Salem, Ore. - Oregon Governor, John Kitzhaber's Task Force for Japanese Tsunami Marine Debris (JTMD) has a meeting scheduled March 15, 10:00 a.m., in Room 114 at Anderson Readiness Center, 3225 State Street, Salem.

Gov. Kitzhaber established the JTMD Task Force in June of 2012 to respond to debris from the Japanese tsunami arriving on the Oregon coast.

Oregon continues to receive debris from the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan two years ago on March 11. Last June, a 66 foot concrete dock washed up on Agate Beach in Lincoln County. In February, a 27’ boat presumed to be Japanese tsunami debris washed ashore near Gleneden Beach.

The JTMD Task Force is made up of state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations like SOLVE and Surfrider Foundation, and volunteers charged with providing a coordinated response to debris clean up.

Some of the accomplishments of the JTMD Task Force include a recently released a Public Service Announcement about tsunami debris, public outreach meetings on the Oregon coast, and the distribution of brochures with information about how to help with tsunami debris clean up.

Public and media are encouraged to attend.

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