PORTLAND HARBOR
Natural Resource Trustee Council

Portland Harbor Restoration Plan Scoping Process

What is Scoping?

Formal scoping for the Portland Harbor Restoration Plan and Programmatic EIS officially began when the **Notice of Intent** (NOI) was published in the Federal Register on February 1, 2010. The Portland Harbor Natural Resource Trustee Council (Trustee Council) seeks scoping comments about the plan to implement restoration projects to compensate for injuries to natural resources in the Portland Harbor area of the Lower Willamette River.

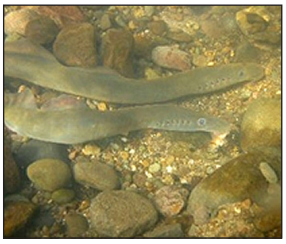
Scoping ensures that the public receives notice about project planning and has ample opportunity to comment on the proposed action and alternatives. For the Portland Harbor project, the scoping process includes a public meeting, information posted on the case website, and opportunity to submit written comments through March 15, 2010.

Actively involving the public is important in seeking information to identify issues and options surrounding restoration in Portland Harbor. As part of this effort, the Trustee Council's goals for scoping are listed below. You can help by answering the questions included for each goal:

1. Identify environmental issues arising from hazardous waste contamination in the Portland Harbor area that are important to the public; dismiss issues that are not significant.
   Question: What natural resources and services in the Portland Harbor area are most important to you? How do you use these resources?

2. Consider the possible alternatives for meeting project goals.
   Question: How do you think the restoration program could compensate for lost or injured resources you use and enjoy? See the side bar for a list of some of the natural resources in Portland Harbor.

3. Identify information gaps and other potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of the proposed action.
   Question: What do you see when you visit Portland Harbor? What types of fish, birds, mammals particularly interest you? How would you like restoration actions focused to restore Portland Harbor's natural environment?



Trust Resources in Portland Harbor

Portland Harbor serves as habitat and a critical migratory corridor for many species of fish and wildlife including:

- Pacific salmon
- Pacific lamprey
- White sturgeon
- Bald eagle
- Osprey
- Double-crested cormorant
- Great blue heron
- Belted kingfisher
- Mergansers
- Cliff swallow
- Spotted sandpiper
- Mink
- River otter
- Northern red-legged frog
- Pacific treefrog

What are the current alternatives for Portland Harbor Restoration?

Restoration under the Natural Resource Damage Assessment process is intended to restore, rehabilitate, replace, or acquire the equivalent of natural resources and services injured by the release of hazardous substances. The Trustee Council plans to consider alternatives for restoration planning that may include the following:

1. Conduct integrated habitat restoration actions to benefit multiple species and services.
   Example: Restoration of a slough or alcove that would provide habitat for fish, birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians.

2. Implement species-specific compensatory restoration actions.
   Example: Replacement of lost natural resources through artificial production, such as a fish hatchery.

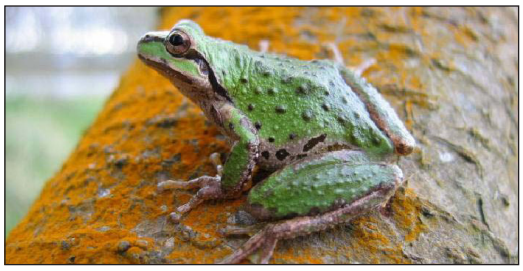
3. Take no action for restoration.
   No Action: The no action alternative would result in no compensation to the public for lost resources.

What happens next?

A scoping report will be developed at the end of the public scoping period. The report will document the major issues and concerns raised during the scoping process. It will inform the Trustee Council and the public about potential considerations and help identify alternatives that should be evaluated as the Trustees move forward with development of the Programmatic EIS and Restoration Plan.

Natural Resource Services in Portland Harbor

- Habitat for trust resources
- Commercial resource use
- Recreational resource use (like fishing, swimming and boating)
- Non-consumptive use (like bird watching)
- Existence value (knowing it's there for you and others)
- Tribal uses and values



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How can I comment?

A public meeting is scheduled on the following date:

Wednesday, March 3, 2010
6 to 8 p.m.
Water Pollution Control Laboratory
6543 N. Burlington Avenue
Portland, OR 97203

Comments will be taken at the meeting. Written comments must be received by March 15, 2010. Send written comments to the following address:

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