

Proposed Modification of WPCF Permit for Sunset Bay State Park

The purpose of this notice is to invite you to provide written comments on this proposed Water Pollution Control Permit (WPCF) permit modification.

DEQ's Role:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is responsible for protecting and enhancing Oregon's water and air quality, for cleaning up spills and releases of hazardous materials, and for managing the proper disposal of hazardous and solid wastes. One way DEQ does this is by requiring permits for certain activities. DEQ issues permits to regulate the type and amount of wastewater produced at a regulated facility.

Comments due:

Written comments due: 5 p.m. February 24, 2012

Where can I send my comments?

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Where can I get background information?

Information about this project is viewable online by clicking the following link(s):

- [Evaluation Report](#)
- [Permit](#)

You can review hard copies of the draft permit modification and related documents at the nearest DEQ office in Coos Bay. For a review appointment in Coos Bay, call Steve Nichols at (541)269-2721, ext. 223.

What is proposed?

DEQ proposes to modify a WPCF permit for Sunset Bay State Park and is inviting public comment on the proposed permitting action. During the comment period the public is invited to make comments related to the draft permit modification.

The Department initiated the modification of the WPCF wastewater discharge permit to correct an inconsistency with Department policy. The Department's policy is to allow irrigation in conformance with a Department-approved Recycled Water Use Plan rather than place a calendar based restriction within the permit. In December 2004, when the WPCF permit for Sunset Bay State Park was issued, it limited irrigation to April through October rather than in conformance with the Recycled Water Use Plan.

Permit expiration

The permit will expire on November 30, 2014. No change in the expiration date is proposed.

Who is the applicant?

Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department
89814 Cape Arago Highway
Coos Bay, OR 97420

Where is the facility located?

89814 Cape Arago Highway
Coos Bay, Oregon

Who might have an interest?

People who work, live, and recreate in the area.

What does Sunset Bay State Park do that affects water quality?

The facility is authorized to construct, install, modify, or operate a wastewater treatment, collection, control and disposal system and to land apply adequately treated wastewater. Discharge to surface waters is prohibited.

What legal requirements apply?

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 468B and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 340 Division 45 give DEQ the authority to issue permits.

How does DEQ determine what requirements go in the permit?

Various federal and state regulations apply to a facility depending on the facility type, the type and amount of wastewater discharged, and the location of the facility. All applicable regulations must be contained in the permit, including the appropriate recordkeeping, monitoring, and reporting requirements to ensure compliance with these rules.



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The Department used the appropriate Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) for this permit modification.

What are the known health effects or environmental impacts of the permitted discharge by Sunset Bay State Park?

Domestic sewage may expose the public to diseases if it is not properly collected, treated and disposed of.

How are the permitted substances measured?

Schedule B of the permit requires monitoring of various influent and effluent parameters at specified minimum frequencies. Sampling and measurement procedures must be done according to the permit.

Compliance history:

There were no compliance issues during the last permit cycle.

What are the special conditions of this permit?

No other changes to the permit are proposed.

What other DEQ permits are required?

None.

What similar activities take place in the vicinity of the facility?

None.

What other information about this agency is related to this permit?

None.

What happens next?

DEQ will consider and provide responses to all comments received at the close of the comment period. DEQ may modify the conditions proposed, but the permit writers can only modify conditions of the permit in accordance with the rules and statutes under the authority of DEQ. Participation in the rulemaking or the legislative process is the only way to change the rules or statutes. Ultimately, if a facility meets all legal requirements, DEQ will issue the facility's WPCF permit modification.

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