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To: All District Managers and Field Managers

From: Deputy State Director for Resource Planning, Use and Protection

Subject: Release of Aquatic Resources Information Management System V.4, Fish Module and Availability of Tools

This bulletin serves to notify the field of several pieces of information about the Aquatic Resources Information Management System (ARIMS).

1. The ARIMS Fish Module has been deployed and information about updating users with the new release was sent out July 2, 2004. The Fish Module includes Presence/Absence, Habitat Use Types, Habitat Quality, Snorkeling Surveys, AUC/Redd Count Population Estimates, One Day Spawning Surveys, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Mass Spawning Surveys. The information on loading ARIMS is in the VDD located on the GIS Web Site Documents Library at: *ARIMS Version 4.0 XP Version Description Document*
ftp://ftpint.or.blm.gov/gisweb/pdf/ARIMS_4.0_XP_VDD_062904.pdf
2. A NetMeeting style orientation/training on the Fish Module was held on July 13, 2004 and was attended by over 40 specialists.
3. The handbook, *ARIMS Fish Module*, containing both training materials and the User Guide is located at:
http://www.or.blm.gov/gis/support/doc_detail.asp?cat=2 .
4. Self-study training is available for all modules of ARIMS; see the *ARIMS Remote Training Requirements* document at the same website, and Information Bulletin No. OR-2004-124 dated May 7, 2004 (Newly Available Self-Directed Training for Aquatic Resources Information Management System (ARIMS) Users).
<http://www.or.blm.gov/gis/support/documents.asp> .

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5. Query tools including “virtual tables” or ArcView views to facilitate using ARIMS information in ArcGIS are part of ARIMS, and each of the training handbooks provides instructions on how to use them.

Any questions on how to use these tools should be answered by either the ARIMS Computer User’s Handbook or the training materials. If you need additional help, and within-district help is not available, Jeremy Hruska at 503-808-6433 can be contacted.

Work will now begin on upgrading ARIMS from ArcView 3.2 to ArcGIS 9.x. so that the Oregon/Washington Bureau of Land Management can end further support of the older ArcView ESRI software. Initial work with the ARIMS Fish and Hydro User Requirements Teams (URTs) will identify any necessary updates in regard to users' needs. This will include any changes necessary to fulfill the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's informational needs and any changes in field protocols that the field office specialists have determined to be necessary. Questions regarding future work on ARIMS can be addressed to Janis VanWyhe, ARIMS Project Manager, at 503-808-6296. Questions on training can be addressed to Jeremy Hruska, Trainer, at 503-808-6433, and questions on fish protocols can be addressed to Al Doelker, Oregon State Office Fisheries Biologist, ARIMS Fish Data Steward, at 503-808-6067.

Districts with Unions are reminded to notify their unions of this Information Bulletin and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you assistance in this matter.

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