

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) in partnership with the Oregon Water Enhancement Board prepared a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Coquille Working Landscapes Project (Project) in Coos County, OR, which is open for public review and comment until March 3, 2016. The environmental assessment considers the biological, environmental, and socioeconomic effects of the proposed restoration.

In analyzing the impacts of Project actions, the Service considers a no-action alternative (status quo) and a preferred alternative (habitat restoration and tide gate replacement). The preferred alternative would integrate agricultural activities with ecosystem restoration.

This EA will result in a decision by the Service to select this document as fully meeting NEPA requirements for the preferred alternative or select a different alternative. In addition, the Service will issue a finding of no significant impact or recognize there are significant impacts that require Project activities be evaluated in an Environmental Impact Statement.

The EA is attached for review is also available on the Coquille's Working Landscapes website: <http://www.coquilleworkinglandscapes.com> Comments must be emailed to r1fa_grants@fws.gov between February 3, 2016, through March 3, 2016, to be considered in the Service's decision-making process.

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