

**Date:** July 28, 2011

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Dick Pedersen, Director

**Subject:** Agenda item G, Informational item: Commissioner recognition  
Aug. 25, 2011, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** This item recognizes the service of Ken Williamson, EQC vice-chair, and Donalda Dodson, EQC commissioner. The August 2011 meeting is the last meeting for both commission members.

**Background** Ken Williamson was appointed to the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission Jan. 26, 2004. Donalda Dodson was appointed to the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission Aug. 1, 2005. During their service, the commission has taken many actions, passed dozens of rules and strengthened Oregon's regulations to protect human health and the environment.

Vice-chair Williamson brought a wealth of technical and specialized knowledge to the commission, and DEQ will miss his deep understanding of many topics from engineering to environmental philosophy. Commissioner Dodson's extensive background in human health, with a particular emphasis on the health of children and women, has been integral to the commission's successes in advancing regulations and agency policy that protects the health of all Oregonians. While each commission is different due to the professional and personal experiences of its members, the commitment to Oregon's environment and all Oregonians is constant and obvious in the commissioners' dedication.

The commission is a five-member volunteer body, and DEQ sincerely appreciates the work and commitment of the commissioners. Two new commissioners will be appointed by Governor Kitzhaber in September, and will join EQC for its October 20-21, 2011, meeting.

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