DEQ Water Quality 2021 Fee Increase Rulemaking

Fiscal Advisory Committee Meeting May 5, 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting



Today's Agenda

Time	Topic
10 a.m.	Welcome, logistics, agenda review
10:05 a.m.	Introductions
10:15 a.m.	Rulemaking overview
10:40 a.m.	Review of Fee Table, Rule Text and Discussion
11 a.m.	Adjourn meeting



Rulemaking timeline

- Open public comment: est. June 2021
- Public Hearing: est. June 2021
- Close public comment: est. July 2021
- Environmental Quality Commission: Sept 2021
- If adopted, effective date is Nov. 2021



Meeting purpose

This committee is convened to provide input on the draft fee increase proposal and the fiscal and economic impact statement for the 2021 Water Quality permit fee table and text.

The proposed rule amendments are for fiscal year 2022 and if adopted by the EQC in September, will take effect on invoices starting **Nov. 1, 2021.**



Fiscal Impact Statement

- 1. Will the rule have a fiscal impact?
- 2. What will the extent of that impact will be?
- 3. Will the rule have a significant adverse impact on small businesses?
- 4. If the draft rules will have a significant adverse impact on small businesses, provide recommendations about how DEQ can comply with ORS 183.540 to reduce the rule's economic impact on those businesses.



Fee Text Update

DEQ proposes to remove the following rule language and update the rule section numbers accordingly.

OAR 340-045-0075 (2) Two sets of fee tables are provided. The first identifies fees effective August 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. The second establishes the fee amounts effective starting July 1, 2021.



Fee Text Update

OAR 340-045-0070:

(5) A person assigned to the 700-PM general permit must pay fees according to the schedule provided in OAR 340-045-0075. The permittee must submit the applicable fees with the permit application. The new permit application fee, annual fee and 5-year renewal fee are non-refundable unless DEQ or DEQ's agent determines that the permittee cannot be assigned to the general permit. Fees must be made payable to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. An annual fee must be paid at the time of application, and for each following year that the permit is valid on a date specified by DEQ.



Fee Table Update

OAR 340-045-0075

Table 70F

Clarity around biosolids management plan and recycled water use plan fees

Table 70G

- Adding 2000J and 2300A NPDES general permits to the table
- Adding 700-PM NPDES general permit renewal fee every five years (in addition to the annual fee) only for motorized suction dredges



Thank You!

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