

Proposed TMDL for the Tenmile Watershed

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is issuing the Draft Tenmile Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) for public review.

The TMDLs determine the amount of pollution that rivers and streams in the basin can assimilate without exceeding clean water standards. The WQMP identifies those responsible for implementing actions that will reduce pollution and help basin streams and rivers meet clean water standards in the basin.

Notice issued: Monday, April 17, 2006

Written comments due: By 5:00 pm on Friday, June 16, 2006

Public Hearings and Meetings:
Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Lakeside Council Chamber

915 N. Lake Road

Lakeside, Oregon

1:00 p.m.: Information Presentation

Question and Answer Session

2:00 p.m.: Formal Hearing (written or oral testimony taken)

6:00 p.m.: Informational Presentation

Question and Answer Session

7:00 p.m.: Formal Hearing (written or oral testimony taken)

Note: Same information will be presented at both sessions.

Where can I send comments and get more information?

DEQ accepts comments by mail, fax and e-mail. Please direct comment as indicated below:

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NOTE: People wishing to send comments via e-mail should send them in Microsoft Word (through version '97) or plain text format. If

there is a delay between servers, e-mails may not be received before the deadline. Due to possible transmission or conversion difficulties, DEQ recommends that comments be sent in hard copy.

How can I review documents?

Internet: The entire document and Fact Sheets can be viewed on DEQ's website at:

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/WQ/TMDLs/SouthCoastBasin.htm>

Following public release, the TMDL/WQMP will also be available for examination at DEQ's Western Region-Coos Bay Office at 381 N. 2nd Street (previously, the Social Security Building) or in Portland, at DEQ's Headquarter's Office, 811 S.W. 6th Avenue, Portland, OR 97204.

While not required, scheduling an appointment at the DEQ office will ensure documents are readily accessible during your visit. For a review appointment call Pamela Blake at (541) 269-2721 x27 or in Portland, Dianne Eaton (503) 229-6756.

To conserve resources, DEQ encourages the distribution of CDs rather than printed copies when possible.

The draft TMDL documents will also be available at the following libraries:

Lakeside Public Library

915 N. Lake Road

Lakeside, OR 97449

(541) 759-4432

North Bend Public Library

1800 Sherman Avenue

North Bend, OR 97459

(541) 756-0400

Coos Bay Public Library

525 Anderson

Coos Bay, OR 97420

(541) 269-1101

Coquille Public Library

105 N Birch Street

Coquille, OR 97423

(541) 396-2166

City of Lakeside

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What are DEQ's responsibilities?

DEQ is the regulatory agency that helps protect and preserve Oregon's environment. DEQ is required under Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act to establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for any waterbody designated as water quality limited on the State's 303(d) List. DEQ also includes a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) with the TMDL. The WQMP identifies the jurisdictions and agencies responsible for developing and implementing TMDL Implementation Plans, and the strategies and timelines they will use to meet the TMDL load allocations.

Who is proposing the action?

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
811 S.W. 6th Avenue
Portland, OR 97204-1390

Area covered by the action:

Tenmile Watershed; drainage to Tenmile Lakes (5th field HUC 1710030111).

What is proposed?

DEQ proposes to submit the Tenmile Watershed TMDL and WQMP to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval as a TMDL for federal, state and private lands within the Tenmile Watershed. A Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) is also included in this submittal, although currently EPA does not officially approve or disapprove that plan. However, DEQ is asking for comments on the WQMP as part of this public notice.

The purpose of this notice is to invite written comments on the proposed TMDL and WQMP and provide notice of informational meetings and Public Hearings related to this action.

This public hearing addresses only the TMDL and WQMP that are being submitted to EPA.

Who is affected?

Local public and private landowners/managers, managers of industrial and municipal facilities in the basin that have DEQ permits for water or air discharges, people interested in water quality and fisheries, and people interested in DEQ's implementation of Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act.

Need for action:

Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act requires the development of TMDLs for waterbodies included on a state's 303(d) list. EPA must approve TMDLs submitted by a state.

What happens next?

DEQ will review and consider all comments received during the public comment period. Following this review, the TMDL and WQMP may be sent to EPA for approval as a TMDL, or it may be modified prior to submission. Upon submittal to EPA, DEQ issues the TMDL as an Order.

Those who submit oral or written comments will be notified of DEQ's final decision and *Response to Comments*. If you do not comment but wish to receive notification, please call or write to the TMDL Coordinator.

Accessibility information

DEQ is committed to accommodating people with disabilities at our hearings. Please notify DEQ of any special physical or language accommodations or if you need information in large print, Braille or another format. To make these arrangements, contact DEQ at (503) 229-5696 or toll free in Oregon at (800) 452-4011. Please notify DEQ of your special needs as far in advance as possible.

People with hearing impairments may call DEQ's TTY number at (503) 229-6993.