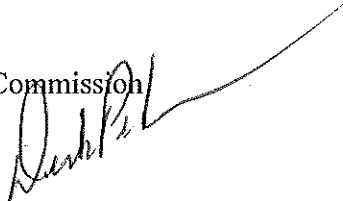


State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: Sept. 27, 2013
To: Environmental Quality Commission
From: Dick Pedersen, Director 
Subject: Agenda item A, Informational item: Tillamook-area tour
Oct. 16-17, 2013, EQC meeting

Background and other information On Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013, the commissioners and DEQ staff will visit three locations in the Tillamook area as part of a formal tour. The tour will visit major industries in the area, which were selected as representative of the economic drivers for the north coast.

The tour includes:

- Port of Tillamook Bay, to view the manure digester creating energy from previously-discarded agricultural materials and the plant growing co-operative that supports re-vegetation of area stream and riverbanks
- Whiskey Creek Hatchery, a shellfish hatchery working to understand and mitigate the effects of ocean acidification
- Tillamook Lumber Mills, a longtime forest products mill

While on the tour, DEQ staff will present information about each facility, and its relationship to the Tillamook and north Oregon coast economy and community. There are no commission actions or decisions scheduled for the tour, which is informational only.

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