

R10 WQS Meeting.
State Responses to Triennial Review Questionnaire

Question	State/Tribal Responses			
	AK	ID	OR	WA
When does your next triennial review /public outreach cycle start?	2021-2023 Outreach to commence in early Fall 2020.	It is currently under way.	Second half of 2020	Far off schedule so don't really have one.
How much of a priority is holding your triennial review in a timely manner to your state – it's ok to be honest.	⁴ State puts out a list of 'priorities' and folks provide their feedback so it's not really open to a lot of discussion	⁵	⁴ Similar to WA, our view on this has changed. As a public outreach and planning process it is now a pretty high priority. But then the rulemakings and specific projects take place over the following 3 years.	² Historically this has been a 1 or 2 because we thought that we were meeting req. by doing periodic rulemaking. However, the priority is higher now that EPA has communicated to Ecology that we are not meeting this requirement unless we do an intentional outreach and hearing process for all WQS related issues.
Do you foresee any complications with starting your next triennial review cycle in accordance to your proposed schedule? If so, can you please describe the challenge(s)?	Maybe. New Gov. is reviewing all regulatory efforts prior to commencing with outreach. Hard to get attention.	No	If we end up fully occupied with projects already identified or added that are still in progress, we may delay the TR planning process.	We suspended our 2019 plan to do the triennial review and hold hearings due to EPA's reconsideration of WA Human Health Criteria. Our management felt that this topic would overshadow and/or overwhelm any other WQS comments. We told EPA that we will hold triennial review when the HHC issue is settled.
If there are challenges conducting a triennial review in a timely manner, what have you done to overcome them?	Plan on preparing documentation and briefing leadership earlier than usual. Statewide webinar: Start with a public mtg and then hold the hearing.	We did have to shift gears a bit, as our Governor has announced there will be no rulemaking in Idaho this year.	We were fortunate enough to be able to hire additional staff. Last TR on a temporary basis. Now, permanent new positions.	Holding several meetings statewide can be a big lift, so we plan to utilize EPA's modernized hearings guidance (may not be the correct term) to hold statewide webinars and one public meeting at our headquarters to make the process less burdensome, while still gaining a wide audience.

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<p>What are the potential ‘top 5’ issues you are proposing for your next triennial review cycle?</p> <p>Feel free to add any background information you feel is pertinent to the discussion.</p>	<p>Based on 2018-2020 TR feedback and current Dept. Priorities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarification Project- Duration values for select pollutants, downstream protection, formal definition of fresh/marine waters, and SAMs 2. Toxics Workbook update (Aquatic life (ammonia, Cd, Se) and HHC (multiple) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ammonia WQSV? 3. Two SSC (Cu) for POTWs. Proposing to consider fixed monitoring benchmark (FIB) approach 4. Performance based approach for establishing natural conditions criteria (multiple pollutants) 5. Work with EPA to complete review of 2011 Residue amendments 6. Amendments to Turbidity Criteria 	<p>We have picked 8 issues for our 2020 Triennial Review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ammonia 304(a) update 2. Delete Obsolete Rule Language – Striking Variances 3. Hells Canyon Salmonid Spawning 4. Performance Based Approach for Temperature Criteria 5. Criteria for the Protection of Recreational Use from Microcystins and Cylindrospermopsin 6. Performance Based Site-Specific Temperature Criteria for Jack’s Creek 7. Consideration of Designated SS in Segments of Central Idaho 8. Data and Information Needs Necessary for the state of Idaho to Consider Adoption of EPA 304(a) Aquatic Life Criteria for Mercury 	<p>Haven’t developed a new list yet, but these are likely to be on it:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue aquatic life use updates and corrections. 2. Evaluate ALC updates for new/updated EPA criteria. 3. Interpretation and application procedures for some narratives. 4. Continue to resolve temperature/NC issues. Vary interested in how the performance-based approach develops. 5. Continue to develop variances as needed. 6. Possibly SSC 7. Implementation procedures for aluminum. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aquatic Life Toxics 2. Updates to Natural Conditions language – general and parameter-specific 3. Updating designated uses in non-salmon spawning waters (currently all WA waters have at least rearing and migration – some incorrectly designated) 4. Performance-based process for setting site-specific criteria. 5. Shellfish harvesting use – aligning with FDA and State Department of Health rules. <div> <p>HIGHLIGHTING REPRESENTS COMMON INTEREST</p> </div>

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Tribal Responses

Question	State/Tribe Responses (Please provide sufficient level of detail to convey your thoughts)		
	Tulalip	Quinault	Spokane Tribe
When does your next triennial review /public outreach or other WQS revision cycle start?	Not sure.	ASAP	2021-2022
On a scale of 1 (not at all important) to 5 (extremely important), how much of a priority is holding your triennial review or other WQS revision process in a timely manner– it's ok to be honest. Please feel free to add comments.	1	4	1
Do you foresee any complications with starting your next triennial review cycle or other WQS revision process according to your proposed schedule? If so, would you please describe the challenge(s)?	No	Internal debate over regulations.	Partial approvals, items not approved, what is the standard. Mercury-fish tissue based
If there are challenges conducting a triennial review or adopting WQS revisions in a timely manner, what have you done to overcome them?	Staff constraints	Including all internal parties and stakeholders in development process.	Technical staff/support
What are the potential 'top 5' issues or revisions you are proposing for your next triennial review cycle or other WQS revision process?	Sediment standards; Fish consumption; Better wetland standards		on our last review, we did not suggest revision to WQS.

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