

Delegation of Water Quality Permit Fee Increase Rule to the Director

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Environmental Quality Commission Meeting

Water Quality Permitting

Statutory Authorities:

- ORS 468B.051 allows EQC to increase certain water quality permits fees up to 3% annually.
- ORS 183.325 allows EQC to delegate rulemaking authority to named employees of DEQ.

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Permit Categories:

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

Permit Types:

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

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Program Staffing Costs

Budget Period	Average cost per FTE per Year
2021-23 Legislatively Adopted Budget	\$179,152
2023-25 Governor's Recommended Budget (Modified current service level + GRB adjustments)	\$190,098
Percent increase	3.05%

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DEQ recommends that:

The commission delegate the 2023 Water Quality Fee Increase Rule to Director Feldon for a decision.