



# Water Quality Fee Increase Rulemaking 2021

Environmental Quality Commission meeting  
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# Water Quality Permitting

## Permitting program

### **Permit Categories:**

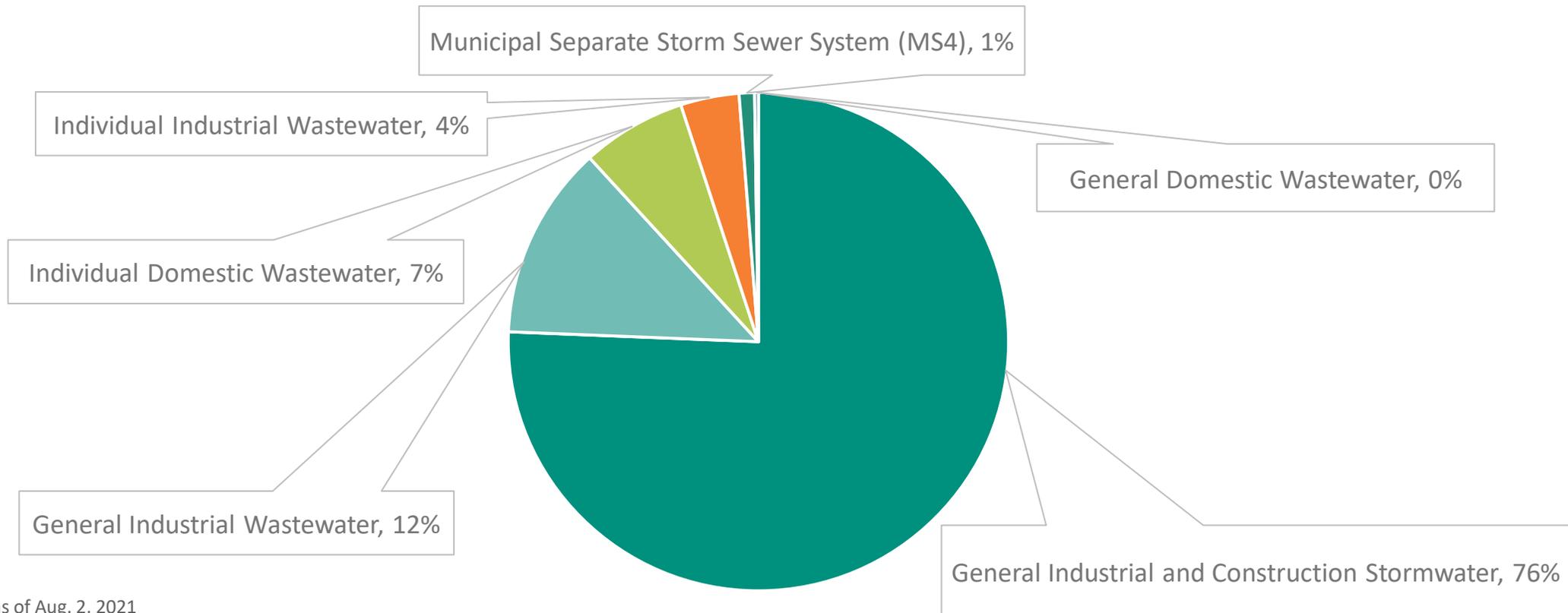
- Individual permits (NPDES and WPCF)
- General permits (NPDES and WPCF)

### **Permitted Types:**

- Domestic wastewater (NPDES and WPCF)
- Domestic onsite (WPCF)
- Industrial wastewater (NPDES and WPCF)
- Stormwater (NPDES and WPCF)

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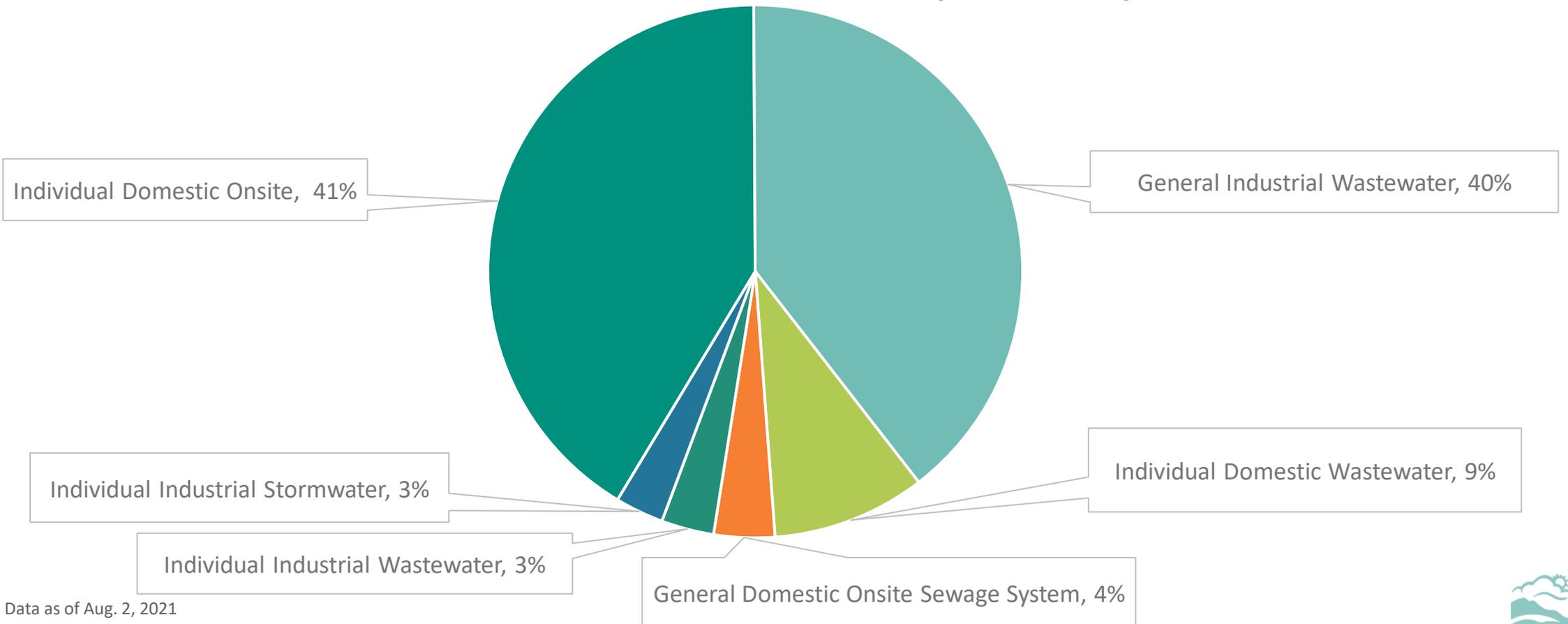
## NPDES Permits (2,910)



Data as of Aug. 2, 2021

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## WPCF Permits (1,603)



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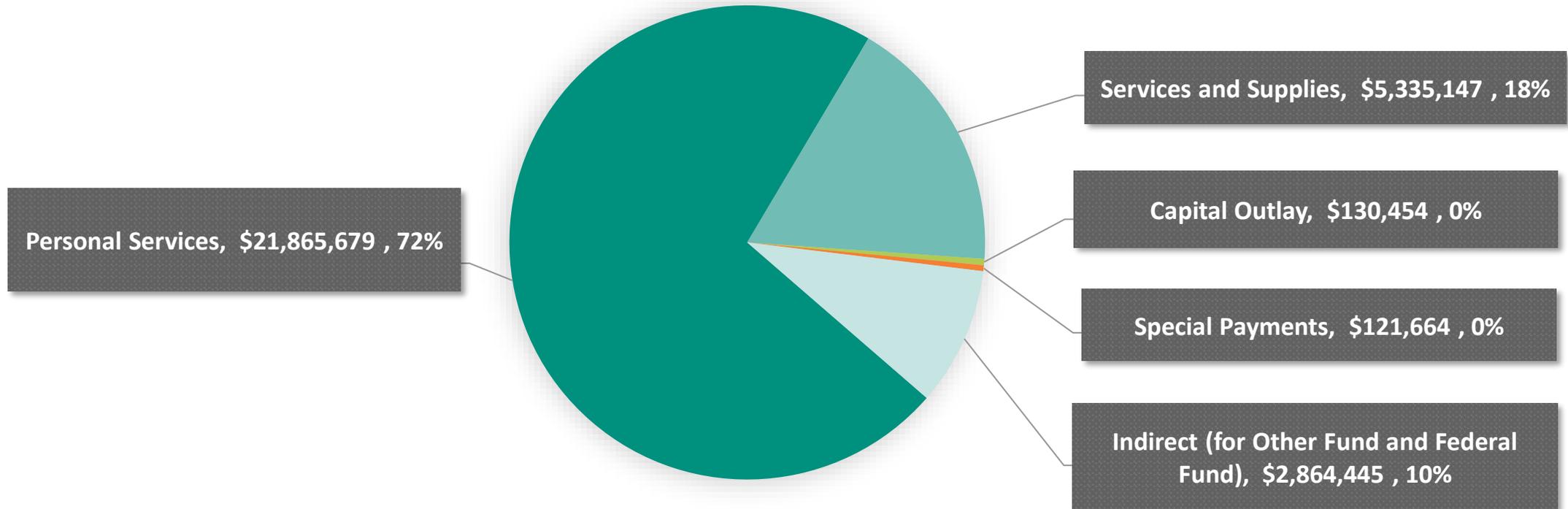
## Budget Comparison

Funding Source	2019-2021 Legislatively Adopted Budget		2021-2023 Legislatively Adopted Budget	
Program costs covered by fees	\$15,583,714	58%	\$17,719,779	58%
Program costs covered by General and Lottery Funds	\$9,564,535	36%	\$11,065,546	37%
Program costs covered by Federal Funding	\$1,716,369	6%	\$1,532,064	5%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$26,864,618</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$30,317,389</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## Budget by major cost category

Wastewater Permitting Budget  
Modified CSL and Legislative Adjustments



\*Updated July 30, 2021, to reflect Legislatively Adopted Budget

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Program Staffing Costs	
Budget Period	Cost per FTE per Year
2019-21 Legislatively Adopted Budget	\$162,938
2021-23 Legislatively Adopted Budget	\$179,153
Annual percent increase	4.98%

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## Overview of proposed changes

- 3% proposed increase to water quality fees for fiscal year 2022 on most water quality permit fees
- Rule language clarification
- Fee table clarifications

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### Clarification

DEQ proposes the following clarification to the fee language OAR 340-045-0070 to clarify all 700-PM fees are non-refundable unless a permit cannot be assigned.

*Proposed clarification:* “...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....”

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### **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

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DEQ recommends that:

The commission approve the proposed Water Quality fee increase rule amendments and accompanying fee tables as seen in Attachment A of the staff report for this item as part of Chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules Divisions 45 and 71.