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State of Oregon

Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

**To:** North Coast Basin TMDL File

**Date:** December 18, 2006

**From:** Lauri Aunan, WQ Administrator

**Subject:** North Coast Subbasins, Nestucca Watershed and Tillamook Watershed TMDL Order

On June 30, 2003, the *North Coast Subbasins Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)* was issued as an order by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The TMDLs were for temperature, bacteria, and biological criteria. Clarifications to this TMDL were issued on August 5, 2003. The TMDL was approved by to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on 8/20/2003

On June 25, 2001, the *Tillamook Bay Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)* was submitted to USEPA for approval and was approved on 7/31/2001. The TMDLs were for temperature and bacteria.

On April 19, 2002, the *Nestucca Bay Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)* was submitted to USEPA for approval and was approved on 5/13/2002. The TMDLs were for temperature, bacteria and sedimentation.

The area covered by these TMDLs includes the North Coast Basin of Oregon which corresponds to five fourth-field hydrologic unit codes (HUC): 17080003, 17080006, 17100201, 17100202 and 17100203. These TMDLs are applicable to all perennial waters, and the allocations are applicable to all sources and land uses in the subbasins listed above.

On December 18, 2006, *Addendum #1- Modifications to the North Coast Basin Temperature Waste Load and Load Allocations* was issued as an order. It modifies several Waste Load and Load Allocations contained in the TMDLs listed above.

This Addendum, developed under §303(d) of the Clean Water Act, has been submitted for US EPA approval. The document, when approved, will be an update to Oregon's Continuous Planning Process per §303(e) of the Clean Water Act (CWA).

The analyses and draft addendum were presented and discussed with a variety of facilities and agencies including USEPA and the Tillamook County Creamery prior to public comment. The intent was to get informal review and comment while DEQ was completing the development of the draft addendum.

The public comment period on the draft TMDL addendum was opened on April 26th, 2006 and closed on June 26, 2006. Copies of the document were made available at various locations within the subbasin including the Tillamook Estuaries Partnership office (TEP) as well as the Tillamook and Portland DEQ offices and on the internet. DEQ received one formal comment on the draft TMDLs addendum - from the USEPA. DEQ summarized the comment, prepared a Response to Comment document (attached) and revised the TMDL addendum.

This memo and the related public notification represent the beginning of the 60-day appeal period on this DEQ action. The Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) allow for the following:

- (1) Any person who participated in establishing a TMDL, including those who submitted comments, and any other person entitled to seek judicial review of an order issuing a TMDL may request reconsideration by the Director in accordance with OAR 137-004-0080.
- (2) A person may file a petition for judicial review of a final TMDL order as allowed by ORS 183.484.

This Addendum and the original TMDLs can be found at the following website: [www.deq.state.or.us/wq/TMDLs/TMDLs.htm](http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/TMDLs/TMDLs.htm) or can be viewed at the following locations: DEQ Headquarters, 811 SW Sixth Avenue, Portland, OR 97204 or DEQ Northwestern Regional Office, 2020 SW Fourth Avenue #400, Portland, OR, 97201. Once EPA has approved this TMDL, this document will be made available via a CD electronic file or paper.

Should you have any questions about this Addendum, please contact either Andy Schaedel at 503-229-6121 or York Johnson at 503-322-2222.

Issued by:



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