



## **Oregon Estuaries**

*Presented by Mike Graybill*

**March 18, 2023 ~ 1:00pm**

**In Person: Bandon Library**

**Sprague Room 1202 11<sup>th</sup> St.**

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**Estuaries are coastal environments that form where fresh water from rivers meet and mix with salt water from the sea. The coast of Oregon is punctuated by over 20 estuaries that range in size from the 170-acre Chetco River estuary to the Coos Estuary at over 13,000 acres. Estuaries are among the most biologically productive natural systems on earth and serve as centers of human development and commerce. Managing estuaries to protect the natural values while simultaneously altering them to meet societal needs is a complex and often controversial process.**

**Mr. Mike Graybill's presentation will provide an overview of estuaries in Oregon. Examples of estuaries on the Southern Oregon Coast will be used to showcase important natural functions and values of major habitat types, including their current status and future prospects. The presentation will also highlight major issues related to the management of estuaries in Oregon and provide an update on Coos County's effort to revise the Coos Bay Estuary Management Plan.**



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