

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 131

[FRL-OW-7570-3]

### Water Quality Standards for Oregon

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes use designations and temperature criteria for the protection of salmonids in Oregon waters, except in the Columbia River. This document also proposes an intergravel dissolved oxygen (IGDO) criterion to protect salmonid spawning wherever salmonid spawning is the designated use. In addition, this rule proposes methods to implement Oregon's existing antidegradation policy.

**DATES:** EPA will accept public comments on this proposed rule until November 10, 2003. EPA will consider comments postmarked after this date only to the extent that time permits. EPA is sponsoring three public hearings on today's proposed water quality standards for Oregon on October 22 (5 p.m. to 9 p.m.), October 23 (2 p.m. to 6 p.m.), and October 24, 2003 (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments by mail to Valerie Badon, ORC-158, U.S. EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101. Comments may also be submitted electronically, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in section I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. The following public hearings will be held:

*October 22 hearing:* State of Oregon Building, 800 NE. Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon.

*October 23 hearing:* Eugene Public Library, 100 W. 10th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon.

*October 24 hearing:* Bend Community Center, 1036 NE. 5th Street, Bend, Oregon.

The administrative record for today's proposed rule is available for public inspection at EPA Region 10's Oregon Operations Office, 811 SW. 6th Avenue, 3rd Floor, Portland, Oregon 97204, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Please call Tom Townsend at 503-326-3250 for appointments to review the record. A reasonable fee for copying will apply.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Lou Soscia at U.S. EPA Region 10's Oregon Operations Office by phone at: 503-326-3250, or by e-mail at: [soscia.marylou@epa.gov](mailto:soscia.marylou@epa.gov). You may also

contact Cara Lalley at U.S. EPA Headquarters by phone at 202-566-0057, or by e-mail at: [lalley.cara@epa.gov](mailto:lalley.cara@epa.gov).

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### I. General Information

#### A. Potentially Affected Entities

Citizens concerned with water quality in Oregon may be interested in this proposed rulemaking. Entities discharging pollutants to waters of the United States in Oregon could be indirectly affected by this rulemaking because water quality standards are used in determining water quality-based effluent limitations included in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. Categories and entities that may indirectly be affected include:

Category	Examples of Potentially Affected Entities
Industry .....	Industries discharging pollutants to surface waters in Oregon.
Municipalities ...	Publicly-owned treatment works discharging pollutants to surface waters in Oregon.

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding NPDES entities likely to be affected by this action. This table lists the types of entities that EPA is now aware could potentially be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this table could also be affected. To determine whether your facility may be affected by this action, you should carefully examine today's rule. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult one of the persons listed in the preceding **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.