

2022 Integrated Report Public Process



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What is the Integrated Report?

The federal Clean Water Act requires Oregon to report on the quality of its surface waters every two years. This effort represents the state's most comprehensive evaluation of water quality data and information about Oregon's waters. DEQ assessed this data and information to determine whether Oregon's waters contain pollutants at levels that exceed protective water quality standards. To complete this, DEQ reviewed and assessed readily available data and information using the Methodology for Oregon's 2022 Water Quality Report and List of Water Quality Limited Waters.

The result of these analyses and conclusions is called the Integrated Report because it combines the requirements of Clean Water Act section 305(b) to develop a status report and the section 303(d) requirement to develop a list of impaired waters. The Integrated Report is submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for final approval.

The Integrated Report categorizes all assessed waterbodies. Data are used to evaluate the most common beneficial uses, such as aquatic life, drinking water or recreation. Waterbodies that exceed protective water quality standards are identified as impaired and are added to the 303(d) list. Identifying a waterbody as impaired initiates the prioritization and development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which is the calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant allowed to enter a waterbody so that the waterbody will meet and continue to meet water quality standards for that particular pollutant.

Public Process Timeline

Methodology

The public comment period for the draft assessment methodology for Oregon's 2022 Water Quality Report and List of Water Quality Limited Waters was open from Jan. 19, 2021, to March 8, 2021, for a total of 49 days. DEQ presented updates to the Environmental Quality Commission on the 2022 Oregon Water Quality Integrated Report, including methodology and comments received during a public comment period for the materials on Sept. 30, 2021, to fulfill Oregon Revised Statute 468B.039(2) and (3).

Methodology webinars

DEQ hosted three informational webinars and workshops for priority updates. DEQ uses the opt-in email delivery system called GovDelivery to notify the public about webinars, publication of materials, and other public information.

Webinar 1 – Sept. 22, 2020

- Background, Oregon's 2022 Water Quality Report and List of Water Quality Limited Waters (Integrated Report)
- Short-term assessment methodology updates and discussion
- Long-term assessment methodology updates and discussion

Webinar 2 – Oct. 8, 2020

- Background, Oregon's 2022 Water Quality Report and List of Water Quality Limited Waters (Integrated Report)
- Delisting for continuous dissolved oxygen
- Continuous pH methodology

Webinar 3 – Nov. 10, 2020

- Background, Oregon’s 2022 Water Quality Report and List of Water Quality Limited Waters (Integrated Report) and reminder that informal comments are due Nov. 24, 2020
- Watershed assessment units: assessment by station
- Aquatic life, aluminum

Public Comment on Draft Methodology

DEQ public comment period for the draft assessment methodology, Oregon’s 2022 Water Quality Report and List of Water Quality Limited Waters, was open from January 19, 2021, through March 8, 2021. Updated methodologies were presented to the Environmental Quality Commission in September 2021 with additional opportunity for public comment.

Call for data

DEQ completed its Call for Data for the 2022 Integrated Report from February 1, 2021, through April 2, 2021.

Integrated Report

- DEQ accepted comments on Oregon's Draft 2022 Integrated Report on Surface Water Quality and 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Waters from Jan. 12, 2022, through Friday, Feb. 11, 2022.
- Jan. 19, 2022, Informational webinar for the 2022 Integrated Report
- Feb. 3, 2022, Director’s Report to the Environmental Quality Commission, 2022 Integrated Report update
- May 20, 2022, Presentation about the agency’s 2022 Water Quality Integrated Report to the Environmental Quality Commission

For questions regarding the 2022 Integrated Report please contact:

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You can also visit the Integrated Report website <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/Pages/proposedIR.aspx>

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