

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Open House
for the
Lost River and Shortnose Sucker Recovery Plan
Klamath Lake Room, Shilo Inn
2500 Almond Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon (541) 885-7980**

**October 15, 2008
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public and receive their comments about the Lost River and Shortnose sucker recovery planning process. Each poster had a flip chart so that attendees could provide comments. A table and chairs were set up at one end of the room so that additional written comments could be submitted privately.

Information stations were set up around the perimeter of the room. Specialists for each topic were at each station so they could answer questions and discuss the recovery planning process and aspects of the status of the suckers. The stations included:

1. *Welcome station*. Presenters: Saxon Sharpe, Sandra Davis, and Dave Sale.
2. *The recovery planning process*. Why a recovery plan is necessary, plan components, project goals, timeline. Presenter: Don Sada.
3. *Changes in valley floor rivers that have challenged fish*. Changes in physical, chemical, biological conditions of the Sprague River and how this has affected fish. Presenter: Larry Dunsmoor.
4. *Historic and current habitat conditions in Upper Klamath Lake for endangered sucker species*. Water level, nutrient, and habitat changes in Upper Klamath Lake. Presenter: Dennis Lynch.
5. *Historical and current sucker distribution and status*. Past and current fish distribution and status and factors affecting current status. Presenter: Mark Buettner.
6. *As old as you?: life history of long-lived Upper Klamath Lake suckers*. Life cycles and physical requirements. Presenter: Doug Markle.
7. *Status of Lost River and shortnose sucker populations in Upper Klamath Lake*. Characteristics of healthy fish populations. Presenters: Eric Janney and Scott VanderKooi.
8. Restoring wetlands for the Lost River and shortnose suckers at the Williamson River Delta. Williamson River Delta restoration objectives and activities. Presenters: Mark Stern and Heather Hendrixson.
9. *June sucker recovery implementation program / Utah Lake, Utah: A multi-agency cooperative effort*. Coordination, approach and outreach activities for Utah Lake and the June sucker. Presenter: Chris Keleher.
10. *Major sucker recovery projects completed*. Partnerships and projects that have helped recovery efforts. Presenter: Matt Baun.

To view or download poster presentations or photos of the open house go to http://www.fws.gov/klamathfallsfwo/suckers/sucker_pub/s_pub.html.

Thirty-six people signed in at the meeting. Nine were from Federal Agencies, one from a State agency, six represented Tribes, and twenty stated no affiliation. Two members of the Recovery Implementation Team signed in.

Topics of discussion at the posters included how many suckers may have once inhabited the area and how far back in time does one go to determine numbers of a “natural” population; the potential need to augment the sucker population (brood stock and hatchery). Only one written comment was received on the flip charts: “make good photos available”.

We would like to thank the staff at the Shilo Inn for their gracious assistance and professionalism in setting up the meeting facilities.