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Introduction

The Oregon Water Quality Index (OWQI) analyzes a defined set of water quality variables and produces a score describing general water quality. The water quality variables included in the OWQI are temperature, dissolved oxygen (percent saturation and concentration), biochemical oxygen demand, pH, total solids, ammonia and nitrate nitrogens, total phosphorus, and bacteria. The bacterial indicator for the OWQI changed from fecal coliform to *E. coli* in 2002 (Cude, 2005). OWQI scores range from 10 (worst case) to 100 (ideal water quality). The Department of Environmental Quality Laboratory maintains a network of ambient water quality monitoring sites. These sites were selected to provide representative statewide geographical coverage, and to include major rivers and streams throughout the state. There are currently 144 monitoring sites in the network. The size of the network periodically changes due to logistical and budgetary constraints.

For this Summary Report, OWQI results were calculated at these sites on all samples taken in Water Years 1998-2007. These data are analyzed to determine which parameters influence general water quality during various seasons. Each site, with sufficient data, is analyzed for the presence of significantly increasing or decreasing trends. The nonparametric Seasonal-Kendall test is used for trend analysis to ensure that the significant trends that exist are not due to normal seasonal variation. Significant trends are reported at the 80% or greater confidence level. Seasonal Sen slope determines the magnitude of the trend.

Seasonal averages were calculated for the summer season (June - September) and FWS season (fall, winter, spring: October - May). The minimum of these seasonal averages is used for ranking purposes and takes into account seasonal variability between different river systems.

Figure 1 displays OWQI status and trending information, with respect to geographical location.

Benchmark Report

Oregon's surface water quality benchmark, as reported in the Oregon Progress Board's "Oregon Shines" report (Benchmark 78), is expressed in the following manner:

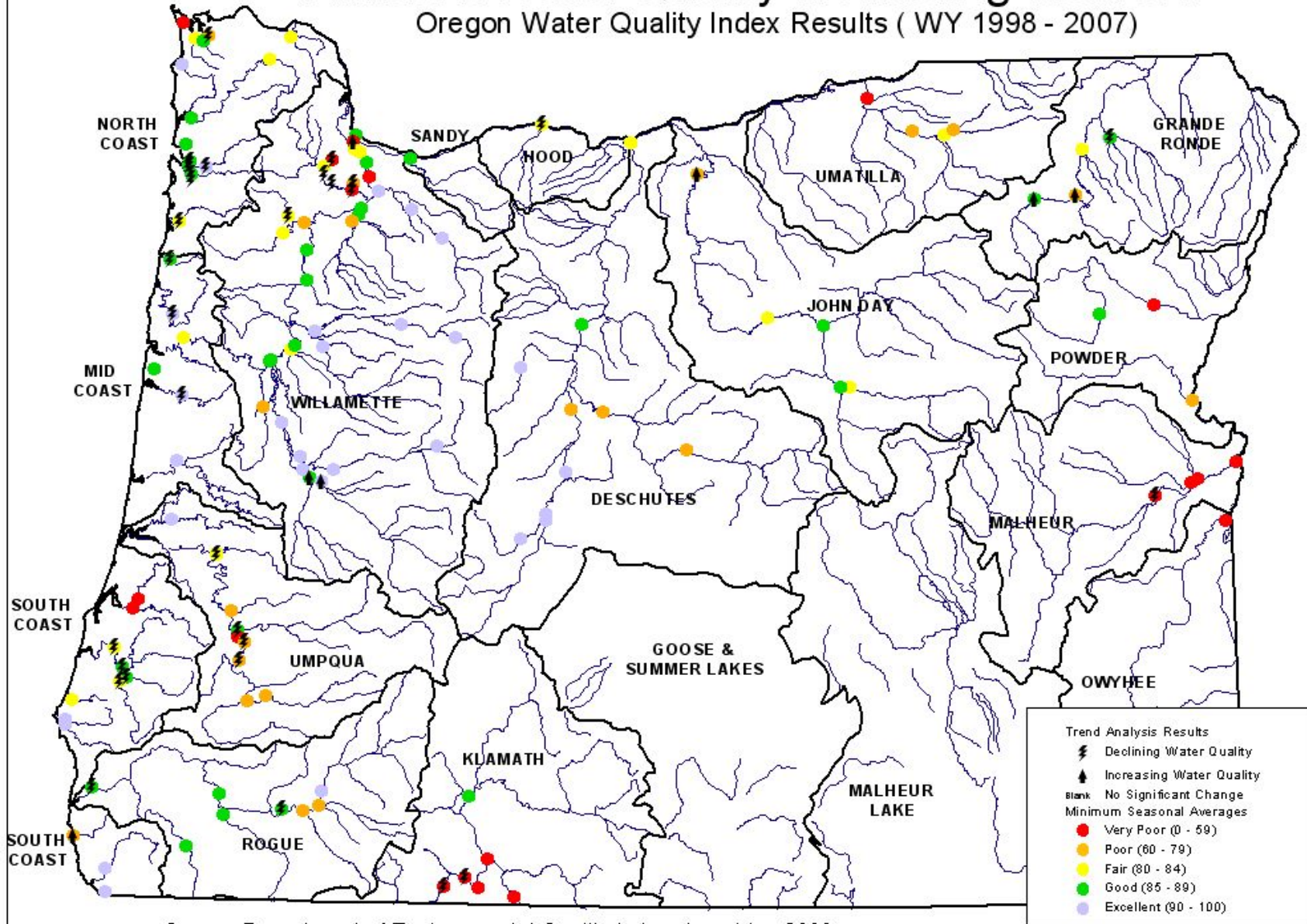
Percentage of monitored stream sites with significantly increasing trends in water quality:
Percentage of monitored stream sites with significantly decreasing trends in water quality:
Percentage of monitored stream sites with water quality in good to excellent condition:

The first two benchmarks will be referred to as trend benchmarks. Both trend benchmarks represent the percentage of monitored stream sites with significantly increasing or decreasing trends in water quality, with respect to the total number of monitored stream sites having sufficient data for trend analysis. The third benchmark will be referred to as the status benchmark. The status benchmark is the percentage of monitoring sites with good to excellent water quality. The percentage is calculated as the ratio of the number of stream monitoring sites ranked with either good or excellent water quality to the total number of ranked stream monitoring sites.

Methodology for calculating these benchmarks is more fully discussed below. Table 1 presents benchmark results. The stated years represent the last water year in a ten water year period. Water years start on October 1 and end on September 30. For instance, calculated benchmark results for 1990 represent trend analyses on data gathered from water year (WY) 1981 to WY 1990, or from October 1, 1980 to September 30, 1990. Benchmark results were originally calculated for 1995. Targeted results for 2010 are challenging yet attainable goals based on prior results. Interim benchmark results are calculated annually to measure progress towards the targeted goals.

Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Network

Oregon Water Quality Index Results (WY 1998 - 2007)



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Table 1. Comparison of Calculated and Target Surface Water Quality Benchmarks

| <i>Benchmark</i> | <i>1990</i> | <i>1995</i> | <i>1996</i> | <i>1997</i> | <i>1998</i> | <i>1999</i> | <i>2000</i> | <i>2001</i> | <i>2002</i> | <i>2003</i> | <i>2004</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Percentage of monitored stream sites with significantly increasing trends in water quality | 8% | 21% | 32% | 52% | 70% | 64% | 70% | 51% | 37% | 32% | 24% | 14% | 8% | 6% |
| Percentage of monitored stream sites with significantly decreasing trends in water quality | 20% | 8% | 2% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 5% | 4% | 6% | 10% | 14% | 21% | 24% |
| Percentage of monitored stream sites with good to excellent water quality condition | 27% | 28% | 35% | 32% | 37% | 41% | 42% | 46% | 46% | 48% | 49% | 51% | 50% | 49% |

Significant changes in the Ambient Monitoring Network

During Water Year 2007, changes to the ambient monitoring network and changes in the amount of data available for trend analysis for several monitoring sites influenced benchmark results. The two monitoring sites (Nehalem River at HWY 202 bridge in Birkenfeld and Smith River 4.4 miles downstream of Smith River Falls) were added in November 2006.

Trend Analysis

The nonparametric Seasonal-Kendall trend analysis, available in the WQHydro statistical software package, requires a minimum of thirty data points to detect the presence of statistically significant trends at any given monitoring site. For each site, the data set is divided into twelve monthly, six bimonthly, or four quarterly subsets, depending on data quantity. The preferred method is to use monthly subsets. Bimonthly subsets were used unless the monitoring frequency for the particular site was greater than bimonthly. If there is more than one sample in a given period, the sample closest to the middle of that period was used. Since these particular datasets don't consistently contain multiple samples in each period (month or quarter), selecting samples in this manner ensures a more regular variance.

These subsets are compared and an annualized result is generated, indicating whether or not a significant trend exists. Also indicated are the magnitude and significance of the trend. This procedure ensures that increasing or decreasing trends are consistent through most of the year and that the trends are not due to normal seasonal variation.

Of the 131 monitoring sites included in this report (not all monitoring stations generate all data required for OWQI calculations), 127 sites had sufficient data to analyze for trends. Of these 127 sites, 7 had significant increases in water quality and 31 had significant decreases in water quality, while the rest showed no significant trend in either direction. Tables 2 and 3 list these sites and indicate the magnitude and significance of each trend. The magnitude of the trend is derived from the Seasonal Sen slope of the data. This trend analysis did not consider variations in meteorological or hydrological conditions or variations in sample time. It is important to remember that this trend analysis assesses changes in general water quality, specifically those parameters included in the OWQI. This assessment does not consider changes in toxics concentrations, habitat, or biology.

Some of the sites showing significant improvement in general water quality (Table 2) are downstream of significant point sources, primarily wastewater treatment plants. There have been major efforts to reduce the quantity and improve the quality of discharge from point sources. OWQI results show that these efforts have been successful. Other sites showing significant improvement are not affected by point source discharges, so impacts to water quality are related to non-point source activity. Improvements at these sites may be attributed to reduced levels of non-point source activity, increased education about water quality impacts, and watershed restoration efforts. Underlying all of these factors is flow. As Oregon returns, in stages, from drought to the wet phase of the long-term cycle, flows and water quality improves.

Table 2. River Sites Monitored by DEQ Laboratory Showing a Significant Increase in Water Quality

| <i>Monitoring Site</i> | <i>Magnitude¹</i> | <i>S.L.²</i> |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Columbia Slough at Landfill Road | +15.1 | 80 |
| Grande Ronde River at Peach Ln. (Island City) | +6.0 | 98 |
| Grande Ronde River at Hilgard St. Park | +4.6 | 99 |
| John Day River at HWY 206 | +2.5 | 80 |
| Coast Fork Willamette River at Mt. Pisgah Park | +2.0 | 80 |
| Pistol River at Pistol River Loop Road | +1.7 | 80 |
| Middle Fork Willamette River at Jasper Bridge | +1.5 | 99 |

Notes: 1 - Magnitude of increase in general water quality represented by change in OWQI value during WY 1998-2007.

2 - Significance Level of Seasonal-Kendall trend analysis results.

3 - Stream site was not monitored over the full ten water year period.

Factors leading to a significant degradation of water quality (Table 3) may include increased levels of point or non-point source activity and/or decreased flows.

Table 3. River Sites Monitored by DEQ Laboratory Showing a Significant Decrease in Water Quality

| <i>Monitoring Site</i> | <i>Magnitude¹</i> | <i>S.L.²</i> |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Tualatin River at HWY 210 (Scholls) | -28.1 | 99 |
| Tualatin River at Elsner Road | -24.3 | 99 |
| Tualatin River at Boones Ferry Road | -19.0 | 99 |
| Malheur River at Little Valley | -10.2 | 99 |
| Klamath River at Keno | -5.4 | 90 |
| South Umpqua River at Stewart Park Road (Roseburg) | -5.0 | 98 |
| Beaverton Creek at Cornelius Pass Road (Orencia) | -5.0 | 90 |
| Fanno Creek at Bonita Road (Tigard) | -5.0 | 80 |
| Coquille River at Sturdivant Park Dock | -4.0 | 95 |
| Middle Fork Coquille River at HWY 42 | -3.4 | 90 |
| Wallowa River at Minam | -3.3 | 80 |
| Klamath River downstream of Big Bend Powerhouse | -3.3 | 80 |
| Salmon River at Otis | -3.3 | 95 |
| Nestucca River at Cloverdale | -3.3 | 95 |
| Wilson River at HWY 101 | -3.3 | 80 |
| Wilson River at HWY 6 | -3.3 | 99 |
| South Fork Coquille River at Broadbent | -3.3 | 99 |
| Trask River at HWY 101 | -2.5 | 95 |
| North Fork Coquille River at HWY 42 | -2.5 | 80 |
| Umpqua River at Elkton | -2.5 | 80 |
| North Yamhill River at Poverty Bend Road | -2.5 | 90 |
| Hood River at Hood River, OR | -2.2 | 90 |
| Klaskanine River at Youngs River Loop Road (Olney) | -2.2 | 90 |
| Siletz River 5 miles d/s Siletz | -2.0 | 95 |
| Kilchis River at HWY 101 | -2.0 | 90 |
| Rogue River at Lobster Point Bridge | -2.0 | 95 |
| North Umpqua River at Garden Valley Road | -2.0 | 90 |
| South Umpqua River at HWY 42 (Winston) | -2.0 | 80 |
| Alsea River at Thissell Road | -1.7 | 90 |
| Rogue River at Rock Point Bridge (Gold Hill) | -1.4 | 80 |
| Tillamook River at Bewley Creek Road | -1.3 | 80 |

Notes: 1 - Magnitude of decrease in general water quality represented by change in OWQI value during WY 1998-2007.

2 - Significance Level of Seasonal-Kendall trend analysis results.

3 - Stream site was not monitored over the full ten water year period.

Ranking

The Oregon Water Quality Index was designed to permit comparison of water quality among different stretches of the same river or between different watersheds. The pH and total solids functions within the index account for geological variability. The OWQI calculation formula, an unweighted harmonic square mean function, accounts for the variability of factors limiting water quality in different watersheds. A classification scheme was derived from application of the OWQI to describe general water quality conditions. OWQI scores that are less than 60 are considered very poor; 60-79 poor; 80-84 fair; 85-89 good; and 90-100 excellent. To account for differences in water quality between low flow summer months (June - September) and higher flow fall, winter, and spring (FWS, October - May), average values for summer and FWS were calculated and compared. The list of 131 monitored sites is ranked based on the minimum of the seasonal averages (Tables 4-8).

Table 4. Monitored Sites Ranked by Minimum Seasonal Average OWQI Score - Excellent Category

| Basin | Site | River Mile | LASAR Number | Summer Mean | FWS Mean | Minimum Seasonal Mean |
|---------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| EXCELLENT | | | | | | |
| South Coast | Winchuck River upstream of HWY 101 | 2.5 | 10537 | 95 | 95 | 95 |
| Willamette - Lower | Clackamas River at McIver Park (Upper Boat Ramp) | 22.6 | 13070 | 95 | 95 | 95 |
| Willamette - Lower | Clackamas River at Memaloose Road | 35.7 | 14008 | 95 | 95 | 95 |
| Willamette - Middle | North Santiam River at Coopers Ridge Road | 63.8 | 12559 | 96 | 95 | 95 |
| Willamette - Middle | North Santiam River at Gates School Road | 39.0 | 12553 | 96 | 94 | 94 |
| Willamette - Middle | North Santiam River at Green's Bridge | 2.9 | 10792 | 94 | 94 | 94 |
| Willamette - Upper | McKenzie River at Hendricks Bridge | 24.0 | 10662 | 94 | 94 | 94 |
| Willamette - Upper | McKenzie River at McKenzie Bridge | 68.1 | 12552 | 95 | 94 | 94 |
| Mid Coast | Siuslaw River at Tide Wayside | 26.3 | 33642 | 93 | 94 | 93 |
| Willamette - Lower | Clackamas River at High Rocks | 1.2 | 11233 | 93 | 93 | 93 |
| Willamette - Middle | South Santiam River at HWY 226 (Crabtree) | 7.6 | 10366 | 93 | 93 | 93 |
| Willamette - Upper | Middle Fork Willamette River at Jasper Bridge | 8.0 | 10386 | 95 | 93 | 93 |
| Willamette - Upper | Willamette River at HWY 126 (Springfield) | 185.3 | 10359 | 94 | 93 | 93 |
| Deschutes | Deschutes River at Mirror Pond (Bend) | 164.9 | 10511 | 92 | 92 | 92 |
| Deschutes | Little Deschutes River at HWY 42 | 4.0 | 10696 | 92 | 92 | 92 |
| Grande Ronde | Minam River at Minam | 0.1 | 11457 | 92 | 95 | 92 |
| Rogue | Rogue River at Dodge Park | 138.4 | 10423 | 93 | 92 | 92 |
| South Coast | Elk River at HWY 101 | 3.4 | 11905 | 92 | 94 | 92 |
| Deschutes | Deschutes River at Harper Bridge (Sunriver) | 191.7 | 10686 | 91 | 93 | 91 |
| Deschutes | Deschutes River at Pringle Falls | 217.0 | 10688 | 91 | 94 | 91 |
| Deschutes | Metolius River at Bridge 99 (Camp Sherman) | 30.3 | 10690 | 91 | 92 | 91 |
| Mid Coast | Alsea River at Thissell Road | 17.7 | 11263 | 91 | 91 | 91 |
| Umpqua | Smith River 4.4 Miles d/s Smith River Falls | | 11491 | 91 | 92 | 91 |
| Willamette - Upper | McKenzie River at Coburg Road | 7.1 | 10376 | 91 | 93 | 91 |
| Willamette - Upper | Willamette River at HWY 99E (Harrisburg) | 161.2 | 10355 | 91 | 91 | 91 |
| Mid Coast | Siletz River 5 miles d/s Siletz | 30.9 | 10391 | 93 | 90 | 90 |
| North Coast | Necanicum River at Riverside Lake Camp | 5.8 | 10521 | 90 | 91 | 90 |
| North Coast | Wilson River at HWY 6 | 8.5 | 13424 | 91 | 90 | 90 |
| South Coast | Chetco River at USGS Gage | 10.8 | 11483 | 90 | 95 | 90 |
| South Coast | Sixes River at HWY 101 | 5.5 | 10533 | 91 | 90 | 90 |

Table 5. Monitored Sites Ranked by Minimum Seasonal Average OWQI Score - Good Category

| Basin | Site | River Mile | LASAR Number | Summer Mean | FWS Mean | Minimum Seasonal Mean |
|---------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| GOOD | | | | | | |
| John Day | North Fork John Day River at Kimberly | 0.2 | 11017 | 89 | 92 | 89 |
| Klamath | Williamson River at Williamson River Store | 4.6 | 10770 | 89 | 91 | 89 |
| Mid Coast | Beaver Creek North Fork at Ona Grange RM 4.8 | 4.8 | 33644 | 90 | 89 | 89 |
| North Coast | Youngs River at Youngs River Loop Road | 8.9 | 12187 | 93 | 89 | 89 |
| Willamette - Middle | Mollala River at Canby | 3 | 10637 | 89 | 92 | 89 |
| Willamette - Middle | Willamette River at Salem | 84 | 10555 | 90 | 89 | 89 |
| Willamette - Upper | Willamette River at HWY 20 (Albany) | 119.3 | 10350 | 90 | 89 | 89 |

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|---------------------|---|-------|-------|----|----|----|
| Willamette - Upper | Willamette River at HWY 34 (Corvallis) | 131.4 | 10352 | 90 | 89 | 89 |
| Grande Ronde | Grande Ronde River at Hilgard St. Park | 166.8 | 10720 | 88 | 94 | 88 |
| Mid Coast | Salmon River at Otis | 2.8 | 11241 | 88 | 89 | 88 |
| North Coast | Nehalem River at Foley Road | 7.8 | 11856 | 90 | 88 | 88 |
| Rogue | Illinois River downstream of Kerby | 48.4 | 11482 | 88 | 91 | 88 |
| Sandy | Sandy River at Troutdale Bridge | 3.1 | 10674 | 91 | 88 | 88 |
| Umpqua | North Umpqua River at Garden Valley Road | 1.8 | 10451 | 88 | 91 | 88 |
| Willamette - Middle | Willamette River at Wheatland Ferry | 71.9 | 10344 | 89 | 88 | 88 |
| Columbia | Columbia River at Portland Marker 47 (u/s Willamette) | 102.5 | 10616 | 88 | 87 | 87 |
| John Day | South Fork John Day River at Dayville | 0.2 | 11020 | 87 | 88 | 87 |
| North Coast | Kilchis River at HWY 101 | 1 | 13416 | 87 | 89 | 87 |
| North Coast | Miami River at Moss Creek Road | 1.7 | 13411 | 87 | 87 | 87 |
| Rogue | Rogue River at Lobster Point Bridge | 11.0 | 10414 | 87 | 92 | 87 |
| South Coast | Middle Fork Coquille River at HWY 42 | 0.2 | 11485 | 88 | 87 | 87 |
| South Coast | North Fork Coquille River at HWY 42 | 0.2 | 10393 | 88 | 87 | 87 |
| Willamette - Upper | Coast Fork Willamette River at Mt. Pisgah Park | 3.0 | 11275 | 87 | 92 | 87 |
| Deschutes | Deschutes River at Warm Springs | 96.8 | 10506 | 88 | 86 | 86 |
| Grande Ronde | Wallowa River at Minam | 10.0 | 10410 | 86 | 89 | 86 |
| North Coast | Trask River at HWY 101 | 4.2 | 13433 | 87 | 86 | 86 |
| North Coast | Wilson River at HWY 101 | 1.8 | 13421 | 86 | 89 | 86 |
| Powder | Powder River at Campbell St. (Baker City) | 119.3 | 15565 | 90 | 86 | 86 |
| Rogue | Applegate River at HWY 199 | 2.6 | 10428 | 86 | 90 | 86 |
| Rogue | Rogue River at Robertson Bridge (Merlin) | 86.6 | 10418 | 86 | 86 | 86 |
| Willamette - Middle | Willamette River at Canby Ferry | 34.4 | 10339 | 86 | 89 | 86 |
| Rogue | Rogue River at Rock Point Bridge (Gold Hill) | 117.3 | 10421 | 87 | 85 | 85 |
| Willamette - Lower | Willamette River at Hawthorne Bridge | 13.2 | 10611 | 86 | 85 | 85 |
| Willamette - Upper | Mary's River at HWY 99W (Corvallis) | 0.2 | 10373 | 85 | 86 | 85 |

Table 6. Monitored Sites Ranked by Minimum Seasonal Average OWQI Score - Fair Category

| Basin | Site | River Mile | LASAR Number | Summer Mean | FWS Mean | Minimum Seasonal Mean |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------------------|
| FAIR | | | | | | |
| John Day | John Day River at Service Creek | 157.4 | 11478 | 84 | 90 | 84 |
| John Day | John Day River upstream of Dayville | 215.4 | 11479 | 84 | 86 | 84 |
| North Coast | Nestucca River at Cloverdale | 1.7 | 10523 | 88 | 84 | 84 |
| South Coast | Floras Creek at HWY 101 | 4.1 | 12590 | 86 | 84 | 84 |

Table 6. (continued) Monitored Sites Ranked by Minimum Seasonal Average OWQI Score - Fair Category

| Basin | Site | River Mile | LASAR Number | Summer Mean | FWS Mean | Minimum Seasonal Mean |
|---------------------|---|------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------------------|
| FAIR | | | | | | |
| Umpqua | Umpqua River at Elkton | 48.4 | 10437 | 84 | 89 | 84 |
| Willamette - Middle | South Yamhill River at HWY 99W | 16.5 | 10948 | 87 | 84 | 84 |
| North Coast | Clatskanie River at HWY 30 (Clatskanie) | 4.7 | 11434 | 83 | 86 | 83 |
| North Coast | Nehalem River at HWY 202 Bridge in Birkenfeld | | 34019 | 83 | 91 | 83 |
| South Coast | South Fork Coquille River at Broadbent | 10.0 | 11486 | 83 | 89 | 83 |
| Hood | Hood River at Hood River, OR | 1 | 12012 | 86 | 82 | 82 |
| Mid Coast | Yaquina River downstream of Chitwood | 24.9 | 11476 | 88 | 82 | 82 |
| North Coast | Lewis & Clark River at Stavebolt Lane | 7.6 | 10817 | 82 | 88 | 82 |

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|---------------------|---|------|-------|----|----|----|
| South Coast | Coquille River at Sturdivant Park Dock | 24.5 | 10596 | 82 | 84 | 82 |
| Willamette - Lower | Willamette River at SP&S RR Bridge (Portland) | 7.0 | 10332 | 84 | 82 | 82 |
| Deschutes | Deschutes River at Deschutes River Park (Mouth) | 1.0 | 10411 | 81 | 86 | 81 |
| Grande Ronde | Grande Ronde River at HWY 82 (Elgin) | 99.0 | 10719 | 81 | 88 | 81 |
| Umatilla | McKay Creek at Kirk St. (Pendleton) | 1.5 | 12005 | 81 | 82 | 81 |
| Willamette - Lower | Swan Island Channel midpoint (Willamette River) | 0.5 | 10801 | 81 | 85 | 81 |
| Willamette - Middle | North Yamhill River at Poverty Bend Road | 4.5 | 10929 | 82 | 81 | 81 |
| Willamette - Upper | Calapooia River at Queens Road (Albany) | 3.0 | 11180 | 81 | 82 | 81 |
| Umpqua | Elk Creek at Elkton | 0.2 | 10441 | 80 | 88 | 80 |
| Willamette - Lower | Tualatin River at Rood Bridge | 39.0 | 10461 | 83 | 80 | 80 |

Table 7. Monitored Sites Ranked by Minimum Seasonal Average OWQI Score - Poor Category

| Basin | Site | River Mile | LASAR Number | Summer Mean | FWS Mean | Minimum Seasonal Mean |
|---------------------|--|------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------------------|
| POOR | | | | | | |
| Deschutes | Crooked River at Conant Basin Road | 105.0 | 11477 | 79 | 87 | 79 |
| Umpqua | Calapooia Creek at Umpqua | 0.4 | 10996 | 78 | 81 | 78 |
| Willamette - Upper | Long Tom River at Stow Pit Road (Monroe) | 4.7 | 11140 | 78 | 82 | 78 |
| Deschutes | Deschutes River at Lower Bridge | 133.4 | 10508 | 77 | 88 | 77 |
| Grande Ronde | Grande Ronde River at Peach Ln. (Island City) | 151.1 | 11521 | 77 | 89 | 77 |
| John Day | John Day River at HWY 206 | 39.5 | 11386 | 76 | 89 | 76 |
| Willamette - Middle | Yamhill River at Dayton | 5.0 | 10363 | 76 | 78 | 76 |
| Umatilla | Umatilla River at Yoakum | 37.2 | 10404 | 75 | 81 | 75 |
| Umpqua | Cow Creek at Mouth (Riddle) | 0.3 | 10997 | 75 | 90 | 75 |
| Umpqua | South Umpqua River at Days Creek Cutoff Road | 55.5 | 11484 | 74 | 92 | 74 |
| Umpqua | South Umpqua River at HWY 42 (Winston) | 21.2 | 10443 | 73 | 91 | 73 |
| Rogue | Little Butte Creek at Agate Road (White City) | 1.4 | 10602 | 72 | 82 | 72 |
| Umpqua | South Umpqua River at Stewart Park Road (Roseburg) | 10.7 | 11522 | 72 | 86 | 72 |
| Deschutes | Crooked River at Lone Pine Road | 29.9 | 10517 | 71 | 74 | 71 |
| Umatilla | Umatilla River at HWY 11 (Pendleton) | 57.1 | 10406 | 71 | 91 | 71 |
| South Coast | Pistol River at Pistol River Loop Road | 1.2 | 11493 | 70 | 86 | 70 |
| North Coast | Klaskanine River at Youngs River Loop Road (Olney) | 1.3 | 11904 | 65 | 87 | 65 |
| Willamette - Middle | Pudding River at HWY 99E (Aurora) | 8.1 | 10917 | 69 | 65 | 65 |
| Powder | Burnt River downstream of Huntington | 1.1 | 14336 | 63 | 75 | 63 |
| Rogue | Bear Creek at Kirtland Road | 0.9 | 11051 | 63 | 65 | 63 |
| Willamette - Lower | Fanno Creek at Bonita Road (Tigard) | 2.3 | 10469 | 63 | 67 | 63 |

Table 8. Monitored Sites Ranked by Minimum Seasonal Average OWQI Score - Very Poor Category

| Basin | Site | River Mile | LASAR Number | Summer Mean | FWS Mean | Minimum Seasonal Mean |
|---------------------|---|------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------------------|
| VERY POOR | | | | | | |
| North Coast | Tillamook River at Bewley Creek Road | 6.8 | 13440 | 59 | 79 | 59 |
| Willamette - Lower | Tualatin River at Elsner Road | 16.2 | 10458 | 59 | 63 | 59 |
| Willamette - Middle | Pudding River at HWY 211 (Woodburn) | 22.4 | 10640 | 59 | 62 | 59 |
| Willamette - Lower | Tualatin River at HWY 210 (Scholls) | 26.9 | 10459 | 56 | 63 | 56 |
| Willamette - Lower | Tualatin River at Boones Ferry Road | 8.6 | 10456 | 54 | 59 | 54 |
| Klamath | Klamath River downstream of Big Bend Powerhouse | 219.9 | 10764 | 53 | 76 | 53 |
| Umpqua | South Umpqua River at Melrose Road | 5.1 | 10442 | 53 | 86 | 53 |

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|-------|-------|----|----|----|
| Willamette - Lower | Beaverton Creek at Cornelius Pass Road (Orengo) | 0.3 | 10480 | 53 | 68 | 53 |
| South Coast | Millicoma River at Rooke Higgins Boat Ramp | 3.6 | 13570 | 52 | 89 | 52 |
| Umatilla | Umatilla River at Westland Road (Hermiston) | 8.7 | 11489 | 52 | 75 | 52 |
| Malheur | Malheur River at Little Valley | 49.0 | 11480 | 49 | 52 | 49 |
| Powder | Powder River at HWY 86 | 32.1 | 15566 | 49 | 70 | 49 |
| Willamette - Lower | Columbia Slough at Landfill Road | 2.6 | 11201 | 43 | 47 | 43 |
| South Coast | South Fork Coos River at Anson Rogers Bridge | 2.5 | 13574 | 38 | 86 | 38 |
| North Coast | Skipanon River at HWY 101 | 4.9 | 10812 | 37 | 74 | 37 |
| Owyhee | Owyhee River at HWY 201 | 2.9 | 10729 | 36 | 45 | 36 |
| Klamath | Link River at Mouth (Entrance to Lake Ewauna) | 0.1 | 10768 | 35 | 83 | 35 |
| Willamette - Lower | Johnson Creek at SE 17th Avenue (Portland) | 0.2 | 11321 | 30 | 35 | 30 |
| Malheur | Bully Creek at HWY 20 (Vale) | 2.3 | 11043 | 29 | 33 | 29 |
| Klamath | Klamath River at Keno | 234.2 | 10765 | 27 | 71 | 27 |
| Klamath | Lost River at HWY 39 (u/s Merrill) | 12.1 | 10759 | 25 | 35 | 25 |
| Malheur | Willow Creek at RR Xing east of Vale | 4.3 | 10728 | 25 | 26 | 25 |
| Malheur | Malheur River at HWY 201 (Ontario) | 0.5 | 10407 | 23 | 26 | 23 |
| Klamath | Klamath Strait at USBR Pump Station F | 2.0 | 10763 | 19 | 25 | 19 |

Summary Table

The following table (Table 9) summarizes water quality status and trends, using the Oregon Water Quality Index, for sites on the ambient water quality monitoring network. The stream sites are arranged alphabetically within major basins, which are also arranged alphabetically.

Table 9. OWQI Status and Trends Summary

| Site | RM | Score | Category | Trend | Magnitude |
|---|-------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|
| COLUMBIA | | | | | |
| Columbia River at Portland Marker 47 (u/s Willamette) | 102.5 | 87 | g | NT | |

RM: River Mile. **Score:** Minimum Seasonal Average. **Category Key:** e: Excellent; g: Good; f: Fair; p: Poor; vp: Very Poor. **Trend Key:** Dec.: Significant Decrease; Inc.: Significant Increase; NT: No significant Trend; ID: Insufficient data available.

Table 9.(continued) OWQI Status and Trends Summary

| Site | RM | Score | Category | Trend | Magnitude |
|---|-------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|
| DESCHUTES | | | | | |
| Crooked River at Conant Basin Road | 105.0 | 79 | p | NT | |
| Crooked River at Lone Pine Road | 29.9 | 71 | p | NT | |
| Deschutes River at Deschutes River Park (Mouth) | 1.0 | 81 | f | NT | |
| Deschutes River at Harper Bridge (Sunriver) | 191.7 | 91 | e | NT | |
| Deschutes River at Lower Bridge | 133.4 | 77 | p | NT | |
| Deschutes River at Mirror Pond (Bend) | 164.9 | 92 | e | NT | |
| Deschutes River at Pringle Falls | 217.0 | 91 | e | NT | |
| Deschutes River at Warm Springs | 96.8 | 86 | g | NT | |
| Little Deschutes River at HWY 42 | 4.0 | 92 | e | NT | |
| Metolius River at Bridge 99 (Camp Sherman) | 30.3 | 91 | e | NT | |
| GRANDE RONDE | | | | | |
| Grande Ronde River at Hilgard St. Park | 166.8 | 88 | g | Inc. | +4.6 |
| Grande Ronde River at HWY 82 (Elgin) | 99.0 | 81 | f | NT | |

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| Grande Ronde River at Peach Ln. (Island City) | 151.1 | 77 | p | Inc. | +6.0 |
| Minam River at Minam | 0.1 | 92 | e | NT | |
| Wallowa River at Minam | 10.0 | 86 | g | Dec. | -3.3 |
| HOOD | | | | | |
| Hood River at Hood River, OR | 1 | 82 | f | Dec. | -2.2 |
| JOHN DAY | | | | | |
| John Day River at HWY 206 | 39.5 | 76 | p | Inc. | +2.5 |
| John Day River at Service Creek | 157.4 | 84 | f | NT | |
| John Day River upstream of Dayville | 215.4 | 84 | f | NT | |
| North Fork John Day River at Kimberly | 0.2 | 89 | g | NT | |
| South Fork John Day River at Dayville | 0.2 | 87 | g | NT | |
| KLAMATH | | | | | |
| Klamath River at Keno | 234.2 | 27 | vp | Dec. | -5.4 |
| Klamath River downstream of Big Bend Powerhouse | 219.9 | 53 | vp | Dec. | -3.3 |
| Klamath Strait at USBR Pump Station F | 2.0 | 19 | vp | NT | |
| Link River at Mouth (Entrance to Lake Ewauna) | 0.1 | 35 | vp | NT | |
| Lost River at HWY 39 (u/s Merrill) | 12.1 | 25 | vp | NT | |
| Williamson River at Williamson River Store | 4.6 | 89 | g | NT | |
| MALHEUR | | | | | |
| Bully Creek at HWY 20 (Vale) | 2.3 | 29 | vp | NT | |
| Malheur River at HWY 201 (Ontario) | 0.5 | 23 | vp | NT | |
| Malheur River at Little Valley | 49.0 | 49 | vp | Dec. | -10.2 |
| Willow Creek at RR Xing east of Vale | 4.3 | 25 | vp | NT | |

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| Site | RM | Score | Category | Trend | Magnitude |
|--|------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|
| MID COAST | | | | | |
| Alesea River at Thissell Road | 17.7 | 91 | e | Dec. | -1.7 |
| Salmon River at Otis | 2.8 | 88 | g | Dec. | -3.3 |
| Siletz River 5 miles d/s Siletz | 30.9 | 90 | e | Dec. | -2.0 |
| Yaquina River downstream of Chitwood | 24.9 | 82 | f | NT | |
| Siuslaw River at Tide Wayside | 26.3 | 93 | e | N/A | |
| Beaver Creek North Fork at Ona Grange RM 4.8 | 4.8 | 89 | g | N/A | |
| NORTH COAST | | | | | |
| Clatskanie River at HWY 30 (Clatskanie) | 4.7 | 83 | f | NT | |
| Kilchis River at HWY 101 | 1 | 87 | g | Dec. | -2.0 |
| Klaskanine River at Youngs River Loop Road (Olney) | 1.3 | 65 | p | Dec. | -2.2 |
| Lewis & Clark River at Stavebolt Lane | 7.6 | 82 | f | NT | |
| Miami River at Moss Creek Road | 1.7 | 87 | g | NT | |
| Necanicum River at Riverside Lake Camp | 5.8 | 90 | e | NT | |
| Nehalem River at Foley Road | 7.8 | 88 | g | NT | |

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| Nestucca River at Cloverdale | 1.7 | 84 | f | Dec. | -3.3 |
| Nehalem River at HWY 202 Bridge in Birkenfeld | | 83 | f | N/A | |
| Skipanon River at HWY 101 | 4.9 | 37 | vp | NT | |
| Tillamook River at Bewley Creek Road | 6.8 | 59 | vp | Dec. | -1.3 |
| Trask River at HWY 101 | 4.2 | 86 | g | Dec. | -2.5 |
| Wilson River at HWY 101 | 1.8 | 86 | g | Dec. | -3.3 |
| Wilson River at HWY 6 | 8.5 | 90 | e | Dec. | -3.3 |
| Youngs River at Youngs River Loop Road | 8.9 | 89 | g | NT | |
| OWYHEE | | | | | |
| Owyhee River at HWY 201 | 2.9 | 36 | vp | NT | |
| POWDER | | | | | |
| Burnt River downstream of Huntington | 1.1 | 63 | p | NT | |
| Powder River at Campbell St. (Baker City) | 119.3 | 86 | g | NT | |
| Powder River at HWY 86 | 32.1 | 49 | vp | NT | |
| ROGUE | | | | | |
| Applegate River at HWY 199 | 2.6 | 86 | g | NT | |
| Bear Creek at Kirtland Road | 0.9 | 63 | p | NT | |
| Illinois River downstream of Kerby | 48.4 | 88 | g | NT | |
| Little Butte Creek at Agate Road (White City) | 1.4 | 72 | p | NT | |
| Rogue River at Dodge Park | 138.4 | 92 | e | NT | |
| Rogue River at Lobster Point Bridge | 11.0 | 87 | g | Dec. | -2.0 |
| Rogue River at Robertson Bridge (Merlin) | 86.6 | 86 | g | NT | |
| Rogue River at Rock Point Bridge (Gold Hill) | 117.3 | 85 | g | Dec. | -1.4 |

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|--|------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|
| SANDY | | | | | |
| Sandy River at Troutdale Bridge | 3.1 | 88 | g | NT | |
| SOUTH COAST | | | | | |
| Chetco River at USGS Gage | 10.8 | 90 | e | NT | |
| Coquille River at Sturdivant Park Dock | 24.5 | 82 | f | Dec. | -4.0 |
| Elk River at HWY 101 | 3.4 | 92 | e | NT | |
| Floras Creek at HWY 101 | 4.1 | 84 | f | NT | |
| Middle Fork Coquille River at HWY 42 | 0.2 | 87 | g | Dec. | -3.4 |
| Millicoma River at Rooke Higgins Boat Ramp | 3.6 | 52 | vp | NT | |
| Smith River 4.4 Miles d/s Smith River Falls | | 91 | e | N/A | |
| North Fork Coquille River at HWY 42 | 0.2 | 87 | g | Dec. | -2.5 |
| Pistol River at Pistol River Loop Road | 1.2 | 70 | p | Inc. | +1.7 |
| Sixes River at HWY 101 | 5.5 | 90 | e | NT | |
| South Fork Coos River at Anson Rogers Bridge | 2.5 | 38 | vp | NT | |
| South Fork Coquille River at Broadbent | 10.0 | 83 | f | Dec. | -3.3 |
| Winchuck River upstream of HWY 101 | 2.5 | 95 | e | NT | |

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|---|------|----|----|----|--|
| McKay Creek at Kirk St. (Pendleton) | 1.5 | 81 | f | NT | |
| Umatilla River at HWY 11 (Pendleton) | 57.1 | 71 | p | NT | |
| Umatilla River at Westland Road (Hermiston) | 8.7 | 52 | vp | NT | |
| Umatilla River at Yoakum | 37.2 | 75 | p | NT | |

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|--|------|----|----|------|------|
| Calapooya Creek at Umpqua | 0.4 | 78 | p | NT | |
| Cow Creek at Mouth (Riddle) | 0.3 | 75 | p | NT | |
| Elk Creek at Elkton | 0.2 | 80 | f | NT | |
| North Umpqua River at Garden Valley Road | 1.8 | 88 | g | Dec. | -2.0 |
| South Umpqua River at Days Creek Cutoff Road | 55.5 | 74 | p | NT | |
| South Umpqua River at HWY 42 (Winston) | 21.2 | 73 | p | Dec. | -2.0 |
| South Umpqua River at Melrose Road | 5.1 | 53 | vp | NT | |
| South Umpqua River at Stewart Park Road (Roseburg) | 10.7 | 72 | p | Dec. | -5.0 |
| Umpqua River at Elkton | 48.4 | 84 | f | Dec. | -2.5 |

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|--|------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|
| WILLAMETTE - LOWER | | | | | |
| Beaverton Creek at Cornelius Pass Road (Orenco) | 0.3 | 53 | vp | Dec. | -5.0 |
| Clackamas River at High Rocks | 1.2 | 93 | e | NT | |
| Clackamas River at McIver Park (Upper Boat Ramp) | 22.6 | 95 | e | NT | |
| Clackamas River at Memaloose Road | 35.7 | 95 | e | NT | |
| Columbia Slough at Landfill Road | 2.6 | 43 | vp | Inc. | +15.1 |
| Fanno Creek at Bonita Road (Tigard) | 2.3 | 63 | p | Dec. | -5.0 |
| Johnson Creek at SE 17th Avenue (Portland) | 0.2 | 30 | vp | NT | |
| Swan Island Channel midpoint (Willamette River) | 0.5 | 81 | f | NT | |
| Tualatin River at Boones Ferry Road | 8.6 | 54 | vp | Dec. | -19.0 |
| Tualatin River at Elsner Road | 16.2 | 59 | vp | Dec. | -24.3 |
| Tualatin River at HWY 210 (Scholls) | 26.9 | 56 | vp | Dec. | -28.1 |
| Tualatin River at Rood Bridge | 39.0 | 80 | f | NT | |
| Willamette River at Hawthorne Bridge | 13.2 | 85 | g | NT | |
| Willamette River at SP&S RR Bridge (Portland) | 7.0 | 82 | f | NT | |
| WILLAMETTE - MIDDLE | | | | | |
| Mollala River at Canby | 3 | 89 | g | NT | |
| North Santiam River at Coopers Ridge Road | 63.8 | 95 | e | NT | |
| North Santiam River at Gates School Road | 39.0 | 94 | e | NT | |
| North Santiam River at Green's Bridge | 2.9 | 94 | e | NT | |
| North Yamhill River at Poverty Bend Road | 4.5 | 81 | f | Dec. | -2.5 |
| Pudding River at HWY 211 (Woodburn) | 22.4 | 59 | vp | NT | |
| Pudding River at HWY 99E (Aurora) | 8.1 | 65 | p | NT | |
| South Santiam River at HWY 226 (Crabtree) | 7.6 | 93 | e | NT | |

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|--|-------|----|---|------|------|
| South Yamhill River at HWY 99W | 16.5 | 84 | f | NT | |
| Willamette River at Canby Ferry | 34.4 | 86 | g | NT | |
| Willamette River at Salem | 84 | 89 | g | NT | |
| Willamette River at Wheatland Ferry | 71.9 | 88 | g | NT | |
| Yamhill River at Dayton | 5.0 | 76 | p | NT | |
| WILLAMETTE - UPPER | | | | | |
| Calapooia River at Queens Road (Albany) | 3.0 | 81 | f | NT | |
| Coast Fork Willamette River at Mt. Pisgah Park | 3.0 | 87 | g | Inc. | +2.0 |
| Long Tom River at Stow Pit Road (Monroe) | 4.7 | 78 | p | NT | |
| Mary's River at HWY 99W (Corvallis) | 0.2 | 85 | g | NT | |
| McKenzie River at Coburg Road | 7.1 | 91 | e | NT | |
| McKenzie River at Hendricks Bridge | 24.0 | 94 | e | NT | |
| McKenzie River at McKenzie Bridge | 68.1 | 94 | e | NT | |
| Middle Fork Willamette River at Jasper Bridge | 8.0 | 93 | e | Inc. | +1.5 |
| Willamette River at HWY 126 (Springfield) | 185.3 | 93 | e | NT | |
| Willamette River at HWY 20 (Albany) | 119.3 | 89 | g | NT | |
| Willamette River at HWY 34 (Corvallis) | 131.4 | 89 | g | NT | |
| Willamette River at HWY 99E (Harrisburg) | 161.2 | 91 | e | NT | |

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