

Oregon Recycling System Advisory Council

Meeting #7

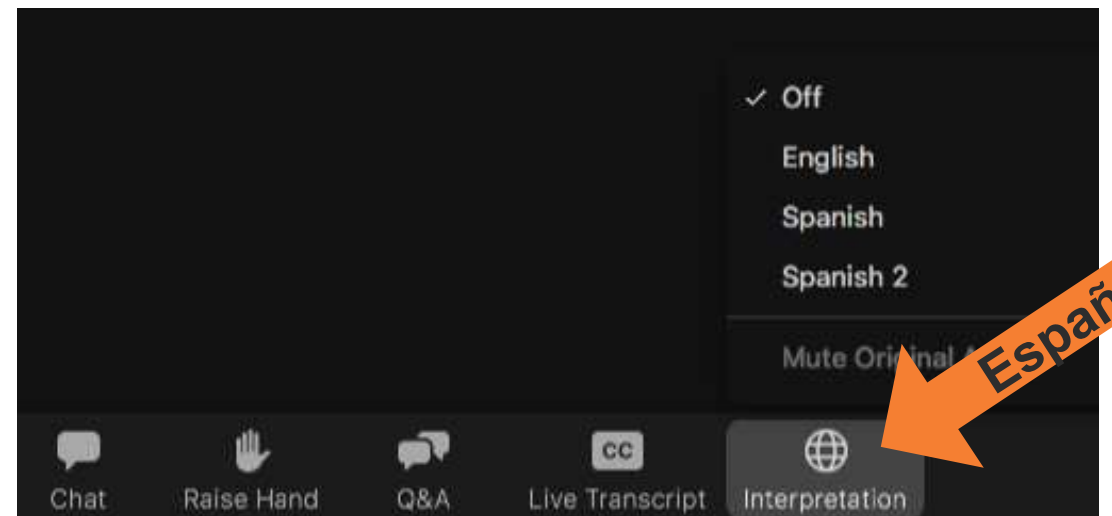
June 12, 2023

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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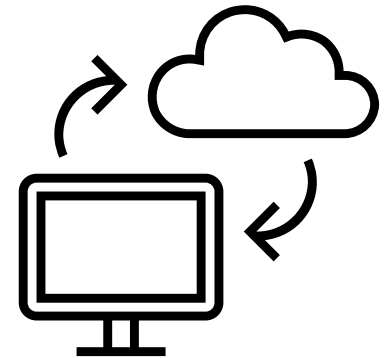
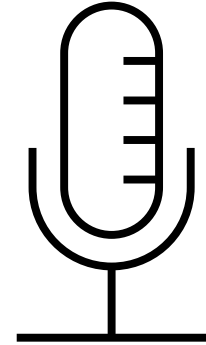
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Zoom logistics

- Today's session is being recorded
- All attendees are in listen-only mode
- Sign-ups for public input will occur toward the end of the meeting

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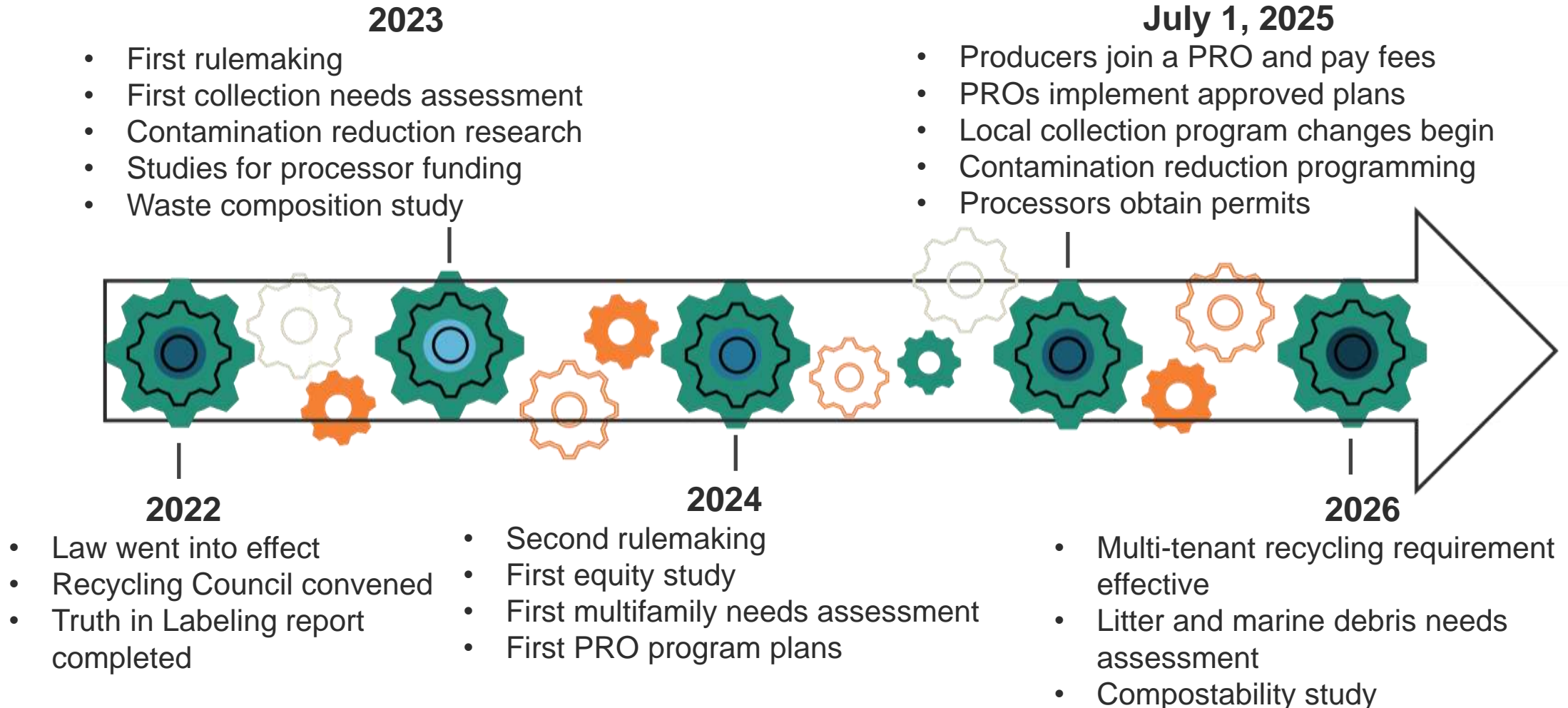


Agenda // Orden del día

*All times approximate and subject to change //
Todas las horas son aproximadas y están
sujetas a cambios*

10:30 a.m.	Welcome and updates	10.30 h	Bienvenida y actualizaciones
10:40 a.m.	Updates: RMA Implementation	10.40 h	Actualizaciones: Aplicación del RMA
10:55 a.m.	Inform: Oregon Impact Reduction and Reuse Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background document and questions 	10.55 h	Informar: Programa de Reducción del Impacto y Reutilización en Oregon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documento de síntesis y preguntas
11:25 a.m.	<i>Break</i>	11.25 h	<i>Receso</i>
11:30 a.m.	Discussion: Recycling Council process for recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background document and questions 	11.30 h	Debate: Proceso de recomendaciones del Consejo de Reciclaje <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documento de síntesis y preguntas
12 p.m.	Public input	12 h	Comentarios del público
12:15 p.m.	Next steps	12.15 h	Próximas etapas
12:25 p.m.	Adjourn	12.25 h	Levantar la sesión

RMA Major Milestones, 2022-2026



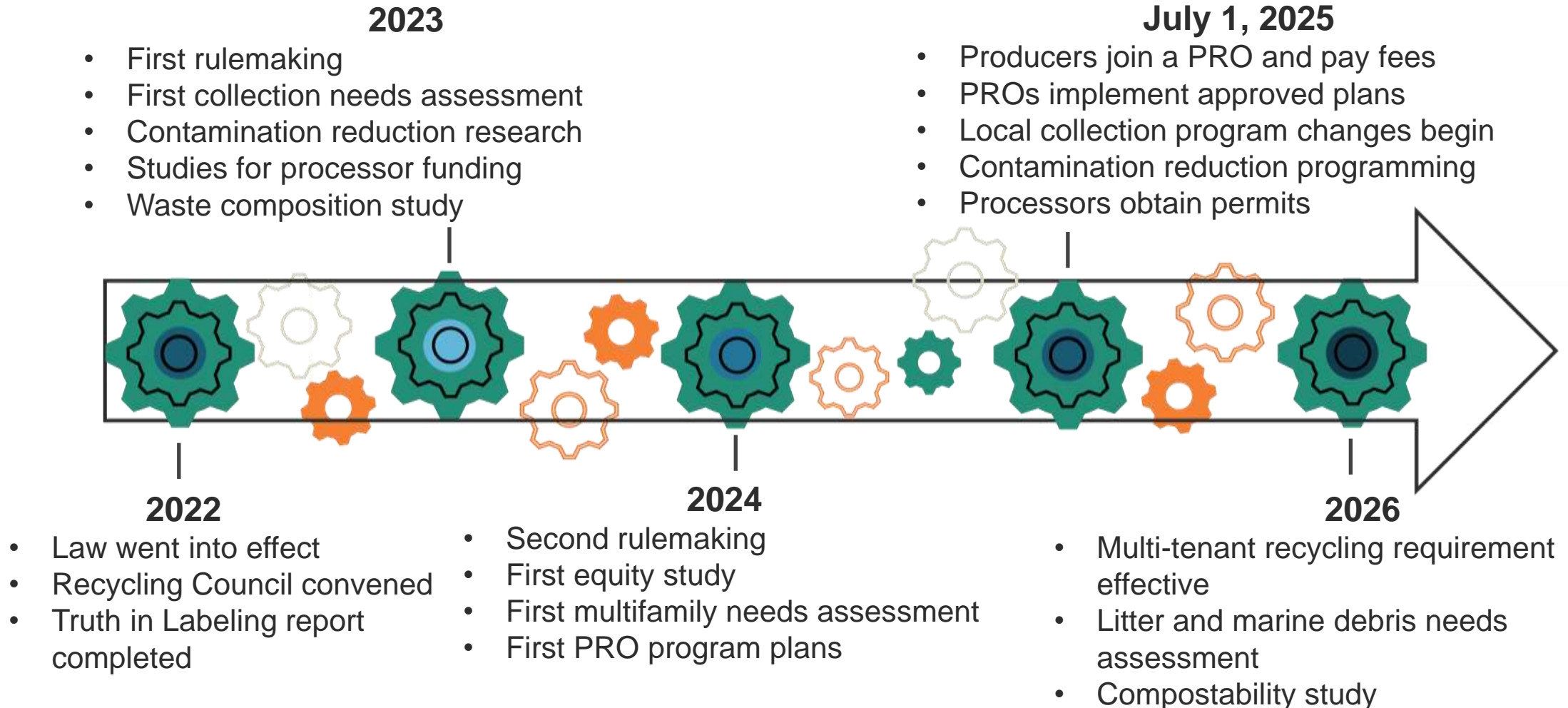
Public comments on first rulemaking

- Find draft rules and register for hearings:

<https://www.oregon.gov/deq/rulemaking/Pages/Recycling2023.aspx>

- Send comments to recycling.2023@deq.oregon.gov
- Public hearings:
 - 11 a.m. PST Tuesday, June 27
 - 5 p.m. PST Thursday, June 29

RMA Major Milestones, 2022-2026



Contamination reduction forum: June 15

- DEQ and AOR co-presentation
- Free option to attend online



AOR ASSOCIATION OF OREGON RECYCLERS **AOR FORUM:**
Recycling Contamination Reduction Technologies in Action

Join AOR for a two-day technology-focused forum and tours! Register for one or both days!



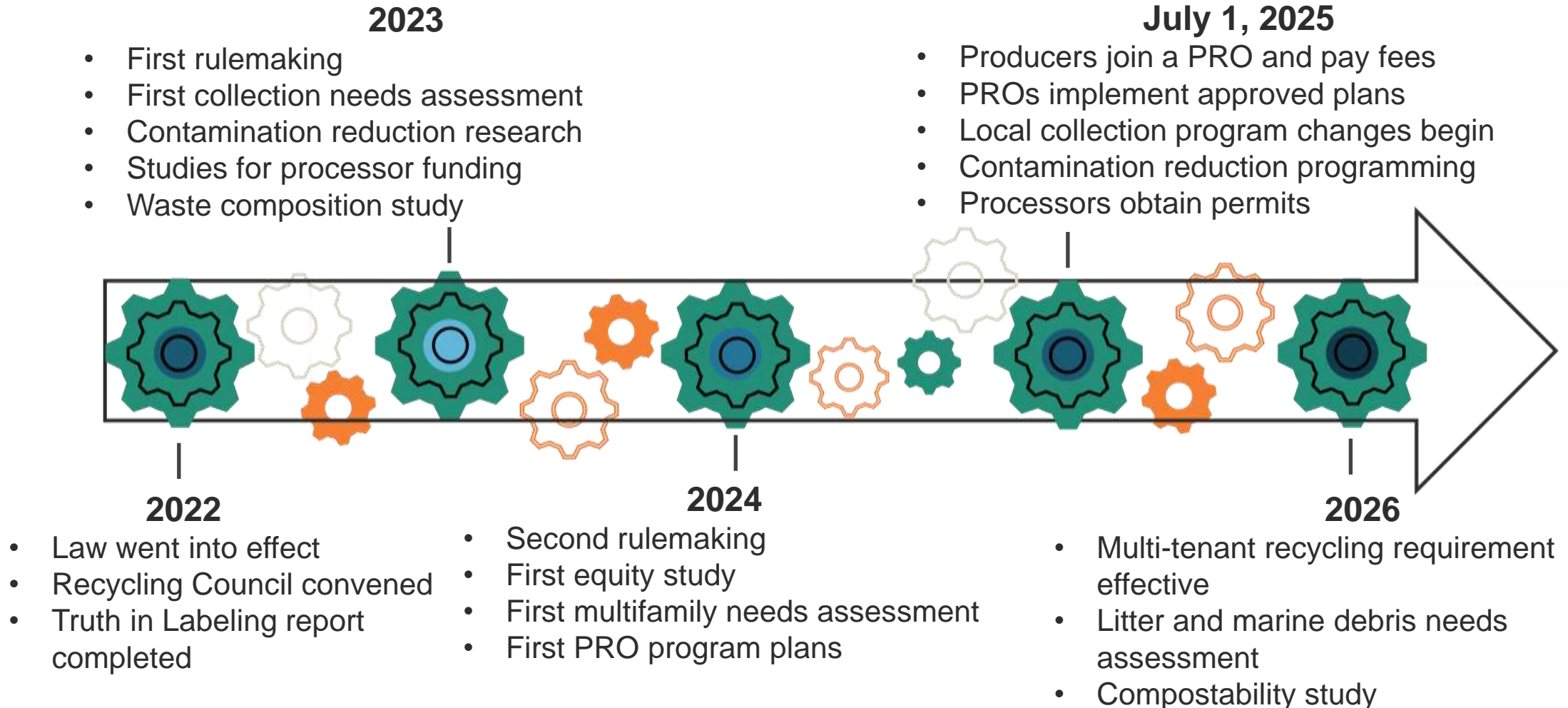
JUNE 15-16, 2023

June 15 (forum):
McMenamins Edgefield

June 16 (tours):
Meet at Oregon Convention Center

MORE INFO: oregonrecyclers.org/forum

RMA Major Milestones, 2022-2026





Oregon Impact Reduction and Reuse

For packaging, printed paper, and food serviceware
Recycling Council


Blaine Mershon, Project Manager

June 12, 2023



Oregon Impact Reduction and Reuse Program

- Required elements
- Timelines
- Discussion questions



Oregon Impact Reduction and Reuse Program

Draft prepared for the June 12, 2023, Oregon Recycling Council meeting

Oregon Impact Reduction and Reuse Program Overview

The Recycling Modernization Act requires DEQ to establish a program to reduce environmental impacts of covered products through activities other than waste recovery, such as waste prevention and reuse. Under [ORS 459A.941](#), obligated producers of packaging, printed paper, and food serviceware will join producer responsibility organizations that will make specific and targeted investments including payment to a new 'waste prevention and reuse fee.' DEQ will use these revenues to establish the Oregon Impact Reduction and Reuse Program to fund activities that reduce environmental impacts of covered products. Statute caps the fee at 10 percent of the three-year average of the PRO's annual expenditures.

As the name of the fee implies, two methods of reducing environmental impacts of covered products include waste prevention and reuse. However, the program could potentially fund any activities that reduce environmental impacts that occur in the life cycle of covered products. This could include supply chain, production, transport, use, and disposal. Examples of projects or practices could include industrial efficiency or pollution prevention, the reduction of disposable dishware through infrastructure to support durables, material innovations, or other process changes aimed at reducing the impacts of covered products.

The fee will be established by Oregon's Environmental Quality Commission via rulemaking that DEQ will begin this summer. Programming is anticipated to begin in late 2026. DEQ is currently planning this work, seeking feedback, and generating ideas about potential projects that could be supported by this program. We are hoping to engage anyone interested in this work and are seeking feedback through a variety of methods including listening sessions.

Criteria to consider

- Funds must be used to reduce the environmental impacts of covered products. Covered products are defined as packaging, printing and writing paper, and food serviceware. Covered products do not include items outlined in [459A.863\(6\)\(b\)](#). Funds cannot be used to reduce impacts of items that are not covered products, such as food, textiles or building materials.
- Environmental impacts can occur anywhere in the life cycle of covered products, including supply chain, production, transport, use, and disposal. Impacts can be reduced through changes in any of those life cycle stages, including but not limited to material substitution.
- DEQ may enter into agreements and may provide grants or loans to reduce environmental impacts of covered products. Entities eligible for a grant or loan include, but are not limited to:

Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act



- Effective Jan. 1, 2023
- Includes updates to Oregon's recycling system
- Aimed at reducing social and environmental impacts of covered products (packaging, printed paper, and food serviceware)

Oregon Impact Reduction and Reuse Program

Under ORS 459A.941:

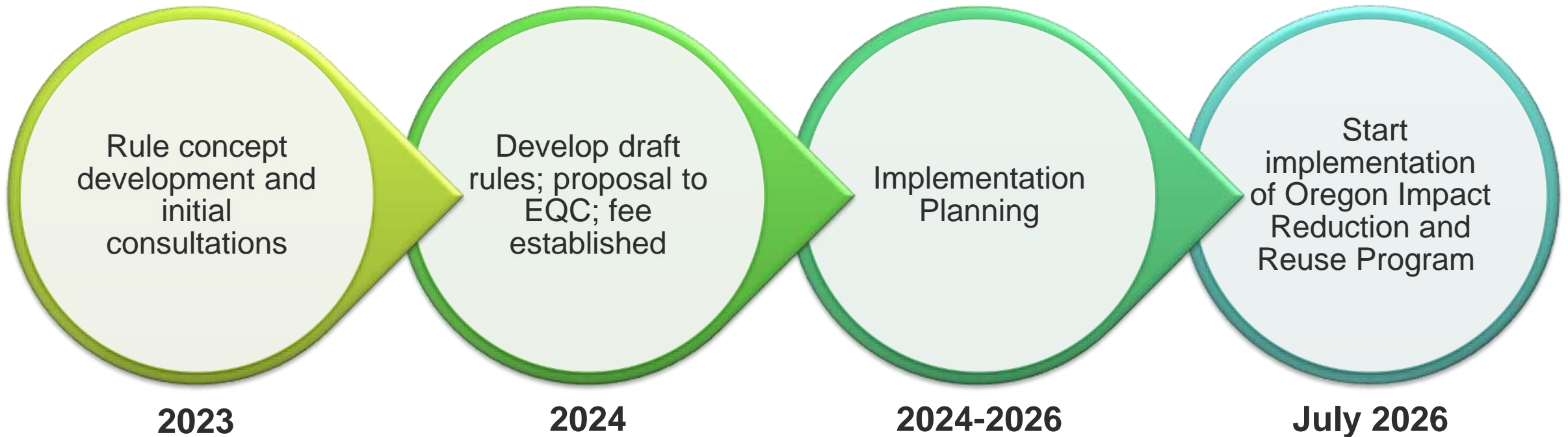
- “DEQ shall establish a program to reduce the environmental impacts of covered products through means other than waste recovery, including waste prevention and reuse.”
- Limited to covered products



Timeline

Rulemaking #2

Anticipated timeline: September 2023 concept, 2024 proposal to EQC which will establish fee



Oregon Impact Reduction and Reuse Program

- **Summer 2023:** Background paper drafted
- **Summer – Fall 2023:** Rule concept refinement and consultations
 - Interviews
 - Listening Session
 - **Recycling Council**
 - Rulemaking Advisory Committee
- **2024:** Proposal to EQC as part of rulemaking; fee established
- **Summer 2026:** Implementation begins



Initial Feedback



Criteria

Funds **must** be used to reduce the impacts of covered products (packaging, printing and writing paper, and food serviceware) through means other than recycling.

DEQ may:

- Enter into agreements
- Provide grants or loans
- Must consider environmental benefits, human health benefits, social and economic benefits, cost-effectiveness, and needs of economically distressed or underserved communities.



Clarifying questions?



Discussion Questions- Part 1

1

What partnerships or collaborations could be formed in this work? Is there anyone specific DEQ should engage or speak to? Who has done this work well?

2

Imagine there were no limitations. What would a priority project, system, or idea focused on reducing environmental impacts of covered products look like?

3

What are the biggest barriers to reducing the environmental impacts of covered products and how can they be overcome?

4

How could the impact reduction and reuse program be implemented statewide while ensuring that benefits are spread equitably and accessibly across all communities?

5

How might DEQ be responsive to the needs of economically distressed or underserved communities?

Discussion Questions- Part 2

- Is there any other feedback you would like to share with DEQ at this time?
- Do you have any other questions about this work?



Break

Please return at 11:30

Council process: Recommendations/actions

Timing: Two/three-meeting process

Model: Simplified Robert's Rules

Documentation: Drafting language, written recommendations, posting online

Recycling Council recommendations process

Draft prepared for the June 12, 2023, Oregon Recycling Council meeting

This background document provides information about some actions required for the Oregon Recycling System Advisory Council under the Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act. This document proposes options for a decision-making approach and a suggestion for how the Council may submit recommendations.

Council role and responsibilities

As described in [ORS 459A.902](#), the Oregon Recycling System Advisory Council has a formal role advising DEQ and Producer Responsibility Organizations on elements specified within the Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act. To date, DEQ has consulted with the Recycling Council on many topics during development of draft administrative rules and to establish initial elements of the system modernization efforts.

Recommendations

Starting in late 2023, DEQ will bring additional topics for Council discussion and will ask for recommendations. Recommendations may be submitted in writing and through verbal discussion and consultation at regular Council meetings. ORS 459A.902 does not require written recommendations from the Council except for "matters that the council determines are beneficial to the public interest". The statute includes specific examples of those matters, in addition to allowing the Council discretion to make its own determinations about other topics that would benefit the public interest and be best supported through a written recommendation to DEQ or the Producer Responsibility Organizations.

Options for decision-making approach

Timing and information flow

DEQ will prepare information and present topics at the Council's request.

- For some relatively straight-forward topics, the Recycling Council may be able to receive background information and finalize a recommendation in one meeting.
- For topics and decisions that are more complex, or when Council members have strong differing opinions, two or more meetings may be needed.

For all topics, DEQ staff will provide support and compile any draft written recommendations developed by Council members.

Council process: Discussion questions

1. Are there specific process or format conventions you would like included in the Council's recommendations process?
2. Are there recommendations on how a Council member could propose a written recommendation for a matter determined to be of public benefit that isn't otherwise specified in ORS 459A.902?

Public input

- To sign up: Use the “raise hand” function (usually in your Reactions panel)
 - If you cannot use the “raise hand” function, please send a chat to “Host and Panelists” to sign up
- When called on to start, please state your name and organization, if applicable
- Please limit input to three minutes or less
- Written material can be emailed to Stephanie Caldera: Stephanie.Caldera@deq.Oregon.gov
- This is not formal public comment on any proposed rulemaking – that process is separate with hearings later in June



Next steps

Written feedback to [Stephanie Caldera](#) by **Friday, June 23**

Applications/information for new members: [Recycling Council homepage](#)

Upcoming Recycling Council meetings (*tentative*)

- August 22 (10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., PST)
- October 17 (10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., PST)

