

Abstract

Watershed-based permitting, water quality exchange, and water quality trading is forging its way into the minds of many regulators and permittees in the Pacific Northwest. The State of Oregon has met a high temperature water problem with a watershed-based solution that has had a successful outcome. Idaho has successfully implemented nutrient offsets by providing treatment to the Dixie Drain, and Washington State is working its way toward a General Permit for nutrient management for wastewater treatment plants that discharge to Puget Sound.

This workshop looks at lessons learned from an established watershed-based water quality management system in the Pacific Northwest and Nationally. It explores nutrient credit exchanges, point and non-point issues, bubble allocation, legislation, incentives and national strategies that will have a direct impact on the future of this region. Speakers from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and Nationally will share their perspectives, thoughts, successes, and challenges on this complex and fascinating topic.