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**NOAA FISHERIES RELEASES A DRAFT OF THE OREGON COAST COHO SALMON  
HISTORICAL POPULATION REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) released today the public review draft for the Oregon Coast Coho Salmon Historical Population Report. NOAA Fisheries will hold a public meeting in Newport, Oregon on September 23 to discuss historical populations of Oregon Coast coho salmon. The meeting will be held from 2 until 4pm in room 101 of the Barry Fisher Building on the Hatfield Marine Science Center Campus. The draft report and directions to the meeting can be found at [www.nwfsc.noaa.gov/trt/trt\\_oregonNcal.htm#docs](http://www.nwfsc.noaa.gov/trt/trt_oregonNcal.htm#docs). The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is an agency of the Department of Commerce.

“This is an important reference point for what a healthy and productive salmon population or Evolutionarily Significant Unit looks like,” said Pete Lawson, a scientist at NOAA’s Northwest Fisheries Science Center and co-chair of the Oregon and Northern California Coast Technical Recovery Team. At the public meeting, there will be short presentations and an opportunity to discuss Oregon Coast coho salmon with representatives of NOAA Fisheries’ Northwest Fisheries Science Center and Northwest Regional Office.

The Oregon and Northern California Coast Technical Recovery Team is one of eight such teams across the West Coast that assist in the development of recovery plans for salmon and steelhead populations listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act.

NOAA Fisheries is dedicated to providing and preserving the nation’s living marine resources and their habitat through scientific research, management, and enforcement. NOAA Fisheries provides effective stewardship of these resources for the benefit of the nation, supporting coastal communities that depend upon them, and helping to provide safe and healthy seafood to consumers and recreational opportunities for the American public.

The Commerce Department’s National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and providing environmental stewardship of our nation’s coastal and marine resources.

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