

Process for Proposing Modifications to the Oregon Fish Habitat Distribution Database

Proposed modifications to Oregon's Fish Habitat Distribution (FHD) data are evaluated by ODFW staff based on the completeness of the existing dataset, the strength of supporting evidence and the agency/entity providing the data. To update these data in a consistent manner, ODFW follows the rules outlined in the [Oregon Fish Habitat Distribution Data Standard](#) (Standard), including the business rules in Appendix D that describe the criteria for making changes. The [ODFW Fish Habitat Distribution Update Protocol](#) (Update Protocol) is an essential supplementary document for outlining in greater detail, the steps required to implement changes. To propose a change to the fish habitat distribution data, the following information (A-F) needs to be submitted to ODFW in accordance with the steps identified in sections G and H below:

- A. **Location information:** *stream name; fish observation or barrier location details (e.g. coordinates including coordinate system details, GIS data in shapefile or geodatabase format, hardcopy 1:24,000 scale map)*
- B. **Species name:** *including run, if known*
- C. **Habitat use information** *(if known): spawning, rearing, migration, historical, resident – multiple uses*
- D. **Observation information**, *supporting addition or deletion of fish habitat distribution, including documentation of:*
 - *Fish presence*
 - *Suitable habitat*
 - *A complete natural barrier to anadromous fish migration*

(Note: a single survey with no fish observed is not grounds for removal of existing fish distribution. Photos that show barrier height / scale are valuable for assessing fish passage.)
- E. **Source information:**
 - *Data provider name and contact information*
 - *Data provider group:*
 - *state or federal natural resource agency, or tribal biologist (Category 1), or*
 - *other biologists and non-biologists (Category 2)*

(Note: Observations made by Category 1 Data Providers can be used directly to modify datasets. An ODFW biologist will be consulted to approve proposed changes made by Category 2 Data Providers. See page 5 of the Update Protocol for a matrix of different combinations of data and provider group categories.)
- F. **Observation / Identification Basis** *(See Appendix A of the Standard for definition of terms.):*
 - *protocol based survey with a fish observation;*
 - *non-protocol based survey with a fish observation,*
 - *a habitat observation, or*
 - *professional opinion (concurrence, individual)*
- G. **Follow procedures for requesting a change:** *See pages 10, 11 & 18 of the Update Protocol document. The Data Update Flow Chart is found on page 18.*
- H. **ODFW will follow rules for addition or deletion of distribution data** *contingent upon Data Category and Data Provider Groups. (See pages 6-9 of the Update Protocol)*

For more information, or to submit proposed changes, contact:

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