



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
West Coast Region  
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Dear Recipient:

In accordance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), we announce the availability of the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Port Blakely Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the John Franklin Eddy Forestlands. Additionally, we announce the Issuance of an Endangered Species Act (ESA) Incidental Take Permit (ITP) to Port Blakely U.S. Forestry for the Port Blakely HCP for the John Franklin Eddy Forestlands.

Port Blakely prepared the HCP to support its request for incidental take permits (ITPs) from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). The ITP authorizes incidental take of covered species associated with timber harvest, silviculture, and road management activities, as well as take resulting from activities carried out as part of the HCP's conservation strategy in accordance with the requirements of the ESA. Under limited circumstances, NMFS and FWS may issue permits authorizing take of listed species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. The issuance of the ITP is considered a federal action under NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and required the preparation of an EA.

The Final EA, FONSI, ITP, HCP and other related documents are available on the project website: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/port-blakely-habitat-conservation-plan-john-franklin-eddy-forestlands>.

Please contact Annie Birnie in the Willamette Branch of the Oregon/Washington Coastal Office by email at [annie.birnie@noaa.gov](mailto:annie.birnie@noaa.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

for Jennifer Quan  
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