

DEQ and ODF Water Quality Coordination

Progress on Implementing the 2021 Memorandum of Understanding
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Background

- December 2021 – Updates completed on ODF-DEQ MOU on protecting and improving water quality on non-federal forestlands in Oregon
- Revisions included:
 - Clarified authority information aligned with DOJ Memo attachment
 - Included a flow chart on interagency collaboration
 - Added accountability and transparency through regular evaluation and reporting on progress to EQC and Board of Forestry

Collaborative Efforts January - June 2022

- Monthly DEQ-ODF manager and staff meetings
- Updates on TMDL development across the state
- Updates on forest practices rule amendments
- Staff hiring
- Regular coordination on development of ODF Willamette Mercury TMDL implementation plan
- Federal re-engagement on full approval of Oregon's Coastal Nonpoint Source Control Plan
- Planning on integration of climate change considerations in TMDLs

DEQ shared opportunities for ODF to participate in:

- Nonpoint Source Plan update and annual report preparation
- Commenting on Draft Integrated Report and TMDL Priorities
- Rule revision - Aquatic life beneficial use map update
- Upper Yaquina River Watershed Bacteria and Dissolved Oxygen TMDLs advisory group

ODF affirmed DEQ participation in:

- Forest practices rulemaking advising
- Adaptive Management Program Committee
- Effectiveness monitoring program

Moving Forward

- DEQ and ODF managers and staff will continue to convene regularly
- Coordination will continue on development of ODF's Willamette Basin Mercury TMDL implementation plan
 - Due for DEQ approval in August 2023
- Collaboration on integration of climate change considerations in TMDL implementation and forest practice best management practices

Questions?