

Columbia National Wildlife Refuge Orientation & Scoping Comment Sheet

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) is writing a new management plan for the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge (CNWR). This public open house is one of your opportunities to discuss this new management plan, known as a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP), and help establish the direction it takes. As this is an informal open house, testimony (i.e., formal presentations) won't be taken from individuals. Instead, this is an opportunity for you to meet with FWS staff to discuss the CCP. By having a chance to interact with FWS staff and ask questions about what's proposed within the CCP, you will be best able to provide comments to help shape management of the CNWR.

While we will be capturing your thoughts on flipcharts, we encourage you to write your thoughts on this sheet in order for them to become part of the official record. We also strongly encourage you to provide comments via letter, email, or the web (instructions below). All comments must be received or postmarked by midnight on *July 16, 2009*.

If you would like to take this sheet home and send it back to us, please mail it (as well as comment letters) to: *U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Scoping Comments, 64 Maple Street, Burbank, Washington 99323*.

Comments may be emailed to *mcriver@fws.gov* – please be sure to include the phrase “Scoping Comments” in the subject line.

Comments may be submitted via the web at *www.fws.gov/columbiarefuge/contact.html* – this is also a good place to check for updates, download additional documents, check other background information, etc.

If time is running short, you can fax your last-minute comments to *(509) 546-8303*, or feel free to drop off your comments at our office during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm).

While you may submit your comments anonymously, in order to ensure you receive the Draft CCP, please provide:

Name/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Comments _____

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