

Klamath Settlement



PUBLIC NOTICE **U.S. Department of the Interior** **Informational Meeting on** **Klamath River Dam Removal Studies**

Wednesday, September 29
6 to 8 p.m.
Humboldt Bay Aquatics Center
921 Waterfront Drive, Eureka, California 95501

The Department of the Interior will be hosting a public meeting to provide an update on the Secretarial Determination process for Klamath River dam removal as part of the Department's commitment to hold periodic public meetings in different parts of the Klamath Basin. In this meeting, the Department will share with the public general updates about the process, provide specific information about various studies being undertaken as part of this process, and obtain feedback from the public on these points.

The Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSa) requires the Secretary of the Interior to determine whether, in his judgment, removal of four privately owned dams on the Klamath River: 1) will advance restoration of salmonid fisheries of the Klamath basin; and (2) is in the public interest, which includes but is not limited to consideration of potential impacts on affected local communities and tribes. The Secretary's determination will be based on a thorough scientific review of the potential costs and benefits of dam removal, as well as an analysis of the potential environmental impacts of dam removal under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The State of California is also participating in this process through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The KHSa requires the Secretary to make this determination by March 31, 2012.

This public meeting will include an opportunity to ask questions and provide input about the process and specific technical studies. These meetings are in addition to the public meetings associated with the National Environmental Policy Act. Please contact Matt Baun at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (530) 842-5763 if you have additional questions, or e-mail him at Matt_Baun@fws.gov.

Additional public meetings on the Secretarial Determination process are scheduled for December 9, 2010 in Siskiyou County (location TBD) and on March 16, 2011 in Klamath County (location TBD). Presentations used in these meetings and additional information will be available at KlamathRestoration.gov.