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# Joint Public Notice

## Monthly Federal-State interagency coordination and pre-application meetings

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, and the Oregon Department of State Lands jointly welcome prospective Clean Water Act § 404 and Removal-Fill permit applicants to meet with the agencies as part of regularly scheduled interagency pre-application meetings. The meetings supplement existing pre-application coordination led by the Corps and DSL.

The pre-application process is intended for non-routine permit evaluations that may be large, complex, or controversial in nature. The intent of the meetings is to provide meaningful comment and feedback to prospective applicants early in the permitting process, to help them most effectively prepare permit applications and address agency concerns.

On the third Wednesday of each month, from 1-2 p.m, participating state and federal agencies will meet with a prospective applicant to discuss their proposed project, provide feedback, and share information.

The meetings are designed to assess draft information, and prospective attendees are asked to provide basic project information, in the form of responses to a standard set of questions, at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

### **Meeting locations and dates for 2015\***

January 21, 2015 – Portland, 2020 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ste. 400

February 18, 2015- Portland, 333 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

March 18, 2015- Salem, 775 Summer St NE, Ste. 100

April 15, 2015- Portland, 805 SW Broadway, Ste. 500

May 20, 2015 – Portland, 2020 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ste. 400

June 17, 2015 – Portland, 333 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

July 15, 2015 – Portland, 805 SW Broadway, Ste. 500

August 19, 2015 – Salem, 775 Summer St NE, Ste. 100

September 16, 2015 – Portland, 700 NE Multnomah St

October 21, 2015 – Portland, 333 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

November 18, 2015 – Salem, 775 Summer St NE, Ste. 100

December 16, 2015 – Portland, 700 NE Multnomah St, Ste. 600

*\*Note: Meetings may be relocated to Salem, Eugene, or elsewhere if appropriate for specific prospective projects.*

## Screening tools and pre-meeting information

Prospective applicants interested in a formal pre-application meeting should work with their points of contact at the Corps and DSL and review online project screening tools prior to requesting time at a monthly agency meeting.

The screening tools, known as the matrix and accompanying matrix user's guide, are available on the Oregon Department of State Lands website, linked here:

<http://oregon.gov/dsl/PERMITS/Pages/Removal-Fill-Pre-Application-Meetings.aspx>

The matrix will help prospective applicants assess if a pre-application meeting will be beneficial to their project development. Even if the applicant opts to not have a formal pre-application meeting, the information contained in the matrix and user's guide may be helpful for any project potentially needing a § 404 permit (and associated § 401 Water Quality Certification) or a Removal-Fill Permit, and a less formal pre-application meeting may still be appropriate.

The screening tools are intended primarily for use by large-scale, controversial or complex projects. The tools are available for any potential applicant or agency staff person to use, and can be scaled down to assess the risks associated with less complex or less controversial projects.

## Participating agencies

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Portland District
- Oregon Department of State Lands
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- U.S. EPA – Region 10 Oregon Operations Office
- NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development

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