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Special Public Notice

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Public Notice Date: September 17, 2024
Expiration Date: September 23, 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

What: A Joint Informational Meeting with Tacoma Public Utilities, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Marine Fisheries Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Who: Landowners on Cushman and Kokanee Lakes and other interested parties

When: Monday, September 23, 2024, from 3-5 pm

Where: Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84913600220> Meeting ID: 849 1360 0220
Lake Cushman Maintenance Company (LCMC) members who do not have access to Zoom can meet at LCMC's office, 3740 N. Lake Cushman Rd., where a room will be set up for them to participate in the meeting. Please contact LCMC's General Manager, Dawn Lower, at 360-877-5233 x.107 for more information.

Why: The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Tacoma Power Utilities (TPU) are excited to introduce PACKS, a new path through Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation and compliance for USACE regulatory permitting for Projects Along Cushman and Kokanee Shorelines (PACKS).

This meeting is for Lake Cushman and Lake Kokanee lessees whose properties abut TPU's Cushman Hydro-Project reservoirs. TPU is hosting and co-presenting with the USACE, one of the regulatory agencies that must permit and approve projects along the reservoir shorelines. The meeting will include an overview of TPU's Shoreline Management Plan and implementation and the roll-out of the USACE PACKS program.

Historically, the ESA consultation process has experienced significant delays in the Lake Cushman area. The PACKS program was developed to minimize adverse impacts to listed species and significantly reduce the time it takes to complete ESA consultation for your USACE permit. Shoreline applicants whose permit applications meet the requirements of the PACKS program can streamline the ESA consultation and USACE Clean Water Act, Section 404 permit process.

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A formal agenda is being prepared and will be provided before the meeting. Guests will have plenty of opportunities to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you on Sept. 23!

Please visit the TPU website for more information:
https://www.mytpu.org/community-environment/fish-wildlife-environment/cushman-hydro-project/shoreline-use/#pattern_8