

# Siuslaw Estuary Partnership

*An Integrated Multiple Objective Approach To Watershed Protection and Restoration*

*7<sup>th</sup> Annual*

## *Heceta Head Coastal Conference*

*Oregon's Ocean: Catching the Next Wave of Discoveries*

Friday October 28, 2011

Enlarging upon Saturday's program a "Discovery Trip" focusing on the Siuslaw Watershed is scheduled for Friday afternoon. It is free to those registered for the Conference and is hosted by the [Siuslaw Estuary Partnership](#).

### **Discovery Trip Field Program Summary**

**Assembly:** Registrants will meet at 2:00 p.m. under the Siuslaw River Bridge in Old Town Florence next to Siuslaw River Coffee Roasters. This tour is an all-weather walking/hiking event that occasionally traverses across uneven surfaces and marshy environments. Please plan to dress for rain and wear sturdy walking/hiking shoes. The tour will last until 4:00 p.m. and will conclude at the Port of Siuslaw's campground. See attached map for tour location.

**Organization into Parties:** Depending on the number of participants the group may be divided into two parties during the last two field stations, with a Guide for each party.

**Field Stations:** Speakers will make presentations at the following five stations.

- **The Role of the Siuslaw Estuary Partnership:** SEP Overview of Mission, Projects and Partners. Sandra Belson, SEP Project Manager and Community Development Director, City of Florence.
- **Stormwater Treatment:** Visit and learn about 2 stormwater treatment demonstration sites proposed along the waterfront in Old Town. Mike Miller, Public Works Director, City of Florence.
- **Siuslaw River History:** Walking tour of Old Town waterfront learning about the historic uses of the Siuslaw River. Fred Jensen, Curator, Siuslaw Pioneer History Museum.
- **Estuary Ecology:** Walk with an estuarine biologist and learn about the estuary subsystems and the plant and animal life dependent within different zones within those subsystems. Jason Kirchner, Estuary Habitat Protection Biologist, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- **Wetlands Exploration:** Walk with a wetlands biologist and learn about estuary plants and their habitats. Jevra Brown, Wetland Specialist, Department of State Lands.



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2 pm – 4 pm**

Blue Line = Trip Route (Bay Street-Boardwalk-Port Campground)  
Yellow Dot = Start/Meet Point (Under Siuslaw Bridge)  
Turquoise Dots = Field Station Locations