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Available for Public Comment: Assessment Plan to Conduct a Natural Resource Damage Assessment for a 1999 Oregon/Washington Coast Mystery Oil Spill

The public is invited to review and comment on the proposed assessment plan

Federal and State officials responsible for restoring natural resources from a 1999 mystery oil spill along the Oregon and Washington Coast are announcing the release of two documents: a *Notice of Intent to conduct a Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NOI)* and the *1999 Oregon/Washington Coast Mystery Oil Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment Plan (Plan) and Claim for Past and Future Assessment Costs*. This Plan and NOI were prepared by Federal and State Trustees responsible for restoration of natural resources damaged by the spill, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The Trustees are asking the public to review and provide any general or technical comments on the Trustees' proposed Plan for 30 days. **Comments will be accepted until December 17, 2014.**

The documents are available on the following website: <http://www.fws.gov/wafwo/mysteryoilspill> .

Written comments concerning the draft Plan should be addressed to: Cindy Schexnider, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Office, 510 Desmond Drive SE, Suite 102, Lacey, Washington, 98503. You may also submit written comments by electronic mail to FW1OR-WA_MysterySpill@fws.gov.

A "mystery" oil spill refers to a release of oil from an unknown source. For more information on the Oregon/Washington Coast Mystery Oil Spill, see <http://www.fws.gov/wafwo/mysteryoilspill>.

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