



## Ecosystem Indicators in Washington's Estuaries

You are invited to attend an Ecosystem Indicator webinar hosted by NOAA's Northwest Fisheries Science Center and Washington's Department of Ecology on July 25th, 2014. Your participation and input will contribute to an Ecosystem Assessment for Washington's outer coast. Ecological Indicators are an essential piece of this Assessment, which is in support of [Washington State's Marine Spatial Planning](#) efforts.

This webinar will bring together scientists and resource managers with expertise and interest in Washington's coastal estuaries, and follows a general ecosystem indicators workshop conducted in May 2013. The purpose of this webinar is to:

- Review existing conceptual models of the Washington Coast
- Discuss ecological interactions, human pressures and uses, and oceanographic and physical drivers affecting estuaries.
- Provide input on a draft conceptual model of Willapa and Gray's Harbor estuaries.
- Provide input on candidate ecological indicators for Washington's coastal estuaries

This is designed as an interactive webinar to allow for broad participation. A major goal is to get feedback on draft conceptual models and candidate indicators, so we will distribute background materials for pre-meeting review by July 18th. We'll reserve a meeting space for this, so if you are local and would like to attend in person (rather than remotely), we can accommodate some participants onsite.

**When: Friday, July 25th, 10 am - 12 pm**

**Where:** Webinar at Northwest Fisheries Science Center (Seattle)

**Who:** Scientists and resource managers with expertise or experience in estuarine and ocean ecosystem on Washington's Pacific Coast.

Please RSVP by **July 8th** to Mindi Sheer (Mindi.Sheer@noaa.gov). If you cannot attend the webinar but are willing to review a webinar recording and submit comments, please indicate this too. If you are interested in attending in person, please send an inquiry.

Thanks for your interest in Washington's ecological indicators. Call or email with questions (mindi.sheer@noaa.gov or 206-860-3428)

Regards,  
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*Detailed agenda and connection information to follow in July.  
Pre-meeting review materials will be distributed by July 18th.*