

Department of Ecology Water Quality Standards Policy Forum #7

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Introduction

- Welcome
- Meeting logistics
- Recap of earlier Policy Forums & Delegates' Table meetings
- Other information of interest to this effort

Overview and Context

Today's session will focus on information related to the fish consumption rate (FCR) input to the criteria equations.

This will help set the context of addressing FCRs in Human Health Criteria (HHC) development in Washington.

Presentations and Discussion

EPA, Region 10 presentation - Lon Kissinger

- Survey design: Discussion of considerations that go into designing fish consumption rate surveys.
 - *the collection of credible and representative data is key to the development of FCRs.*

Ecology presentation - Cheryl Niemi

- What do the different numbers mean?
- Some summary information on FCRs from the 2012 Ecology FCR Technical Support Document
- FCRs used by other states
- HHC development and FCRs – important policy decisions that need to be made
- Criteria calculation: Past practice and new opportunities

After the FCR discussion we will be lining up several policy issues we need to address as the draft rule is being developed.

Note to Policy Forum Participants

More materials will be available as part of the Delegates' Table meetings, and these materials will be of interest to you.

In particular, the meeting on September 16th will:

- focus on permitting – both current and future approaches.
- include discussion of both existing discharges and new and expanding discharges

Ecology encourages you to attend the Delegates' Table meetings in person or via webinar. Learn more about the Delegates' Table online at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/swqs/delegatetable.html.

Questions/Comments/Discussion