State of Oregon

Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: March 30, 2012

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Dick Pedersen, Director

Subject: Agenda item Q: Alsea watershed tour with Forestry, DEQ and ODA

April 25-27, 2012, EQC meeting

Background On Friday, April 27, commissioners will join the Board and Department

of Forestry, Board and Department of Agriculture, DEQ and invited guests for a tour of the Alsea watershed. Tour materials and specific

information will be provided at the start of the tour.

The Alsea watershed is a coastal forested area in which DEQ, Forestry, the Department of Agriculture have coordinated agency efforts to ensure landowners implement best management practices and plans to protect the quality, quantity and availability of Oregon's water in this area.

The tour will stop at four locations in the watershed, at least two of which will be in urban environments. Commissioners will have an opportunity to observe water-related improvement projects at the stop locations, and staff from the three agencies will be present to share information and answer questions. The commissioners will not take action on any business while on the tour, which is informational in nature.

Attachments None

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