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Re: Olympic National Park's Perspectives Winter Speaker Series
"Lake Ozette: An Ecological Update" on Jan. 17 at 7pm
Attached: *LakeOzette_CourtesyNPS.jpg*

Olympic National Park's Perspectives Winter Speaker Series continues on **Tuesday, January 17 at 7pm with "Lake Ozette: An Ecological Update," by ONP Fisheries Biologist Patrick Crain.** The presentation is hosted by the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) on Zoom. Learn more and access the Zoom link at nols.org/ONP. No registration is required.

Crain will discuss the health and status of the Lake Ozette freshwater ecosystem. Home to a unique population of Sockeye Salmon listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act and the endemic Ozette Mud Minnow, the freshwater ecosystem of Lake Ozette is under threat. Invasive clams, degradation of shoreline habitat, and changes in predator behavior are among the impacts that are being evaluated. Also, Crain will be sharing some actions that the park and volunteers are taking to mitigate these impacts and help the lake.

The free talks continue each month through April. **Save the date for presentations on February 14, March 14, and April 11.** Recordings are available the day after the

presentations. View the series recordings from November and December at nols.org/ONP.

The series is sponsored by Olympic National Park, the Friends of Olympic National Park, and the North Olympic Library System.

For more information about visiting Olympic National Park, see www.nps.gov/olym.

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