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ANNOUNCEMENT: The Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will hold an informational meeting for potential applicants of nearshore development projects about our efforts to expand the programmatic consultation associated with Regional General Permit (RGP) 6 (Structures in Inland Marine Waters of Washington State). The expansion would include project types beyond residential overwater structures, including but not limited to: bank stabilization, commercial structures, dredging, aids to navigation and piling replacement. NMFS will present on the state of the Puget Sound nearshore, implications for proposed development action, the concept of the enhanced conservation credit calculator, and associated facilitated consultation requirements.

What: Puget Sound Nearshore Programmatic Informational Meeting

Who: Public (applicants, agents, agencies).

Please RSVP by emailing Stephanie Ehinger at stephanie.ehinger@noaa.gov by October 18, 2019.

Where: Seattle District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Building 1202

Clearwater River Conference Room,

4735 East Marginal Way South

Seattle, Washington 98134

When: October 25, 2019

10:00am to 12:00pm

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on our joint development of facilitated Section 7 consultation for a broad suite of Puget Sound nearshore actions. We are open to feedback while this project is in development. Target date for completion of the expanded programmatic consultation is the end of February 2020.

BACKGROUND: A programmatic consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act evaluates the effects of multiple actions anticipated within a particular geographic area. Further, it can evaluate programs that guide implementation of an agency's future actions by establishing standards, guidelines, or governing criteria to which future actions will adhere. We are now working on designing a program that would facilitate recovery in inland marine waters and expand the suite of actions covered under an existing programmatic consultation to include shoreline development, marina replacements, and other project types.