESA and responsible for the preparation or review of BAs.

Seating is limited. Sign-up now to reserve your spot early!

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Who is presenting?



Cat Brown is a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Oregon State Office. She works on various endangered species issues (consultation, listing, recovery planning and implementation, and candidate conservation), and is an instructor for classes on Section 7 consultation for the Service's National Conservation Training Center. Ms. Brown received her BS from the University of California, Irvine and her MS from Colorado State University.



Marc Liverman has more than 30 years of experience as an environmental and natural resources professional. He is a fisheries biologist and ESA policy analyst for the Oregon State Habitat Office of the National Marine Fisheries Service where he has worked on issues related to water development, agricultural practices, urbanization, and other topics since 1996. His current duties include quality control and assurance for Section 7 consultations. Marc has a Ph.D. in from the College of Forestry at the University of California, Berkeley, where he specialized in wildlife ecology, and a law degree from Hastings College in San Francisco.



April Wolstencroft is a project manager in the Operations, Management and Information Division at the National Marine Fisheries Service. April has a key role in developing the Consultation Initiation and Reporting System (CIRS), a web-based alternative to initiate consultation, and improving the Public Consultation Tracking System (PCTS), an online query system to track consultation status. Among other things, CIRS will feature a mapping tool to link each proposed action area with the latest information on listed species and critical habitats. Future applications will connect CIRS and PCTS with other sources of environmental baseline information.

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Registration Form



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