

**Request for Proposals
For Contract Services in the Siuslaw Basin**

June 6, 2006

The Siuslaw Watershed Council is seeking qualified applicants to submit proposals to conduct **juvenile salmonid snorkel surveys in the Siuslaw basin**. The Siuslaw Watershed Council, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, provides an opportunity for local people to plan and participate in the restoration of their watershed.

The purpose of the snorkel surveys is to snapshot of abundance and distribution of the juvenile salmonid populations in the Siuslaw basin. The basin includes approximately 175 miles of tributary streams. The surveys must be completed between June 23rd and October 15th of 2006.

Qualified applicants must have dive teams that include at least one diver per dive team who has at least one-year experience conducting either Hankin-Reeves whole basin juvenile salmonid snorkel surveys or the Oregon Rapid Bio-Assessment protocols. The contractor will be responsible for: 1) landowner notification and permission; 2) conducting the surveys according to guidelines that meet EPA's Quality Assurance standards; and 3) submitting the collected survey data to Ecotrust bi-monthly for quality control review before payment. Survey methods must be meet EPA's Quality Assurance Plan before collection of data. All surveys must meet the Quality Assurance Plan approved by the EPA prior to receipt of payment.

Applicant is responsible for all costs incurred during the project. Each diver must have appropriate workmen's compensation and liability insurance coverage.

Applicants will be evaluated using two criteria: 1) previous experience conducting Hankin-Reeves or RBA (Oregon Coastal Rapid Biological Assessment) snorkel surveys; 2) the applicant's knowledge of the Siuslaw basin based on their work experience.

Contact: Charley Dewberry at (541) 997-9360
Proposals are due by June 20th 5:00 PM. Applications should be emailed to: charley@ecotrust.org or mailed to:

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Faxed applications will not be accepted.