

State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

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To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Dick Pedersen, Director

Subject: Agenda item L1, Informational item: Water quality roles and responsibilities for DEQ and Forestry
April 25-27, 2012, EQC meeting

Why this is important The Oregon Departments of Forestry and Environmental Quality both have responsibilities to protect the quality of Oregon's water. This presentation from the two agency directors will outline what those responsibilities are, how the two agencies interact and how the agencies can help each other achieve improved regulatory and environmental outcomes. This presentation is an updated version from one created in 2011.

Background The Oregon Legislative Assembly charged both DEQ and Forestry with certain water quality regulatory authorities, and those parallel authorities have occasionally created an uncertain regulatory environment for landowners and stewards in Oregon. This presentation was created to explain where and how the two agencies have complementary authorities, and how the differences in agency policies align or unbalance depending on the specific situation.

Attachments None

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