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Willamette Falls Pinniped-Fishery Interaction Task Force to Convene

NOAA Fisheries announces that it is convening the Willamette Falls Pinniped-Fishery Interaction Task Force (Task Force) to evaluate the state of Oregon's October 6, 2017, application, and to provide NOAA Fisheries with a recommendation to either approve or deny the state of Oregon's application requesting authorization under Section 120 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) to lethally remove predatory California sea lions in the vicinity of Willamette Falls to minimize pinniped predation on threatened and endangered salmonids in the Willamette River.

Monday, August 20, 2018 - 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 22, 2018 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

DOUBLE TREE HOTEL

1000 NE Multnomah St., Portland, OR

NOAA Fisheries will post the agenda, call-in number, and meeting logistics and background materials at:

http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/protected_species/marine_mammals/authorized_states.html

The meeting is open to the public who may attend in-person or call in. A specific time slot will be provided on the agenda for the public to provide comments or information for the Task Force to consider. For more information on the states' MMPA Section 120 Program, please go to:

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