

Hearings scheduled on revisions in Removal-Fill Permit process

Proposed revisions in the rules that direct administration of Oregon's Removal-Fill Permit Program will be discussed at seven public meetings around the state March 11-19.

The proposed rules constitute the most comprehensive revision of the entire body of rules for the Division of State Lands Removal-Fill Permit Program in the past 16 years, according to John Lilly, DSL assistant director.

"The current rules aren't easily understood and are poorly organized, which has led to growing frustration for many people," Lilly said. "We have

two main goals with the revisions: make the rules easier to understand and incorporate changes required by legislation," he said.

In general, the rules apply to any activities that remove or fill 50 cubic yards or more of material in waters of the state. "Waters of the state" include natural waterways, such as all tidal and nontidal bays, the Pacific Ocean within state boundaries, constantly flowing and intermittent streams, lakes, wetlands and other bodies of water.

Draft rules were first presented at hearings in April,

2001. The current draft reflects comments from earlier hearings and meetings with interested parties.

For a copy of the revised rules, go to DSL's web site at <<http://statelands.dsl.state.or.us/>>. Look under the Proposed Administrative Rules heading. No Web access? Call (503) 378-3805 ext. 239 for a printed copy. A newsletter, also available on the Web or by mail, gives options for submitting comments on the rules and

provides other details.

The following hearings are scheduled:

Salem: March 11
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
DSL Lands Board Room
775 Summer Street NE

Portland: March 12
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
State Office Building Rm 140
800 NE Oregon Street

Hearings will also be held in Eugene, Medford, North Bend,

Bend and LaGrande.

To receive full consideration, comments should be submitted by April 5, 2002. Rules will be presented for approval to the State Land Board June 11, 2002.

For more information, contact:

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Deadline near to get on state "No Call List"

Oregonians who want to stop most telemarketing calls to their homes have until March 15 to register for the April Oregon No Call List.

The No Call Law, enacted by the Oregon Legislature in 1999, gives residential phone customers the opportunity to get on the "No Call List" and get off telemarketers' lists. Companies that call homes on the No Call list are subject to fines of up to

\$25,000. To date, Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers has fined over 60 companies more than \$275,000 for violating the No Call Law.

The Oregon No Call list is updated quarterly and is distributed to more than 800 telemarketers in 49 states and two foreign countries. People who miss the March 15 deadline for the April list will be still be able to register for the July list.

More than 65,000 Oregonians have signed up for annual No Call List subscriptions, which costs \$6.50 for the first year and \$3.00 each year thereafter.

Oregon residential phone customers may subscribe or receive additional information about the No Call List by calling toll-free, 1-877-700-NO CALL (1-877-700-6622), or on the Internet at <www.ornocall.com>.



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Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	627 Adams Ave./ 503-429-4000
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	2:00 p.m., City Library
Boosters	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., Leonetti's Grill
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	Noon, Lew's Place
Cub Scout Pack 201	Scout Cabin	For Info Call 503-429-0188
Doll Club	4th Tuesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Friends of the Library	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 503-429-7193
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Lew's Place
Nehalem Valley Car Club		For Info Call 503-429-4074
Preschool Story Hour	Mondays	10:30 a.m., City Library
T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays	6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	4th Thursday	For location call 429-2401
Vernonia Airport Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Cares Directors		For location call 503-429-1414
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Comm. Dev. Corp.	2nd Tuesday	Noon, City Hall
Vernonia Grange	4th Saturday	10:30 a.m., Grange Hall
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Monday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Pride		For Info Call, 503-429-5201
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	8:00 p.m., District Office
Vernonia Sr. Center Board	1st Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Vern. Volunteer Ambulance Assoc.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC

MIST-BIRKENFELD

M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-BRFPD Board Workshop	4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Ambulance Assoc.	1st & 2nd Thurs.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Firefighters Assoc.	1st & 2nd Wed.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Rescue	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Helping Circle	2nd Wednesday	10:00 am, 755-2346 for info.
Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Grange Hall
T.O.P.S.	Sundays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station

BANKS

Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall
Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Brown Derby
Citizen Participation Org.	3rd Monday, odd months	7:15 p.m., City Hall
Friends of the Library	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club
T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.
Tri-City RFPD Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13

COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
COLCO Transportation	2nd Friday	10:30 a.m., Courthouse
County Council of Seniors	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m., Courthouse
County Fair Board	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
County Parks Commission	3rd Monday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Emergency Comm. Dist. (9-1-1)	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Courthouse
Historical Society	4th Wednesday	Noon, location call 429-3713

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410 or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 725 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.