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Coos Watershed Association Will Host Permitting Workshop

Coos Bay, OR (Coos Watershed Association), October 16, 2009 – The Coos Watershed Association (CoosWA) invites local residents to attend a free permitting workshop on Tuesday, November 3rd from 7 to 9 pm at the Coos Bay Public Library in the large meeting room.

The 2-hour workshop is meant to provide landowners with a better understanding of the permitting process for work they would like to do in their ditches, streams, and wetlands. Agency representatives from the US Army Corps of Engineers, Oregon Department of State Lands, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Forestry, and NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service will give a 5-10 minute presentation on their authorities and how best to work with them during the first hour. Each agency will be able to meet with smaller groups of interested landowners during the second hour. Landowners interested in all types of land uses are invited to attend.

Chris Claire, a habitat protection biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), feels “a workshop on these issues should have great value for both aquatic resources and landowners.” For more information or to register for the workshop, please call 888-5922, e-mail cooswa@cooswatershed.org, or learn more on our website at <http://www.cooswatershed.org>.

About the Coos Watershed Association – The Coos Watershed Association is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 1994 as a way for people with a wide range of interests to get together and discuss the “big picture” of the conditions of the Coos watershed. The Association implements restoration, monitoring, and outreach projects throughout the Coos watershed with the goal of restoring and maintaining healthy, functioning stream systems. The Association also helps individual landowners decide how to manage and restore the watershed’s natural systems.

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