

MINUTES
IMST Turbidity Review Subcommittee
April 3, 2006
Nash Hall, Room 104J
Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331

IMST Members in Attendance

Carl Yee (via phone)
Bob Hughes
Carl Schreck

Others Attending

Kathy Maas-Hebner (OSU), IMST staff

No members of the public were present

Carl Yee convened the meeting at 8:40 AM

The subcommittee discussed the draft document “Technical basis for revising turbidity criteria” and major issues to include in the IMST’s review. Seven major issues were identified:

1. linear vs. non-linear effects of turbidity on fish
2. DEQ’s current reference conditions for natural turbidity levels
3. differences/consequences of relative vs. absolute standards
4. arbitrary use of definitions and standards
5. redundancies in the document making it difficult to read
6. document is fish-centric and other aquatic organisms, including mussels, amphibians, and algae can be adversely affected by turbidity

The subcommittee agreed that the draft document includes a good literature review and analysis.

ACTION: Yee will revise the draft subcommittee comments and distribute to the subcommittee and the other IMST members prior to the May 25, 2006 IMST public meeting for a brief discussion with the Team.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Minutes were prepared by staff and reviewed by the subcommittee for accuracy.

AUDIO TAPES OF THIS MEETING ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD. Please contact Bev Goodreau (503) 986-0187.