

What's new for PCJV Partners

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Announcements

[Columbia River Estuary receives U.S. WHSRN designation](#)

<http://www.whsrn.org/news/article/new-us-whsrn-site-columbia-river-estuary>

The Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network Site Hemispheric Council has approved the designation of the Columbia River Estuary as a Site of Regional Importance. The estuary supports more than 20,000 shorebirds annually. Pacific Coast Joint Venture was among the organizations supporting the effort to designate the site.

[Oregon farm restoration receives Congressional tribute](#)

[http://www.dailyastorian.com/main.asp?](http://www.dailyastorian.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=398&ArticleID=63571&TM=62078.25)

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The Neitzel farm restoration project is an example of the Oregon Conservation Strategy being implemented with a willing landowner. This wetland and floodplain restoration, with benefits for both fish and wildlife, was funded through the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other partners.

[Partners in Flight seeks bird abundance and density info for westside forest birds](#)

<http://pcjv.org/pdfs/Partners%20in%20Flight%20seeks%20bird%20abundance%20info.pdf>

Deadline: September 18, 2009

[Natural Resources Conservation Service \(NRCS\) seeks comments on interim final rule for Conservation Stewardship Program](#)

http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html

Deadline: September 28, 2009

[Dennis Raveling Scholarship for Waterfowl Research](#)

<http://www.sfr.psu.edu/Students/ExternalScholarships/Dennis%20Raveling%20Scholarship%20Announcement.pdf>

Deadline: October 31, 2009

Awarded annually to a student(s) with a desire to pursue a career in waterfowl or wetlands ecology.

[Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force seeks input](#)

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives/oceans/>

The Task Force is charged with developing a recommendation for a national policy that ensures protection, maintenance, and restoration of oceans, coasts and the Great Lakes. It will also recommend a framework for improved stewardship, and effective coastal and marine spatial planning.

[Federal Wetlands Mapping Standard Approved](#)

<http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/documents/gNSDI/FGDCWetlandsMappingStandard.pdf>

The Wetlands Mapping Standard provides minimum requirements and guidelines for wetlands mapping efforts. The new standard is designed to guide current and future wetlands digital mapping projects and enhance the overall quality and consistency of wetlands data.

[Conservation Registry launches new portal: The Wildlife Conservation Society](#)

<http://wcs.conservationregistry.org/>

The portal is the gateway to the Wildlife Conservation Society's Wildlife Action Opportunities Fund grantees and projects throughout the U.S. The portal went live with 27 projects over 47 sites.

Grants and funding

Reminder: resources for writing grants and developing the biological basis for your proposals are available on the PCJV website: <http://www.pcvj.org/usfunding.html>

National Park Service Federal Lands to Parks Program

http://www.nps.gov/flp/flp_abt_us.html

This program conveys surplus federal land (including military bases) to communities, usually at no cost, for public park and recreation purposes, as well as open space and wildlife habitat. The program reviews land and facilities eligible for acquisition; identifies important natural, cultural, and recreational resources; and assists the community in getting land from the federal government.

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Conservation Stewardship Program

http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html

Continuous enrollment; first ranking period closes September 30, 2009

Provides financial and technical assistance to conserve and enhance soil, water, air, and related natural resources on Tribal and private agricultural lands, as well as non-industrial private forest lands.

US Fish and Wildlife Service: Endangered Species – Recovery Implementation

www.grants.gov funding opportunity #ES-RI-09

Deadline: September 30, 2009

This Recovery Implementation funding opportunity is for projects that will contribute to the recovery of endangered and threatened species, particularly for projects carrying out actions described in the implementation schedule of a species' approved recovery plan, or actions recommended in a completed 5-year status review of the species.

US Fish and Wildlife Service: Endangered Species - Candidate Conservation Implementation

www.grants.gov funding opportunity #FWS-ES-BCC-09

Deadline: September 30, 2009

This Candidate Conservation Implementation funding opportunity is for projects that will contribute to preventing the need to list candidate species and for projects that benefit at-risk species that are potential candidates, and particularly for those actions that address threats identified in Candidate Assessments.

Request for Pre-proposals For Projects in Watersheds of the National Estuary Programs

<http://www.psp.wa.gov/downloads/JOBS/2009FINALYR3PreproposalGuidelines.pdf>

Deadline: October 5, 2009

The National Estuary Program-NOAA Community-based Restoration Partnership invites pre-proposals for its citizen-driven habitat restoration program. The partnership seeks to fund on-the-ground activities within watersheds of the National Estuary Programs (NEPs) that restore marine, estuarine, and riparian habitats and foster local stewardship of the coastal environment. PCJV-area NEPs include Puget Sound, Columbia River, Tillamook Bay.

Arctic Goose Joint Venture Request for Proposals 2009-2010

[www.grants.gov](http://www.agjv.ca) Funding Opportunity #FWS-AGJV-FY2010D

Deadline: October 5, 2009

The Arctic Goose Joint Venture is seeking proposals that address priority information needs or focus areas identified in the AGJV Strategic Plan 2008-2012 (<http://www.agjv.ca>). The AGJV promotes the conservation of northern-nesting geese by providing greater knowledge for effective management. It is receptive to funding annual projects as well as a limited number of multi-year (up to 3 years) projects.

NOAA: Comparative Analysis of Marine Ecosystem Organization (CAMEO) Program

http://cameo.noaa.gov/documents/FFO_final_070709.pdf

Deadline: October 5, 2009

Purpose: to strengthen the scientific basis for an ecosystem approach to the stewardship of ocean and coastal living marine resources. The program supports fundamental research to understand complex dynamics controlling ecosystem structure, productivity, behavior, resilience, and population connectivity,

as well as effects of climate variability and anthropogenic pressures on living marine resources and critical habitats.

[North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grants](#)

<http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/Small/index.shtm>

Deadline: October 29, 2009

[Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act](#)

<http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NMBCA/index.shtm>

Deadline: November 2, 2009

Grants promote the long-term conservation of neotropical migratory birds and their habitats.

Birds and biodiversity

[Resources for monitoring marsh birds](#)

<http://www.waterbirdconservation.org/marshmonitoring.html>

This website includes links to the article “A Sampling Design Framework for Monitoring Secretive Marsh Birds,” follow-up design work, and contacts in the states where the design is being piloted. You can also navigate to the newest version of the field protocols, the data repository, and other related information.

[Using predator distributions, diet, and condition to evaluate seasonal foraging sites: sea ducks and herring spawn](#)

<http://www.seadocsociety.org/files/pdfs/Anderson2009-scoters-and-herring-spawn.pdf>

A recent project funded by the [SeaDoc Society](http://www.seadocsociety.org/) [http://www.seadocsociety.org/] has revealed how important herring spawn can be for species like migratory waterfowl. “Although it is not clear whether herring are essential to their population processes, surf scoters and a range of other predators for which spawning areas are clearly preferred foraging sites would likely benefit from efforts that preserve declining herring stocks.”

[Encyclopedia of Life](#)

<http://www.eol.org/>

More than 150,000 species pages populated with expert-verified text and images are now available on the Encyclopedia of Life.

Resources

[Great Outdoors America: The Report of the Outdoor Resources Review Group](#)

<http://www.orrgroup.org/report.html>

Leaders in conservation, recreation, and state and local government came together as the Outdoor Resources Review Group, a bipartisan, privately sponsored effort to assess priorities, challenges, and opportunities safeguarding critical land and water resources and associated recreational opportunities.

[Data Basin](#)

<http://www.databasin.org>

This data clearinghouse allows conservation organizations to share available raster and vector datasets. It also integrates web-based mapping and visualization tools.

Invasive species

[New website: National Invasive Species Council](#)

<http://www.doi.gov/NISC/index.html>

[Effects of Climate Change on Aquatic Invasive Species and Implications for Management and Research](#)

http://www.elistore.org/reports_detail.asp?ID=11277

Written by the Environmental Law Institute for U.S. EPA

Analyzes the existing scientific literature on the effects climate change will have on aquatic invasive species (AIS) and considers provisions for adaptation to changing conditions in existing state AIS management plans. Based on this analysis, offers five recommendations for states to maintain and improve state AIS management programs and activities in a changing climate.

Climate change

Climate change publications

<http://cses.washington.edu/db/pubs/allpubs.shtml>

The Climate Impacts Group and Climate Dynamics Group at the University of Washington maintain an extensive, searchable catalog of climate change research and publications.

NatureServe Climate Change Vulnerability Index

<http://www.natureserve.org/prodServices/climatechange/ClimateChange.jsp>

Use the Index to apply readily available information about a species' natural history, distribution and landscape circumstances to predict whether it will likely suffer a range contraction, population reductions, or both during the coming years.

Birds and energy development

Marine Birds and Wind Power Development in British Columbia

http://www.craigheadresearch.org/seabirds_wind.html

This project by the Craighead Environmental Research Institute and partners will show how a comprehensive assessment of potential ecological impacts can guide renewable energy development planning. Planned outcomes include: data to inform policy makers of potential sites for wind development that have minimal conflict with bird populations, including migratory species; data on ecologically sound choices for wind farm development in the eastern Pacific, and recommendations for additional practicable resource mapping of the west coast of North America.

Calls for conference abstracts and symposia

Society of Wetland Scientists, Pacific Northwest Chapter 2010 Conference

http://pnw.sws.org/SWS-PNW_Conf2010.pdf

Isolated Wetlands, Discovering Connections

Call for Symposia: begins September 8, deadline October 15, 2009

Conference: April 28-30, 2010, Bellingham, WA

Conferences, training and workshops

Introduction to Ecological Statistics

http://nwetc.org/stat-404_09-09_seattle.htm

Presented by the Northwest Environmental Training Center

September 10-11, 2009

Seattle, WA

Safeguarding Wildlife from Climate Change Web Conference Series

http://training.fws.gov/CSP/Course_descriptions/CSP3902.htm

Overview of Climate Change Adaptation

September 23, 2009, 2:30-4:00 p.m. EDT

Registration deadline: September 22, 2009

This webinar is the second in a series developed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and National Wildlife Federation, designed to increase communication and transfer of technical information between conservation professionals regarding the increasing challenges from climate change.

Pacific Salmonid Recovery Conference

http://nwetc.org/bio-500_10-09_seattle.htm

October 28-30, 2009
Seattle, Washington