



# Region 10 News Flash

## Comment Period Closes October 6 for NFIP-ESA Integration in Oregon

### **Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Public Comment Period Closes October 6, 2025**

The 45-day comment period is underway for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the updated Draft Implementation Plan for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) – Endangered Species Act (ESA) Integration in Oregon. There's still time to comment! Communities, agencies, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the Draft EIS. Please share your comments on the alternatives and what the benefits and impacts might be on people, communities, endangered species, and the environment by October 6, 2025.

FEMA has hosted 3 virtual meetings to date to share information about the updated Draft Implementation Plan, alternatives and the potential social, environmental, and economic impacts of the proposed changes, and has received comments from around the state. Please join us for the last virtual public meeting on Wednesday September 30, 2025 from 6-8pm Pacific Time. A court reporter will be present to record verbal comments. The registration link is located on the [project website](#).

A copy of the slides used at the public meetings is available on the [project website](#). A [virtual open house](#) is also available to review public meeting materials and submit comments. Comments on the Draft EIS should be specific and inform the Agency's selection among the alternatives (slide 40 of the [public presentation](#) explains what we want to hear from you about and what comments would be helpful).

FEMA is analyzing potential changes to how the NFIP is implemented in the Oregon plan area to comply with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). In collaboration with Oregon agencies and interested parties, FEMA developed a Draft Implementation Plan for NFIP-ESA Integration. If approved, participating and future NFIP communities in the Oregon plan area would need to require no net loss standards for floodplain development. These requirements could result in significant adverse and beneficial impacts as described in the Draft EIS and summary documents. Over 200 communities in Oregon could be affected by these changes to the NFIP.

### **How to Comment**

The [project website](#) contains the Draft EIS, public presentation slides, updated Draft Implementation Plan, public presentation slides, other documents, information about public meetings, and ways to comment.

Comments must be submitted by midnight October 6 in one of the following ways:

- Email: [fema-r10-or-nfip-esa-integration@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-r10-or-nfip-esa-integration@fema.dhs.gov)
- Verbally at the September 30, 2025 public meeting (American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters will be present at the meeting).

- [Online comment form](#)
- Mail: NFIP OR-EIS, FEMA, Region 10, 130 - 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021
- fax: 425-775-7560 Attention: FEMA NFIP OR EIS

FEMA will consider all input received during the Draft EIS public review and comment period. Following the public review and comment period on the Draft EIS, FEMA will develop a Final EIS, identify a preferred alternative, and publish a Record of Decision to conclude the NEPA process.



*Myrtle Point, Oregon (credit Adobe Stock Photos)*

### **Updated Draft Implementation Plan for NFIP-ESA Integration in Oregon**

In their 2016 Biological Opinion (BiOp), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) concluded that, in the Oregon plan area, the NFIP is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of ESA-listed species, result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat and have adverse effects on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for fishery resources under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA).

FEMA is analyzing potential changes to the NFIP to avoid the impacts outlined above while maintaining consistency with FEMA's existing NFIP statutory and regulatory authorities. The updated Draft Implementation Plan outlines the "no net loss" standards, provides a model ordinance, and explains the four paths by which an NFIP-Participating community can demonstrate compliance with the ESA and MSA.

Visit the [NFIP-ESA Integration in Oregon Program website](#) to learn more and sign up for updates on the Region 10 NFIP-ESA Integration efforts.

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