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SOURCE WATER  
PROTECTION PLAN  
TOWN HALL**

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Jetty Creek is listed as fish bearing by ODFW. This includes coho that have in stream water rights. This stream needs to be regularly monitored to help insure the species survival. Oregon coastal coho salmon, listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. I could not find anyone in the city or county monitoring this stream flow. Pacific Lamprey, trout and steel head are also in this stream. How we take care of the habitat and estuaries are critical for the fish and our own health. Please see attachment.

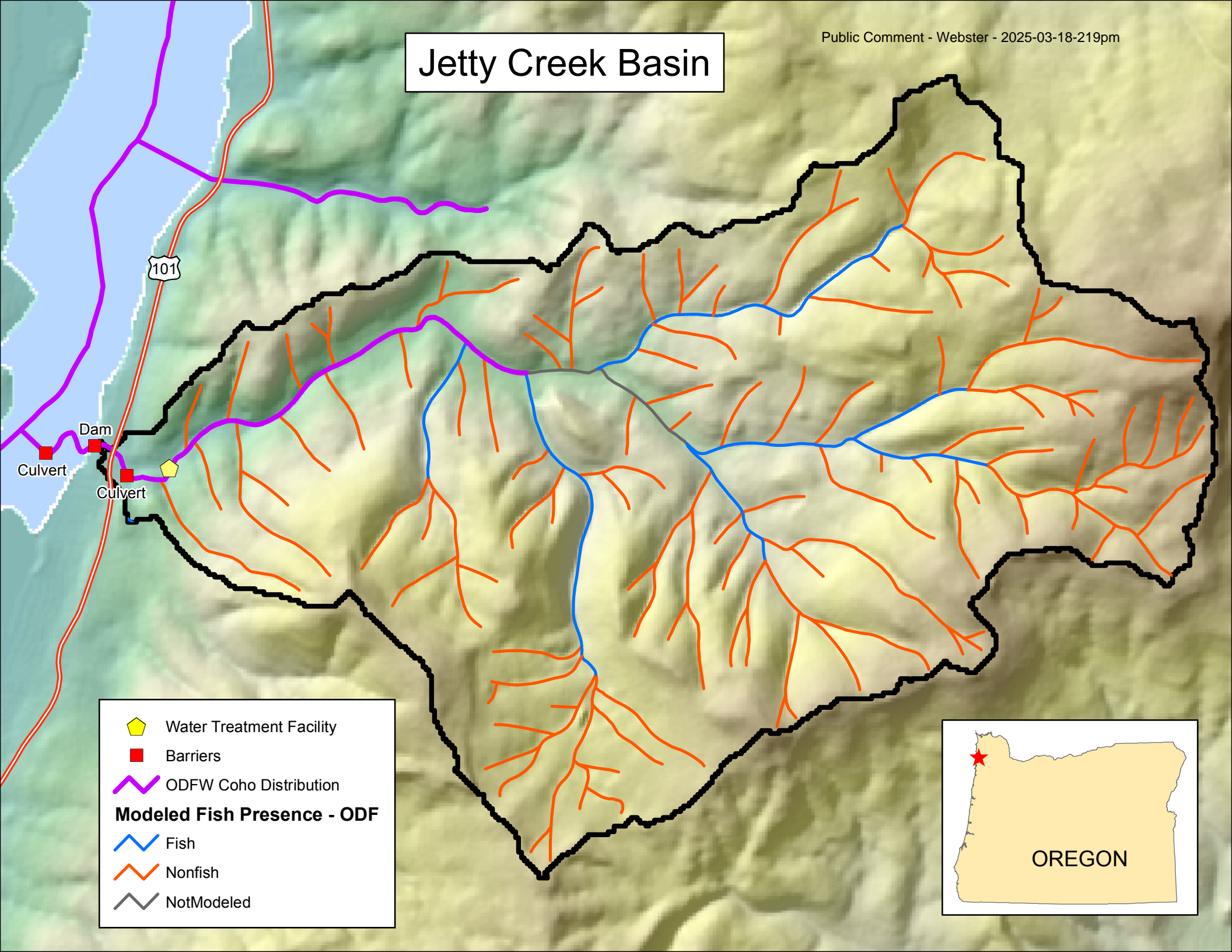
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# Jetty Creek Basin



Dam  
Culvert  
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-  Water Treatment Facility
-  Barriers
-  ODFW Coho Distribution
- Modeled Fish Presence - ODF**
-  Fish
-  Nonfish
-  NotModeled



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Housing developments impact groundwater used for drinking water.

The entire Nedonna Beach neighborhood (both the part in the City of Rockaway Beach and the part solely in Tillamook County) is listed by DEQ as a "defined drinking water source area" for groundwater wells. There are currently 360 houses in this neighborhood.

The 2016 Rockaway Beach Source Water Protection Plan was drafted for the RB Water District by Source Water Specialists from the Oregon Association of Water Utilities. I think that this report contains critical information about the wells and septic systems within the Nedonna Beach neighborhood. (The septic systems have limited regulation, oversight, and inspection.) Having lived here for almost fifteen years, I've seen the results of a number of septic system failures in the neighborhood. In the part of Nedonna Beach not within the city limits of Rockaway Beach, Tillamook County continues to approve new building permits for houses. By necessity, all of these will be using septic tanks. The wells the City of Rockaway Beach often uses for additional water draw from the aquifer that's below those septic systems, and, in fact, not very far below them at all. Any additional new houses in Nedonna Beach will be above and in close proximity to the groundwater aquifer that supplies drinking water. This would include both the houses within the city limits that would be using the sewer system and those that are outside the city limits that use septic systems. While it is better to have houses in this relatively densely built-up area on the sewer system rather than on septic systems, even new houses built in the City part of Nedonna Beach would have an impact on the groundwater aquifer, since they would be built on filled land that previously would have been wetlands. Wetlands help to improve drinking water quality by naturally filtering the water. Also, of course, wetlands slow the accumulation of flood waters that would be exacerbated by more hard, paved surfaces in the Nedonna Beach neighborhood. Already from the houses in this neighborhood, there may be pesticides and household contaminants entering our drinking water aquifer.

### 1.3 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AQUIFER (This taken from the report by the Source Water Specialists from the Oregon Association of Water Utilities)

The aquifer that supplies water to Rockaway Beach Water District's water system likely consists of sediments associated with beach deposits accumulated south of South Jetty in the Nedonna Beach Area. The depth to the first water encountered in the wells is approximately the same as the static water level when the well was completed. The fact that the static water level is the approximate depth of the aquifer implies that the wells are supplied by an unconfined aquifer, there are no materials of low permeability separating the aquifer from the surface. The aquifer consists of sand with a few layers of sand and gravel and the water varies seasonally

between 2 and 10 feet.

So, in summary, I am saying that we need to protect and restore the Nedonna Beach fresh water, forested and shrub wetland.

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