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All 23 NPS resource management trainees were in Corvallis in August for two weeks of instruction in fisheries and aquatic systems at the Oregon State University Cooperative Park Studies Unit. The sessions began with a "whole systems" approach and covered concepts and principles of fisheries and aquatic systems and their management. Lectures and field work focused on management evaluation of fishery resources, habitat, use opportunities, and potential conflicts.

Course coordinator Elena Karnaugh, graduate research assistant to Gary Larson at the OSU/CPSU, had high praise for the enthusiasm and energy levels displayed by the trainees. "They arrived here straight from four intensive weeks of vegetation work at UC/Cal Davis," she said, "and they didn't miss a beat. They even asked us to set up unscheduled weekend field trips."

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Deputy Regional Director William J. Briggie has announced a Resource Management Workshop to be held at Regional headquarters in Seattle on Oct. 23-24. PNR scientists will participate. The workshop will focus on guidelines for Resource Management Plans and other subject areas such as Natural Resource Preservation Program (NRPP) and Integrated Pest Management Program requirements and resource problem prioritization.

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Ed Starkey has been named chairman of the newly formed Elk Subcommittee established by the Oregon-Washington Interagency Wildlife Committee. Dr. Starkey is with the NPS/CPSU at Oregon State University in Corvallis. The Subcommittee is charged with identifying issues regarding elk management guidelines both east and west of the Cascade mountains, evaluating significance of habitat changes, examining how the needs of elk and the different objectives of major landowners can be accommodated, providing technical assistance to requesting agencies, providing a forum for information exchange, seeking opportunities to coordinate research and monitoring activities, and seeking standardization of monitoring techniques where comparative data would be beneficial to several agencies.

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