

# Department of Ecology

## Water Quality Standards Policy Forum #6

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**July 11, 2013 ~ 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (PST) - Yakima, WA**

The Department of Ecology is holding the sixth Water Quality Policy Forum to continue discussions on potential changes to the Surface Water Quality Standards (WAC 173-201A) to adopt new human health criteria and to update implementation tools.

### **To Attend:**

- **In Person:** Ecology staff will present the webinar at the **Yakima Convention Center**, 10 North 8th St., Yakima, WA 98901-2515 ([directions](#)). Seating for interested parties is available at that location. To reserve a seat, please email [swqs@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:swqs@ecy.wa.gov).
- **By Interactive Webinar:** Webinar participants will be able to ask questions, participate in discussions, and watch presentations from any online computer and phone. Free registration for the webinar is available online at: <https://customer.accuconference.com/Registration/index.aspx?pkRegQG=bf857362-c1a1-4db0-b196-351a1ced0374>.

**Agenda** *Note: Times may vary according to questions and discussion with Policy Forum participants.*

9:00 a.m.	<p><b>Introduction</b> (Susan Braley and Melissa Gildersleeve, Ecology)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Meeting logistics</li> <li>• Recap of earlier Policy Forums &amp; Overview of June 24 Delegates Table meeting</li> </ul>
9:30 a.m.	<p><b>Finding the Right Balance in Developing Human Health Criteria</b> (Cheryl Niemi, Ecology)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the Criteria Equation Balances Over-protection and Under-protection</li> <li>• Uncertainty and Variability – How are they different and why is it important?</li> </ul>
10:15 a.m.	<b><i>Mid-Morning Break—15 minutes</i></b>
10:30 a.m.	<p><b>Two Different Approaches to Criteria Calculation</b> (Cheryl Niemi, Ecology)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information on Probabilistic Analysis and Point Estimate approaches.</li> </ul>
11:00 a.m.	<p><b>Florida's Experience with the Probabilistic Approach</b> (Ken Weaver, Florida Department of Environmental Protection)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florida is currently going through a rule-making for human health criteria using a probabilistic approach and will share what they have learned.</li> </ul>
12:30 p.m.	<b><i>Break for Lunch—One hour</i></b>
1:30 p.m.	<p><b>Sources of Contaminants to Salmon Originating from Washington</b> (Sandra O'Neill and Jim West, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington WDFW staff will share information they have gained in researching concentrations of toxics in salmon originating in Washington Waters.</li> </ul>
3:30 p.m.	<p><b>Next Steps</b> (Melissa Gildersleeve, Ecology)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upcoming Delegates Table meetings and Policy Forums, and what will be covered.</li> <li>• Anticipated rule-making schedule.</li> </ul>
4:00 p.m.	<b>Policy Forum Adjourned</b>

# Additional Resources

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Surface Water Quality Standards Rule Revisions: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/swqs/Currswqsruleactiv.html>

Reducing Toxics in Fish, Sediments, & Water web page: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/toxics/fish.html>