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Public Information Meeting for Bradford Island Superfund Project

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Portland District issued a Notice of a Public Information Meeting for the Bradford Island Superfund Project, in Cascade Locks, Oregon. The public meeting will be held to present information on the Bradford Island including:

- A meet and greet session 5:30-6:30 p.m. (PST)
- Overview of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process
- Creation of a Community Advisory Group and next steps discussion
- Fish consumption recommendations provided by the Oregon Health Authority regarding concerns with polychlorinated bi-phenyls (PCBs)

Bradford Island Superfund Project Public Information Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

5:30-8:00 p.m. (PST)

City of Cascade Locks - City Council Chambers
140 SW Wa Na Pa, Cascade Locks, OR 97014

For more information, including parking details, Zoom participation and background on the project, please [click here](#). Questions regarding this public meeting, can be directed to John Morgan or the public comment email: BradfordIslandPublicCommentInbox@usace.army.mil.

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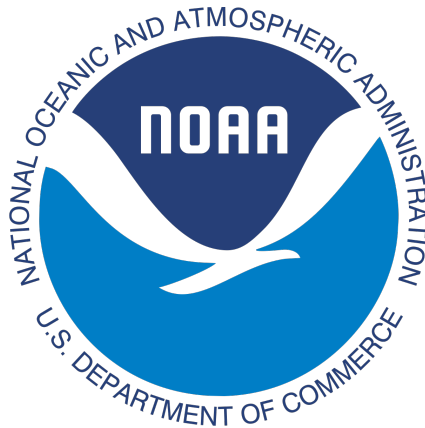
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Fraudulent Fishery Permitting Website



On September 16, NOAA Fisheries issued a public notice of a fraudulent website that claims to process both State and Federal fishery permits. The fraudulent website is: <https://commercialfishingpermits.us/>

According to NOAA Fisheries, the website is not affiliated with the agency or any State in the United States. If your organization or tenants require State or Federal fishery permits, continue to use the NOAA West Coast Fishing Permit website. If you have any questions or need help with a fishery permit, contact the West Coast permits staff via [email](#) or call (206) 526-4353.

The Northwest Seaport Alliance Seeks Fish & Wildlife Liaison



THE NORTHWEST SEAPORT ALLIANCE

The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) is seeking job applicants for a position that would work within the Field Office of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). This position will serve as a liaison between the NWSA, other Washington ports, and the Services (NMFS and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service). The position would assist in conducting Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) analyses and reviews for permit consultations. For more information including the job description, benefits, and skills required, click [here](#).

Oregon Coast Floating Offshore Wind Report

On September 15, the Oregon Department of Energy [announced](#) a new [report](#) that outlines the benefits and challenges associated with potential floating offshore wind projects that could be developed off Oregon's coast. The report specifically looks at the impacts of adding up to 3 gigawatts of floating offshore wind into Oregon's energy grid by 2030. Key findings include:

- The energy provided would help Oregon achieve clean energy goals, strengthen grid reliability, resilience and economic development in rural coastal communities.
- Significant concerns exist regarding the project's impact on coastal communities, the environment, natural and cultural resources, and existing coastal industries like fishing, recreation, and tourism; as well as challenges with technology, transmission system, and port infrastructure readiness; and complex siting and permitting.
- Additional study, engagement, and collaboration is needed to fully understand the benefits and challenges, and to ensure the effects on existing economies, cultures, communities, and the environment are carefully assessed and mitigated where necessary.

More information, including the study, background materials, and stakeholder feedback is available on the ODOE [website](#).

NOFO Announced for USDOT SMART Grants Program

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has announced a [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for its Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program. Funding is available to public entities, including port authorities and the deadline to submit applications is 2:00 pm Pacific Time on November 18, 2022.

The USDOT is hosting a webinar on Thursday, September 29, 2022 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Pacific Time on "How to Apply for a SMART Grant." You can register for the webinar at [this link](#).

The SMART grant program was authorized in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and is intended to fund projects focused on using technology interventions to solve real-world challenges, and build data and technology capacity and expertise. Eligible programs include:

- Vehicle technology, like automation and connectivity;
- Systems innovation, like delivery and logistics, as well as traffic signals, smart grid, and data integration;
- And new ways to monitor and manage infrastructure, like sensors and UAS.

The SMART Grants Program includes two stages: Stage 1 Planning and Prototyping Grants (Stage 1 grants, up to \$2 million) and Stage 2 Implementation Grants (Stage 2 grants, up to \$15 million). The program structure is based on a belief that planning, prototyping, and partnerships are critical to advancing the state of the practice for data and technology projects in the public sector. Please note that only recipients of stage one will be eligible for stage two.

For more information, visit <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SMART>

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