

# **-EXCERPT-**

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## **NOTICES OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARINGS**

**Rule Caption:** 401 Water Quality Certification Fee Increase.

**Date: Time: Location:**

8-15-12 6 p.m. Roseburg Central Library 1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd. Ford Community Rm. Roseburg, OR 97470

8-20-12 6 p.m. Columbia Gorge Community College 400 East Scenic Dr. Bldg. 3, Classroom 3.203 The Dalles, OR 97058

8-23-12 9:45 a.m. DEQ Headquarters Conference Rm. EQC-A 811 Sixth Ave. Portland, OR 97204

**Hearing Officer:** DEQ employee

**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 420 & 468

**Stats. Implemented:** ORS 468B.035–468B.047

**Proposed Amendments:** 340-048-0055

**Last Date for Comment:** 8-29-12, 5 p.m.

**Summary:** The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is proposing to increase fees for certifying that activities requiring federal licenses and permits comply with water quality requirements and standards. DEQ certifies compliance as authorized by Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act. The proposed fees apply to most removal, fill and other activities, except hydroelectric, requiring 401 certification.

This rulemaking would increase 401 certification fees to cover program costs, provide additional staff to expedite review and approval, and enhance technical assistance to applicants.

The proposed changes will apply to those requiring federal permits or licenses for removal, fill or other activities (except hydroelectric projects) that may result in discharges to Oregon's waters. Applicants could include individuals, small and large businesses, local governments, state and federal agencies and other entities.

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### **Notes**

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