EJC POST MEETING BRIEF

This document summarizes the key topics discussed during the last Oregon Environmental Justice Council meeting and requested state agency action.

MEETING SUMMARY

DATE:

October 9, 2026

EJC Members Present: Rajagopal, Molina, Soh, MacFarland, Murray, Read, Vincent, and Sanchez

TOPICS

EJC Leadership Updates: Weekly digest emails are being sent by EJC Policy & Program Coordinator to EJC members to streamline communications for non-urgent updates. Time sensitive communications will be sent in separate emails. EJC members adopted a motion to make recommendations to the Environmental Restoration Council regarding their interim state agency distributions. The Environmental Restoration Council voted to approve temporary rules for the interim state agency distributions and to award funds to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, Department of Agriculture, Department of Transportation, and Water Resources Department, (More detail added from the Environmental Restoration Council 7/22/2026 meeting notes.)

Tribal Engagement Updates: Environmental Justice Mapping Tool staff met with tribal relations staff from DEQ and Oregon Health Authority on September 28, 2026 at the request of the tribal liaison from the Office of Governor Tina Kotek, Shana Radford who was unable to attend. They briefed the tribal liaisons on the need for tribal consultation for the implementation of the Environmental Justice Mapping Tool, context from other states that implemented their own state environmental justice mapping tools, Resources from this meeting will be sent to EJC members in their next weekly digest email. The EJC established a tribal relations workgroup during the August meeting with Nikita Vincent leading this workgroup. Other members include Jacob MacFarland, Ana Molina, J'reyesha Brannon, and Quinn Read. Other workgroups include Equity Analysis and Outreach & Engagement.

Liaison Updates: RJC Liaison Soh discussed the need for a formal framework for collaboration between the Environmental Justice Council and Racial Justice Council. There is a lot of cross pollination with both groups, but not all environmental justice issues are racial justice issues and vice versa. She provided examples from her experience for context. RJC Liaison Molina added that this could also help fulfill better coordination of environmental legislative priorities since the RJC Environmental Equity subcommittee work has mostly folded into the Environmental Justice Council. RJC Advisor Cervantes shared that he is developing a draft charter for collaboration with both councils with EJC Policy & Program Coordinator Nguyen and would like to seek feedback from RJC/EJC liaisons Soh and Molina as well as both councils. This workgroup would include members from both councils in addition to Liaisons Soh and Molina. EJC Policy & Program Coordinator Nguyen also highlighted the need for the RJC to bring forward racial justice issues with an environmental and health impact and EJC bring forward environmental justice issues with a racial justice impact. Chair rajagopal inquired about RJC's legislative priorities for the 2027 long session and he shared a document listing priorities from various RJC subcommittees. More details are included in the meeting recording/transcript.

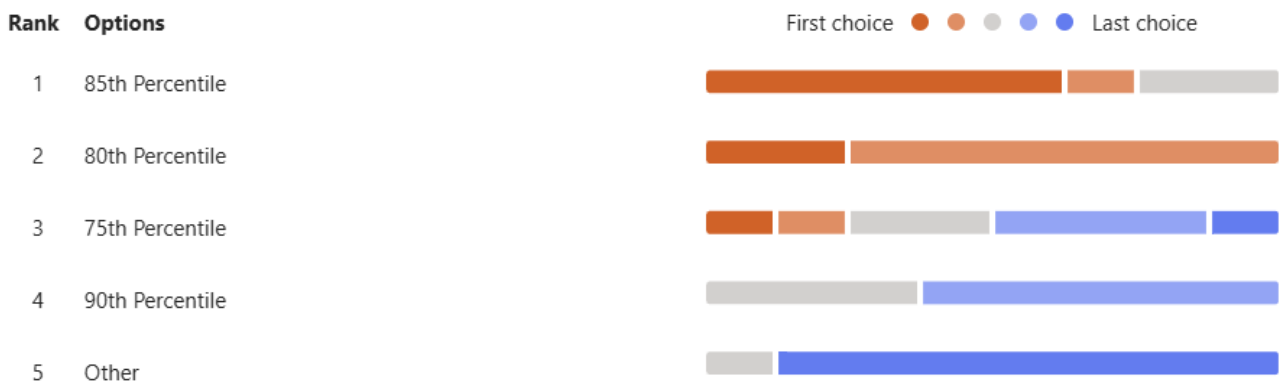
OCHA Liaison Herencia was not in attendance, so OCHA updated were not provided.

EJMT Adoptions: The EJC received a presentation from staff regarding options (75th percentile, 80th percentile, 85th percentile, and 90th percentile) for environmental justice community thresholds for the Environmental Justice Mapping Tool. Options were also provided in a staff memo. EJC members participated in two informal polls to assess their desire for the options provided.

Poll 1 Results:

1. What percentiles do you think fit the Oregon Environmental Justice Mapping Tool the best?

8 Responses



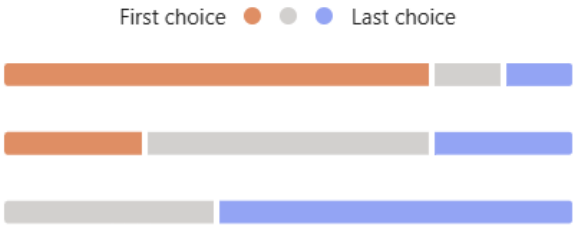
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2	anonymous	75th Percentile	80th Percentile	85th Percentile	90th Percentile	Other
3	anonymous	85th Percentile	80th Percentile	90th Percentile	75th Percentile	Other
4	anonymous	80th	85th	90th	75th	Other

Poll 2 Results:

1. What percentiles do you think fit the Oregon Environmental Justice Mapping Tool the best?

8 Responses

Rank	Options
1	80th Percentile
2	85th Percentile
3	75th Percentile



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7	anonymous	80th Percentile	85th Percentile	75th Percentile
8	anonymous	80th Percentile	75th Percentile	85th Percentile

Clara Soh made a motion to adopt the 80th percentile and the motion was seconded by Valentin Sanchez. Aye votes include Clara Soh, Valentin Sanchez, Nikita Vincent, Quinn Read, Katie Murray, Jacob MacFarland, aparna rajagopal, and Ana Molina. The vote was unanimous so Nay and Abstention votes were not taken. Motion passed.

Next steps include documentation, interface design by Oregon State University Institute for Natural Resources, and guidance development.

EJC Retreat Reflections & Next Steps: Chair rajagopal provided an update on the develop of EJC's 2027 workplan informed by feedback provided during the retreat on September 4th. Kearns & West and EJC Policy & Program Coordinator Nguyen developed the 2026 Oregon EJC Retreat Summary highlighting themes from interests shared by EJC membership. The draft workplan is expected be available for EJC

members to review prior to the November 3rd EJC meeting with the opportunity for discussion during that meeting.

STATE AGENCY PARTICIPATION

Oregon Health Authority, EJ Mapping Tool presentation

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

EJC working group report outs during the November 3rd EJC meeting

Liaison updates during the November 3rd EJC meeting.

Draft 2027 EJC workplan for EJC review prior to November 3rd

STATE AGENCY REQUESTS

None

OTHER INFORMATION

EJC Roster: https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:ea9bbb2f-c42e-45c2-8171-4a9fc029c6b5

Agenda: https://www.oregon.gov/gov/policies/Documents/20261009%20EJC%20Meeting%20Agenda.pdf

EJMT Slide Deck: https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:79240752-41a6-4cbb-9acc-8971f6345c8b

Staff Report for EJC Adoption Recommendations: https://www.oregon.gov/gov/policies/Documents/20261009%20Staff%20Memorandum%20-%20EJMT%20Thresholds%20Recommendation.pdf

Recording: https://deq-oregon-gov.zoom.us/rec/share/DwaBG8KA_X3Tu_AtdEvGJmsPPL6GGK7NIml_iGoLN8dAqxK5YFgKv9wXlKBtnxSk.t7IosgOqt7q8kcbH

EJMT Adopted Indicator Crosswalks: https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:55f806e1-8298-4aa7-8231-06cf59f5a17c