



Willamette Falls Locks
COMMISSION

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**Media Advisory: Public Invited to July 18
Willamette Falls Locks Commission Meeting**

**Commission asks for public testimony about the future economic, cultural
and recreational usage of the Willamette Falls Locks**

What: Meeting of the Willamette Falls Locks Commission to hear testimony from the public regarding the future of the Locks. Currently, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers owns and operates the Locks, which have been closed since December 2011. In-person testimony may be limited to two minutes, depending on the number of people wishing to comment.

When: Wednesday, July 18, 2018
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Where: Meeting to hear in-person testimony will be held at:
West Linn City Hall
22500 Salamo Rd., West Linn

**Written
Testimony:** An alternative to attending in-person is to submit written testimony to Turner Odell at todell@pdx.edu or by mail to:

Oregon Solutions | National Policy Consensus Center
Portland State University | P.O. Box 751
Portland, OR 97207-0751

Why: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is proposing to make minor repairs to the Willamette Falls Locks and then transfer ownership to a new proprietor, either private, public or a combination of both. In the event it cannot transfer the Locks to a new owner, the Corps plans to decommission and permanently close the Locks. In 2017, the Oregon Legislature passed SB 256 to create a Governor-appointed Commission to look at alternatives for ownership and oversee the potential recommissioning of the Locks. The Locks are a 145-year-old landmark with potential economic, cultural and recreational value.

More: More information about the Willamette Falls Locks Commission is available online at <http://orsolutions.org/osproject/WFLC>

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