

Integrated Reporting: Outreach and Updates

Agenda for 2017 Work Group Meeting #1



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Date/Time: Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017 / 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Conference Room 610
DEQ - HQ Building
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Subject: DEQ Public-Stakeholder Work Group Meeting #1 on Oregon's Improvement
Updates to the Integrated Report (IR) on Statewide Water Quality Assessments

Meeting Agenda

Time	Topic (Lead)
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions
9:00-10:15 a.m.	Overview of Water Body Segmentation and New Assessment Unit Approach (Lesley Merrick) <i>Assessment Units (AUs) were revised to create unique, environmentally relevant segments that do not overlap; New AUs exist in a higher resolution hydrography layer and now have more robust NHD attributes.</i> <i>DEQ will provide an overview of the approach. Understanding how DEQ will be addressing assessment units is important for understanding and providing input into potential impacts and implications associated with proposed methodology revisions.</i>
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Break and Refreshments
10:30-11:30 a.m.	*Data Aggregation within Assessment Units (Becky Anthony) <i>Future assessment decisions on beneficial use attainment will be based on pooled data within AUs, not on individual monitoring station data</i> <i>There are a number of considerations and permutations for how DEQ could aggregate data within an assessment unit. DEQ will review various methods used by other states, options, and considerations; and seek input from the workgroup.</i>
11:30-12:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Crosswalk to 2012 IR (Lesley Merrick) <i>A crosswalk will need to be generated to reconcile the final 2012 IR listing of Category 4 and 5 segments with those generated from the next assessment from a 10-yr data review.</i> <i>DEQ will briefly review the federal requirements and summarize its initial thinking about how this may be accomplished.</i>
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Methodology Revisions Proposed by Stakeholders (Jennifer Wigal) <i>After the August 28, 2017 Public Meeting, two stakeholder comments were received pertaining to additional IR improvement initiatives for DEQ consideration – each will be addressed.</i>
2:30-3:00 p.m.	Introduction to Listing/Delisting Methodology Options (James McConaghie) <i>The methodology for listing and delisting water body AUs is being revised to align with other assessment improvements and to standardize the process; this topic will be addressed in greater detail at Work Group Mtg. #2.</i> <i>DEQ will preview the scenarios and general considerations that will be discussed in-depth in subsequent issue papers and at the next workgroup meeting.</i>

* White paper on this topic available via *IR Improvements* web page

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