

Washington Pacific Coast Joint Venture What's New—May 14, 2008

Announcements

Returning veterans in the Green River Community College Natural Resources Program seek summer jobs or internships

Veterans have been taking courses in forest, fish, and stream; GIS; fire science; water quality, etc. and have been exposed to habitat projects including invasive species removal, re-vegetation, irrigation and water quality monitoring. If you have potential internships or summer jobs, please contact Mark Fischer, program manager for the Veterans Conservation Corps

(http://www.dva.wa.gov/vet_conservation_corps.html) , 360-725-2224, markf@dva.wa.gov.

Lead contamination in eagles

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is investigating lead contamination in eagles. Jim Watson, Washington's raptor research scientist, is interested in testing any dead eagle encountered in Washington. Eagle carcasses should be collected, frozen, and Jim should be contacted immediately to get directions for shipping to a testing lab. It is important to note the location, date, and circumstances carefully and take some pictures. More info: Jim Watson, [watsjww@DFW.WA.GOV](mailto:watsonjww@DFW.WA.GOV) 360.853.8031

DRAFT OR-WA Partners in Flight Westside Coniferous Forest Landbird Conservation Plan

<http://www.pcjv.org/research.html>

Comments due May 31

A draft Version 2.0 of this document is available by clicking the link above. Provide comments no later than May 31, 2009 to both Bob Altman baltman@abcbirds.org and John Alexander jda@klamathbird.org. Please do not cite or use this plan without contacting the authors first. Areas in the text highlighted in blue are important statements that may be used as call-outs for potential excerpts and sidebars in a future layout and design for production.

FERC solicits comments on preliminary permit for Grays Harbor Ocean Energy Project

<http://www.ferc.gov/>

Comments due June 22, 2008

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) granted Grays Harbor Ocean Energy Co, LLC their preliminary permit application for the Grays Harbor Ocean Energy Project (12 wave energy generating units). Preliminary permit allows feasibility studies, not project construction. FERC is accepting motions to intervene as well as comments under the docket number: P-13058.

Next meeting of Washington Pacific Coast Joint Venture Steering Committee of PCJV

July 17, 2008

Seattle

Details to follow

Pacific Coast Joint Venture 2007 Annual Report

<http://www.pcjv.org/accomplishments.html>

Now available on the PCJV website

Grants and funding

Washington State Request for Intent Forms and Proposals for the 2009 Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/grants/section6/>

Intent Forms due June 2, 2008

State of Washington Department of Natural Resources and Department of Fish and Wildlife, in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are requesting Intent Forms from parties interested in acquiring land for conserving endangered/threatened species habitat. Organizations interested in applying for grant funds must submit an Intent Form to allow early coordination with state and federal agencies administering these grants.

Hugh and Jane Ferguson Foundation

<http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/ferguson/index.html>

Pre-application due July 15, 2008

Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) organization. Most grants will be awarded to groups in Washington state. Average grant size; 3,000 to \$7,500. Areas of interest include community-based projects working to restore habitat and wildlife by activating volunteers and local residents.

State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Program (Farm Service Agency/WDFW)

Fact sheet: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/safe08.pdf

Coastal Roosevelt Elk SAFE Program will benefit wetland-dependent birds

Cooperating landowners receive cost-share, financial incentives, and rental payments in return for contracts to provide high quality elk winter forage fields in portions of Grays Harbor, Pacific, Clallam and Mason counties. Wetland-dependent bird species will benefit from this project. More info: Greg Schirato, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 360.490.0781.

Training

Wetlands Demystified—Navigating the Complicated World of Wetland Delineation, Regulation, and Restoration

http://nwetc.org/bio-401_07-08_troutdale.htm

Presented by the Northwest Environmental Training Center

July 8-10, 2008

Troutdale, Oregon

Conferences and Events

Eelgrass in Skagit County

<http://www.padillabay.gov/calendarofevents.asp>

Dr. Jeff Gaeckle, WA Department of Natural Resources

Padilla Bay Reserve, Mount Vernon, WA

May 30, 7:00 PM

Eelgrass beds in Fidalgo, Padilla, Similk and Skagit Bays host a web of life critical to many valuable marine species. Learn more about eelgrass ecology and the diversity of life that thrives near the shore. No registration needed. More information: Glen Alexander, alex@padillabay.gov 360-428-1070 or Adria Banks, abanks@co.skagit.wa.us 360-428-4270.

Washington Ornithological Society 2008 Annual Conference

<http://www.wos.org/>

June 5-9, 2008

Walla Walla, WA

Other Resources

For more resources, tools and grants applicable to the entire PCJV territory, visit "What's New" on the PCJV home page www.pcjv.org