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Corps of Engineers reviews 2005 fish research

WALLA WALLA, Wash. – A week-long annual review of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Anadromous Fish Evaluation Program (AFEP) begins Nov. 14 at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash.

The AFEP annual review provides scientists and researchers, from a variety of agencies and organizations, an opportunity to speak on results of their 2005 investigations on fish, particularly salmon, migrating from spawning grounds in rivers to the ocean.

“There will be 60 studies presented regarding fish passage from Lower Granite Dam to the estuary at the mouth of the Columbia River,” said fish biologist Mark Smith. “Most of the presentations are 15 minutes long, followed by five minutes for questions. It’s open to the public, and we encourage anyone interested in scientific research and data on fish studies to attend.”

The Corps has sponsored biological studies concerning anadromous fish passage in the Columbia River and lower Snake River since 1952. This year’s studies will include: fish passage, fish transport and delayed mortality, estuary studies, avian studies and bull trout.

The AFEP annual review is an U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division-managed program that focuses on research, monitoring and evaluation studies.

The review is open to all interested parties at Whitman College’s Maxey Hall auditorium near the intersection of Otis Street and Boyer Avenue in Walla Walla.

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