



Outstanding Resource Water Rulemaking Advisory Committee

Illinois River/Rough and Ready Creek Meeting 2

Tatyana Isupov

Aug. 12, 2026

Illinois Valley Branch, Josephine County Library and Virtual Meeting

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Trina Mayberry – DEQ Admin. and Technical Support



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Today's meeting will be recorded

Agenda

9:30 a.m.	Introductions and Rulemaking Advisory Committee Charter (Tatyana Isupov, facilitator)
10 a.m.	Rule Language Overview and Discussion (Aron Borok, rulemaking lead)
10:45 a.m.	Break
11 a.m.	Fiscal Impact Statement and Discussion (Aron Borok, rulemaking lead)
12:15 p.m.	Wrap Up & Next Steps (Tatyana Isupov, facilitator)
12:30 p.m.	Adjourn

Introductions – DEQ Staff

Staff Name	Role	Contact Information
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Advisory Committee Membership

Name	Affiliation
Stuart Blanco	Tidewater Contractors
Steve Burns	Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest
Zachery Collier	Kalmiopsis Guides Association
Michael Dotson	Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center
Tyler Ernst	Oregon Forest Industries Council
Keri Handaly	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Eric Larsen	City of Grant’s Pass on behalf of Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies
David Moryc	American Rivers
Brian Paul	Cave Junction
Shawn Simpson	Bureau of Land Management
Jeff Strobel	Patriot Nickel Corporation
Barbara Ullian	Friends of the Kalmiopsis
Ann Vileisis	Kalmiopsis Audubon Society

Committee Members

Agency Advisors

Name	Affiliation
Vaughn Balzer	Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
Michelle Maier	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Justin Dillon	Oregon Water Resources Department
Becky Anthony	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Advisory Committee Purpose

- Provide policy input to DEQ on the proposed rulemaking.
- Focus on social, fiscal, and economic impacts of proposed changes ([ORS 183.333](#)).
- Be informed about DEQ's technical development process.

Advisory Committee Purpose

- Provide input to DEQ as individuals or representatives of communities of interest.
- Not requested to agree on policy recommendations as a group.
- Not expected to reach consensus on views or input.
- DEQ retains discretion over final content of proposed rules.

Advisory Committee Ground Rules

Committee Member Responsibilities

- Prepare for and sets aside time for the meetings;
- Provide DEQ staff with copies of relevant research and documentation cited during the meeting;
- Stay focused on the specific agenda topics for each meeting;
- Consult regularly with constituencies to inform them on the process and gather their input;
- Be courteous by not engaging in sidebar discussions; and
- Avoids representing the views of any other committee member or the entire committee to the public or media.

Meeting Ground Rules

- Please mute your line when you are not speaking.
- Be respectful of each other.
- Raise your hand to speak.
- Speak for yourself when recognized.
- Limit background noise.
- Let others speak without interrupting.

Meeting Materials



Meeting Announcements:

GovDelivery: two weeks prior
DEQ Events Calendar
Direct Email to Committee Membership



Meeting Materials:

Agenda, other background materials posted to website two weeks prior to each meeting
Presentation slides posted following each meeting



Meeting Summary:

Committee will have at least 1 week to review, provide corrections
Posted to webpage

Questions about the charter or today's meeting?



Photo courtesy of Zachery Collier

Meeting Purpose

- Review of last meeting
- Relationship between TMDL and ORW
- Seeking Input
 - Draft Rule Language
 - Draft Fiscal Impact Statement
- Next steps



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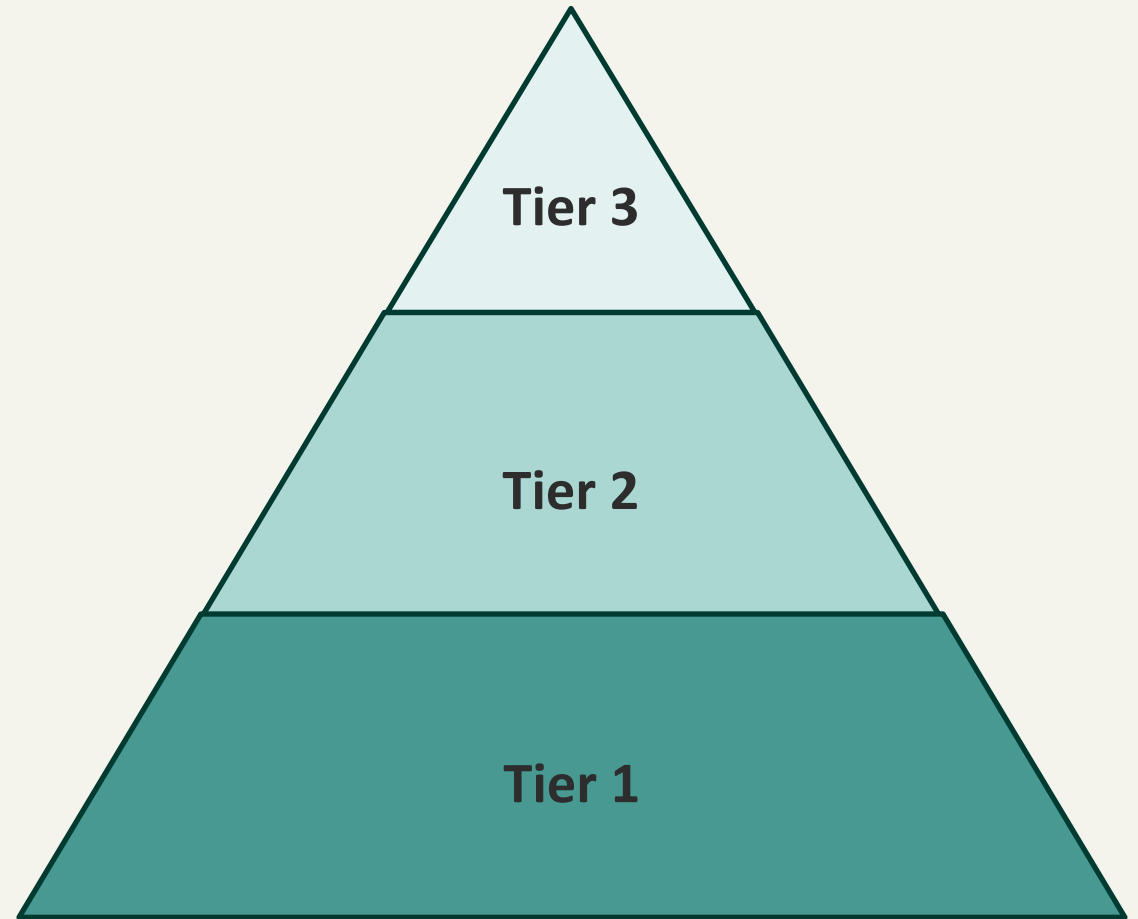
ORW Nomination and Triennial Review

- Streamlined ORW nomination process
 - Accept nominations from external parties
 - Evaluated with other projects during Triennial Review
 - Illinois River/Rough and Ready Creek ORW rulemakings priority projects in workplan.



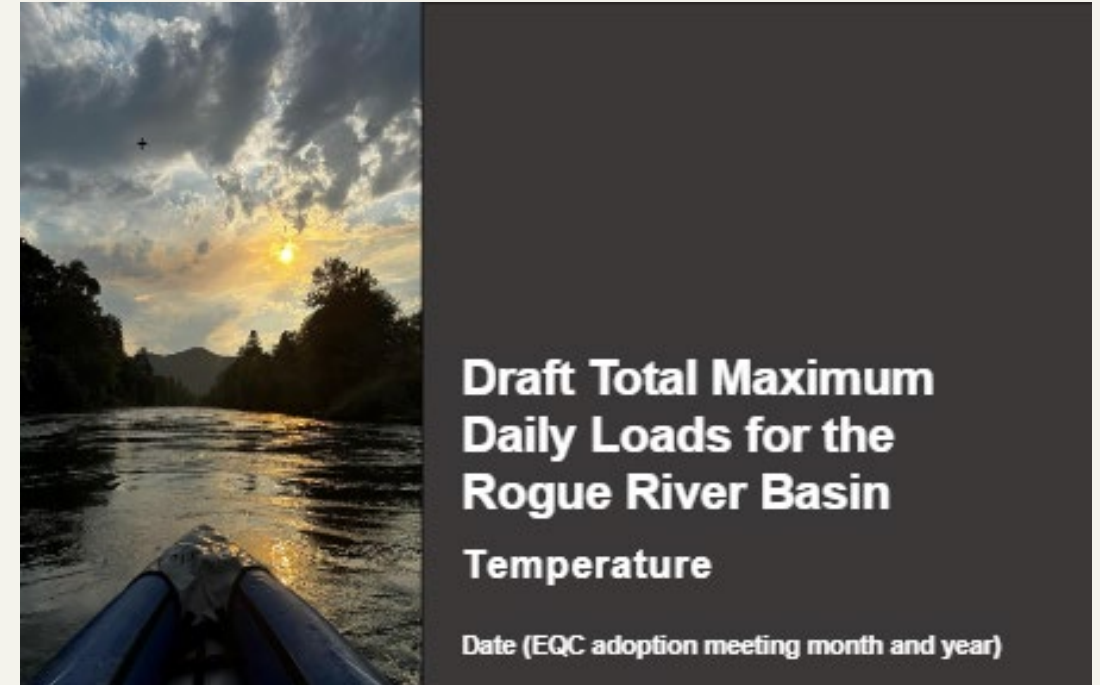
Clean Water Act Tiers of Protection

- Tier 3 – Outstanding Resource Waters of Oregon
- Tier 2 – Protection of “High Quality Waters”
- Tier 1 – Protection of Existing Water Quality



Rogue River Temp. TMDL Replacement

- TMDL to EQC for adoption in Jul. 2027; approval by Oct. 2027
- Goals of TMDL consistent with ORW goals.
- Implementing TMDL will improve water quality.





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Proposed Rules

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ORW Rule Objectives

- Establish ORW in antidegradation rule
- Define boundaries of designation
- Establish water quality values for protection
- Prohibit activities that lower water quality



Antidegradation (OAR 340-041-0004)

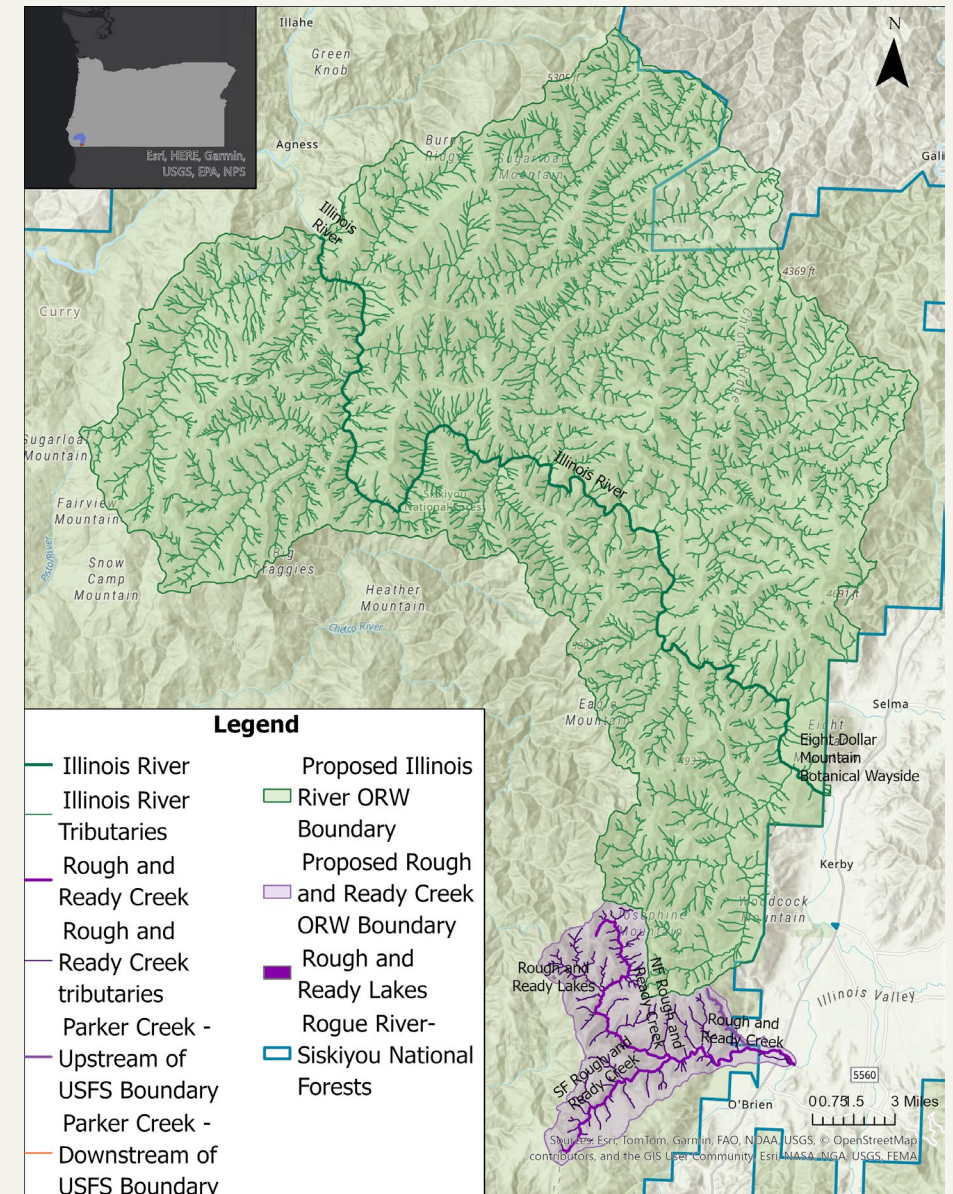
- Adds the Wild and Scenic section of the Illinois River & Rough and Ready Creek to list of ORWs;
- Refers to Basin-Specific Criteria (Rogue) for additional information.



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Basin-specific Criteria (Rogue) (OAR 340-041-0275)

- Lists waters to be designated
 - Consistent with 2024 nominations;
 - Eight Dollar Mountain Botanical Wayside.



Continued: Basin-specific Criteria (Rogue) (OAR 340-041-0275)

- Protect water quality, recreational and ecological values:
 - No new or increased NPDES permits or other discharges to ORWs.
 - No new or increased NPDES discharges upstream or tributary to ORWs that would degrade water quality.
 - Exceptions for emergencies, restoration and construction stormwater permits for projects with short-term water quality impacts.

Questions and Discussion



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Water Quality Standards

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Fiscal impact requirements (ORS 183.335)

- Identify fiscal impacts on:
 - state agencies
 - local governments
 - businesses, including cost of compliance on small businesses

Advisory committee role (ORS 183.333)

- Will the draft rule have a fiscal impact?
- What is the extent of that impact?
- Will there be a significant adverse impact on small business?
 - If so, what can be done to reduce that impact?

State Agencies

- Little impact to DEQ or other agency resources.
- “No degradation” analysis already required for permit development.
- ORWs already considered in water rights reviews.



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Local governments

- Designation supports revenue from recreation and tourism.
- Cave Junction wastewater treatment plant
 - Discharges 5 miles upstream of ORW
 - DEQ will analyze potential impact to ORW for any future expansion.
 - If future expansion would degrade ORW, it could require additional treatment.



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Large business

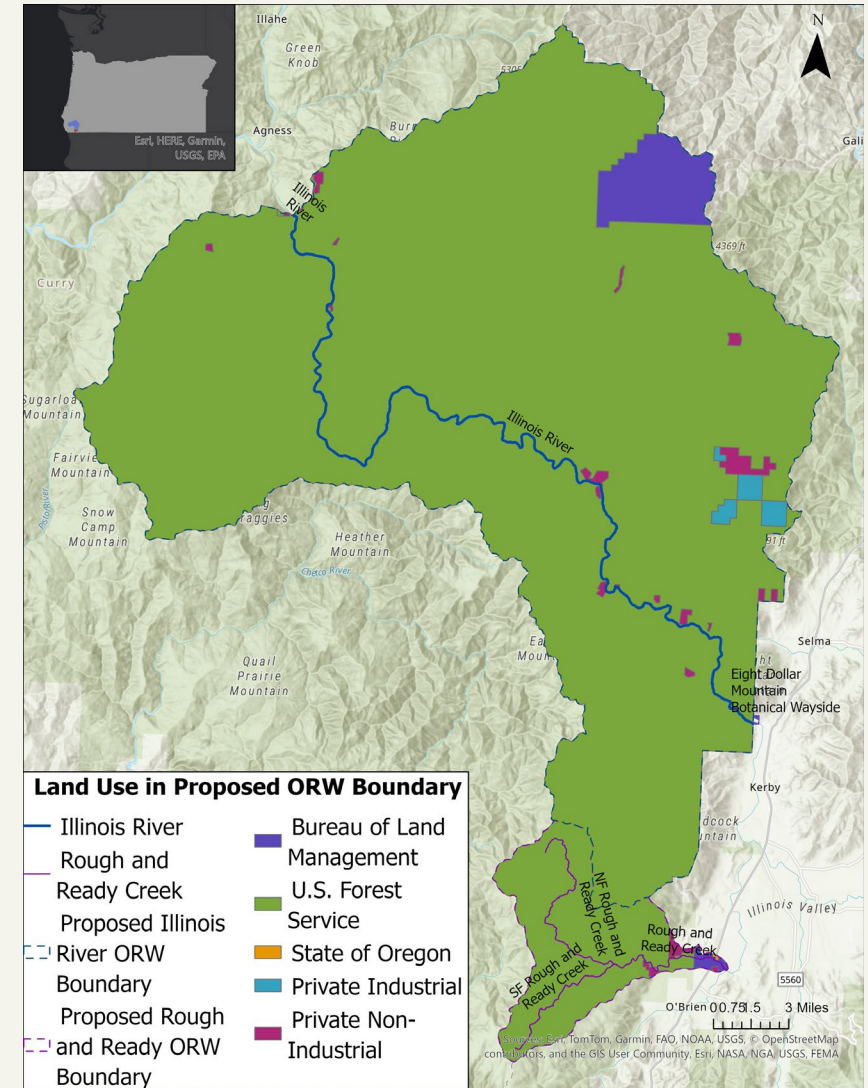
- No impact to commercial harvest on industrial forestlands.
- May impact large businesses that require a discharge permit.
 - Can obtain WPCF “no discharge” permit.
 - Increased costs to prevent discharge to surface water.
- Already subject to costs from other requirements, such as ESA, NEPA and NW Forest Plan.



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Small business

- Preserves benefits to small business serving those recreating in the ORW.
- No impacts on ~30 small forest inholdings due to co-benefit of temperature TMDL.



Questions and input (ORS 183.333)

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Next Steps and Discussion

- Provide input on draft Fiscal Impact Statement by **August 26**.
- DEQ sends meeting summary to the Committee
- Anticipated Project Schedule
 - Public comment period: Oct.–Nov. 2026.
 - Public hearing: Nov. 2026.
- Questions & Comments?

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