

ODFW fish screening task force to meet in Prineville Apr. 24

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SALEM, Ore. - Oregon's Fish Screening Task Force will meet on Friday, April 24 at the Best Western Prineville Inn, 1475 NE 3rd Street in the central Oregon community of Prineville, officials announced.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the agenda includes updates on the state fish screening program, projects completed by the John Day screen shop, and efforts to reintroduce anadromous fish in the area.

The meeting is open to the public, as is a Saturday tour of local screen projects. To join the tour, meet at the Best Western Prineville Inn at 8:00 am. Members of the public must provide their own transportation for the tour.

The ODFW Fish Screening Program coordinates a cost share program for the installation of screens at water diversions. Fish screens prevent the loss of fish when water is used for irrigation, municipal, hydroelectric or other beneficial purposes.

The Task Force is appointed by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission and its members represent agricultural, fisheries and public interests. It meets several times a year to advise the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on fish screening policies and issues.

Reasonable accommodations are provided as needed for individuals requesting assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreters or large-print materials. Individuals needing these types of accommodations may call the Information and Education Division at 800-720-6339 or 503-947-6002 at least 24 hours before the meeting. For more information, call Alan Ritchey, Statewide Fish Screening Coordinator, at 503-947-6229.

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