

## \*NAPAP Conference/Workshop at Olympic National Park

\*National Acid Precipitation Assessment Program. You may have missed it! Such small events have a way of failing to attract the attention of folks involved in national programs or disciplines not directly affected by "acid rain" studies. But maybe you "need to know." If so, here is your opportunity to get up to speed on watershed-level studies of the effects of acid deposition at Olympic National Park.

A conference/workshop was held on December 18-19, 1984, to bring together investigators involved with research on acid precipitation effects, nutrient cycling, and air and water quality monitoring. The objectives of the conference were to provide a forum for sharing information among researchers, and to present information to managers. The workshop was intended to facilitate better coordination of research efforts among scientists from different institutions, agencies, and academic disciplines.

Conference topics included: (1) Research on air quality of "clean air" arriving across the Pacific Ocean; (2) A global air quality monitoring and research program; (3) Establishment of a baseline for wet deposition and nutrient cycling in a clean area of Olympic National Park; (4) Monitoring litter decomposition rates and primary productivity of selected lichens and mosses; (5) Small mammal species survey; (6) Nutrient cycles and carnivore utilization of salmon carcasses on two small watersheds; and (7) Heavy metals in selected plant species (a lichen, *Allectoria sarmentosa* and subalpine fir, *Abies lasiocarpa* of the Olympics and Mount Rainier.

The workshop following the presentation proved fruitful. Discussions (sometimes lively) helped clarify roles of different investigators and pointed up some of the shortcomings of the project. Some shortcom-

ings can be resolved through additions to the program, but generally budget limitations will prevent addressing all issues. The baseline database established within the park will prove extremely useful in the future as acid precipitation becomes of increasing importance.

A "proceedings" publication is planned and will be announced in a later edition of *Park Science*. In the interim, feel free to contact either John Aho or Dr. Ed Schreiner at Olympic National Park (206) 452-4501 (FTS 396-4241) to learn more.