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### **Meeting set on PCB plan**

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A public meeting will be held in Poughkeepsie Thursday to discuss a recently released plan for assessing potential damage to the Hudson River caused by PCBs.

The Natural Resource Damage Assessment is a parallel process to the ongoing \$500 million federal cleanup of PCBs with which General Electric. Co is cooperating.

The Natural Resource Damage Assessment will assess the damages to natural resources - - from turtles to eagles to muskrat -- that have been damaged by PCB pollution. It also will work to identify ways the damage can be mitigated or rectified.

GE, which discharged polychlorinated biphenyls into the river for years until the chemical was banned in the 1970s, would be liable for any costs associated with the damaged resources.

Meetings will be held in coming weeks in New York City, Albany and Washington County.

Trustees will be available to answer questions and listen to input on the plan. Representatives will be available throughout the sessions, so people may arrive at any time to discuss the plan.

The trustees are the state Department of Environmental Conservation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

#### **AT A GLANCE** **PCBS MEETING**

The Hudson River Natural Resource Trustees will host the meeting at the Poughkeepsie Common Council Chambers on the third floor of City Hall on Civic Center Plaza. Sessions will run from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.