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**Media Advisory:** GOVERNOR KITZHABER TO SIGN THE STATE PLAN ON JAPANESE TSUNAMI MARINE DEBRIS  
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Salem, Ore. - Governor Kitzhaber is scheduled to sign the state plan on Japanese Tsunami Marine Debris (JTMD) on Tuesday, Dec. 18.

The Governor's Task Force Meeting on Japanese Tsunami Marine Debris will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Governor will arrive for the official signing of the JTMD plan at 1 p.m. The event will take place at Anderson Readiness Center, 3225 State Street, Salem.

Governor Kitzhaber appointed Brig. Gen. Mike Caldwell, Deputy Director, Oregon Military Department, as Chair of the JTMD Task Force in June. The JTMD Task Force organized a multi-agency team to respond to Japanese tsunami marine debris on the Oregon coast.

Representatives from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), state and federal agencies, and the Governor's office will present at the Governor's Task Force meeting.

The JTMD plan addresses the State of Oregon's method to coordinate a comprehensive response to the Japanese tsunami debris impacting the Oregon coast. The plan includes a multi-jurisdictional approach between local, state, and federal agencies along with non-governmental organizations.

In June, a 188 ton dock washed ashore on Agate Beach in Newport, Ore. The dock came from the Japanese Tsunami of 2011. The Japanese tsunami created a large amount of marine debris that will likely continue to come ashore for the next several years.

Media is invited to attend both the JTMD Task Force meeting and the Governor's signing.

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