

# News Release



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## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Extends Comment Period for Oregon Spotted Frog and Announces Hearing in Lacey, WA

*Agency Seeks Information from the Public, Scientific Community Before Making Final Decision*

Today the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announced an extension to the 60-day public comment period associated with its August 29, 2013 proposal to list the Oregon spotted frog as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The extension allows all interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed rule and proposed designation of critical habitat until November 12, 2013. Comments previously submitted on these proposed actions do not need to be resubmitted, as they will be fully considered in preparation of the final rules.

The Service also announced a public hearing on the proposal to be held on Monday, October 21, 2013. The hearing will occur from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and will continue from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Norman Worthington Conference Center at St. Martin's University, 5300 Pacific Avenue SE, Lacey, Washington 98503.

Comments and information must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on November 12, 2013. They may be submitted electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in writing at Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R1-ES-2013-0013 (listing) or FWS:R1-ES-2013-0088 (critical habitat); Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS 2042-PDM; Arlington, VA 22203. Comments given orally at the October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 public hearing will be included in the record.

Requests for public hearings must be received, in writing, by Oct. 13, 2013, at the mailing address noted above. More information on submitting comments is available online at <http://www.fws.gov/wafwo/>.

For more information about the Oregon spotted frog and the Federal Register notice, visit <http://www.fws.gov/wafwo/osf.html>.

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