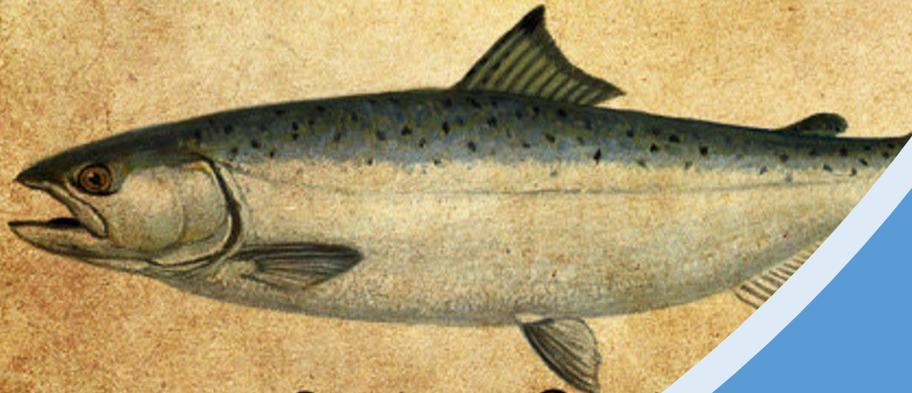


Sockeye Salmon



Chinook Salmon



Coho Salmon

Project Purpose and Scope

What Does ESH Mean

- Streams that are designated ESH are those necessary to prevent the depletion of indigenous anadromous salmonid species (chum, sockeye, Chinook and Coho salmon, steelhead and coastal cutthroat trout that are members of the family Salmonidae and are listed as sensitive, threatened or endangered by state or federal authorities) during their life stages of spawning and rearing.
- ESH habitat includes off-channel or high-flow refugia habitat with a permanent or seasonal surface water connection to an ESH stream.
- Oregon Statute ORS 196.810(1)(b) requires a state removal-fill permit for any removal or fill activity in an ESH designated stream.

Purpose of this rulemaking - What is being considered? What is not being considered

- The main goal for this rulemaking is to update the designated ESH Map that was last updated in 2015.
- The Department has historically updated the ESH map through rulemaking. We would like the RAC to look for a new approach to allow more frequent and regular ESH map updates while ensuring a transparent process.
- Not on the table for this rulemaking are what is jurisdictional under the Removal-Fill program or what activities require a permit, definitions of “essential”, “indigenous anadromous salmonid”, and “spawning and rearing habitat”, or how ODFW maintains and accepts or rejects changes to the Oregon Fish Habitat Distribution Database (OFHDD).

What is ODFW's role vs DSL's role

- ODFW role is to create and maintain the Oregon Fish Habitat Distribution Database (OFHDD).
 - The OFHDD currently includes over 80 species-specific and genus-specific datasets. Over 100 species will eventually be included. These datasets identify and describe both current and historical fish habitat distribution or areas of suitable habitat believed to be used currently or historically by native, or non-native fish populations based on sampling or best professional opinion.
 - When requested, ODFW provides DSL with the most current version of the OFHDD and DSL uses this data to create the new map.
- DSL role is to:
 - Designate ESH on maps.
 - Establish the process to amend the designations.
 - Require an authorization from the Department for activities involving fill or removal of any amount of material in ESH unless the activity is exempt.

How are changes to ESH currently incorporated

- ODFW is regularly updating the distribution data.
- However, any changes affecting ESH are not shown until DSL officially designates these changes by updating the map.