

# NORFMA

Northwest Regional Floodplain Management Association

## PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT



**September 8-10, 2010**  
**Skamania Lodge, Stevenson, WA**

**Make your Plans** – Join us for a meeting of floodplain professionals, consultants, and other interested stakeholders to discuss and review new developments in floodplain management in our region – including Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. We are putting together an exciting agenda of workshops, presentations, and social networking. Two days of technical sessions will be held on September 8 and 9. The CFM exam and a possible field trip will be held on September 10. Check our website frequently for updated conference information: [www.norfma.org](http://www.norfma.org)

**Our Conference Site** - Our conference will be held this year at the beautiful Skamania Lodge, overlooking the scenic Columbia River Gorge. This location is central between Washington and Oregon to enable easy automobile access from both states. Air travelers from all over our region can fly into the Portland airport and drive only 45-minutes to the Lodge. Go to [www.norfma.org](http://www.norfma.org) to access information regarding shuttle service between the airport and the Lodge. Our negotiated conference rates are \$125 for a Forest View room and \$175 for a River View Room plus taxes. In addition to the rates set forth above, there is a daily Resort fee of \$14.00 per room, per night, which includes: unlimited free local calls; 24 hour access to the Technology Room; wireless high-speed internet; access to three scenic hiking trails, family putting green, health club, pool and outdoor hot tub; tennis and basketball court time; bike rentals; coffee in the main lobby; and USA Today. Contact the Lodge at 800-221-7117 or register on line ([www.skamania.com](http://www.skamania.com)) by August 9, 2010 and identify yourself as part of our group to get this rate.

**Registration and Sponsorship** – Information available at [www.norfma.org](http://www.norfma.org).

**CFM Exam** – The Certified Floodplain Manager Exam will be offered on Friday morning following the conference. Information about the certification, study guide and exam is available at <http://www.floods.org/Certification/certprog.asp>.

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**Volunteer** – NORFMA has formed a conference committee, chaired by Jerry Louthain of HDR. If you would like to participate in conference planning, contact Jerry at:  
[Jerry.Louthain@hdrinc.com](mailto:Jerry.Louthain@hdrinc.com)

**Join in** - Start thinking about how you want to contribute to our conference this year by doing one or more of the following:

- Make a technical presentation
- Propose a specific session
- Propose a workshop
- Sponsor a workshop or a session of presentations

**Be a Part** – This is your opportunity to join NORFMA and help us build and maintain our commitment to providing a multidisciplinary approach to floodplain management in the Pacific Northwest. We believe in the partnership of federal and state/provincial agencies working with local government and public citizen groups to develop floodplain management plans and build on-the-ground projects that benefit people and the environment.

To present nominations for our 2010 elections, contact Dan Sokol at: [dsok461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:dsok461@ecy.wa.gov). New Board of Directors, which consists of four Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary) and five State/Provincial Representatives, will be elected at the September conference.

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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS/SPEAKERS

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Please submit abstracts to and contact Jerry Louthain, Conference Committee Chair, at 360-570-4416 or [Jerry.Louthain@hdrinc.com](mailto:Jerry.Louthain@hdrinc.com) if you would like to:

- *Make a presentation*
- *Present/organize a specific session, workshop, panel discussion*

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Conference schedule has two days of technical programs on September 8 and 9 and a half-day on September 10 for CFM test, possible workshops and/or field trip.

### **Possible Topics-**

Updates from FEMA, USACE, USGS, and States/Province  
Impact of New Federal Principles and Guidelines & Corps of Engineers Variance Process  
Interactive Hazards, Risk Assessment, and Mapping  
Hazard Mitigation Grants, Plans and Projects  
New Developments in FEMA's Responses to NMFS' Biological Opinion  
Building Codes and Elevation Certification Requirements  
Challenges with Levee Certification  
Flood Forecasting, Flood Warning Systems, Remote Sensing  
Coastal Modeling and Mapping  
Levee Setbacks and Levee Maintenance Studies  
River Restoration Studies  
Update on Columbia River Treaty Studies  
Funding Opportunities for Small Communities  
Flood Zone Determinations: Challenges, Discrepancies, and Solutions

**DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMITTAL: July 15, 2010**

Stay tuned to [www.norfma.org](http://www.norfma.org) for additional details