Oregon DEQ Division 33 Review Summary Sheet



Application Information

Applicant Name:	ESTHER SCHAN TRUST	Application Number:	S-89224
Basin & Sub-basin:	Umpqua Basin & North Umpqua sub-basin	Requested Water Amount:	0.01 cfs
Nearest Surface Water:	North Umpqua	Nearest Receiving Waterbody:	North Umpqua
Proposed Use:	Domestic use expanded for one household	Requested Period of Use:	Year-round

\square Lower Columbia \square Upper Columbia \boxtimes Statewide		
Upper and Lower Columbia Basins only : Based upon the review completed below, does the proposed use comply with existing state and federal water quality standards or may conditions be applied to bring the use into compliance?	□ No	☐ Yes ☐ Insufficient data
Statewide: Will the proposed use result in water quality impacts that will cause either "loss" or "net loss" of essential habitat of sensitive threatened or endangered (ST&E) fish species? (Note: the presence of ST&E fish species is determined by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.)	□ No	

1. Riparian: If the riparian area is disturbed in the process of developing, modifying or repairing a point of diversion under this water use permit, the permittee shall be responsible for restoration and enhancement of such riparian area in accordance with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Habitat Mitigation Policy described in Oregon Administrative Rule OAR Chapter 635-415. Prior to development, modification or repairs at the point of diversion, the permittee shall submit, to the Oregon Water Resources Department, either a Riparian Mitigation Plan approved in writing by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) or a written declaration from ODFW that riparian mitigation is not necessary. The permittee shall maintain the riparian area for the life of the permit and subsequent certificate per the approved Riparian Mitigation Plan. The permittee is hereby directed to contact the local Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Fish Biologist prior to development of the point of diversion.

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Prior to issuance of a Proposed Final Order, the applicant shall submit a mitigation proposal that is of no less volume and rate than the permitted use. The proposal shall include water that is sourced upstream of the point of diversion or appropriation, or the uppermost point on the stream at which the potential for surface water interference occurs. If a surface water right is used for mitigation, it shall be transferred instream for the [month-month] time period and of similar water quality. The applicant should contact their OWRD caseworker to discuss flow mitigation options. Flow mitigation is site-specific, therefore DEQ recommends written approval of the mitigation proposal by DEQ prior to issuance of a proposed final order.

Recommended Permit Conditions

1. Water Quality: All water use under this permit shall comply with state and federal water quality laws. The permittee shall not violate any state and federal water quality standards, shall not cause pollution of any waters of the state, and shall not place or cause to be placed any wastes in a location where such wastes are likely to escape or be carried into the waters of the state by any means. The use may be restricted if the quality of source stream or downstream waters decrease to the point that those waters no longer meet

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If yes, then prior to permit issuance, the applicant must provide suitable flow mitigation. You may skip to question 7.

3. Water Quality Limited

Is this source Water Quality Limited or a tributary to a w	ater quality limi	ted water body?	Note: limit
downstream review to 6^{th} field HUC for parameters that	diminished flow	can affect (temp	erature, dissolved
oxygen, pH, etc.).	□ No		

Integrated Report 303(d) List Summary Table

Assessment Unit Name	Assessment Unit Description	Parameter	Status*	Beneficial Uses
ivaille	Description			
		Flow Modification	Category 4C	Fish and Aquatic Life
		Temperature- Spawning	Category 5	Fish and Aquatic Life
		Temperature- Year Round	Category 5	Fish and Aquatic Life
				Fish and Aquatic Life; Private
	Little River to confluence			Domestic Water Supply; Public
North Umpqua River	with Umpqua River	Turbidity	Category 5	Domestic Water Supply
HUC12 Name: Cooper	Watershed Unit (1st			
Creek-North Umpqua	through 4th order			
River	streams)	Temperature- Year Round	Category 5	Fish and Aquatic Life

^{*}Integrated Report Category

Category 4 - Data indicate that at least one designated use is not supported, but a TMDL is not needed to address the pollutant

Category 4A - Clean-up plans (also called TMDLs) that will result in the waterbody meeting water quality standards and supporting

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Category 4B - Other pollution control requirements are expected to address pollutant of concern and will result in attainment of water quality standards

Category 4C - The impairment is caused by pollution, not a pollutant. For example, flow, or lack of flow, are not considered pollutants, but may be affecting the waterbody's beneficial uses

Category 5 - Data indicate a designated use is not supported or a water quality standard is not attained and a TMDL is needed. This category constitutes the Section 303(d) list that EPA will approve or disapprove under the Clean Water Act

Analysis: [If the answer to question 3 is yes, then describe how the use does or does not comply with existing state and federal water quality standards, and how the use may affect ST&E fish species habitat.]

Diminished flows in the North Umpqua River can affect the following water quality impairments: The North Umpqua River does not meet Oregon's stream temperature standards. Oregon's stream temperature standards are based on the life cycle needs of salmonids and other resident fish and aquatic life. Water temperatures are influenced by solar radiation, stream shade, ambient air temperatures, channel morphology, groundwater inflows, and stream velocity, volume, and flow. Surface water temperatures may also be warmed by anthropogenic activities such as discharging heated water, changing stream width or depth, reducing stream shading, and water withdrawals. Stream temperatures that exceed the standards can disrupt the life cycle of a sensitive, threatened, or endangered fish species and may even cause death. In waterbodies where temperatures exceed standards, additional summertime water withdrawals will reduce the stream's heat capacity and cause greater fluctuation in daytime and nighttime stream temperatures. This will result in the diminution of habitat of sensitive, threatened, or endangered fish species.

Fish and aquatic life need variable stream flows to trigger life stages and migration events. Some triggers are dependent on a change in flow, some triggers are dependent on a change in temperature. Dams and diversions alter the volume, timing, and temperature of flows. This prevents fish and aquatic life from accessing habitat or changing life stages at the appropriate time. Dams can also increase water clarity which promotes algal growth. Dams and diversions can prevent fish passage, which fragments river systems, isolates previously continuous populations, and prevents the migrations of sensitive, threatened, or endangered fish species.

Recommended Conditions: [Consider if water quality can be protected by limiting the rate and quantity of water used, period of use, or by including other permit conditions.] **Water Quality, Riparian**

4. Total Maximum Daily Load Summary

Are there TMDLs established for parameters identified as being affected by flow modification? \square No \boxtimes Yes

Analysis: [List TMDL, identify the load allocation, and if flow modification is a contributing factor. Describe how the use does or does not comply with existing state and federal water quality standards and how the use may affect ST&E fish species habitat.]

The Umpqua Basin has an approved TMDL for stream temperature (DEQ, 2006). DEQ is currently under court order to replace the Umpqua River Basin TMDL – including The North Umpqua River. The current Umpqua River Basin temperature TMDL is in effect until the new one is approved.

The current Umpqua River Basin TMDL applies to perennial and fish bearing streams within the Umpqua River basin, including the North Umpqua River and defines salmonid fish spawning and rearing, anadromous fish passage, resident fish and aquatic life, and fishing are the most sensitive beneficial uses. The TMDL addresses anthropogenic heat from (1) warm water discharges to surface waters, (2) increased solar radiation loading, and (3) flow modifications that affect natural thermal regimes. Water quality data and modeling has shown that withdrawals decrease the capacity of streams to assimilate pollutant loads. Therefore, additional withdrawals have the potential to warm stream temperatures. In the North Umpqua River, the natural thermal potential temperature exceeds the numeric criterion (16°C), so there is no assimilative capacity in the North Umpqua River below Steamboat Creek. The proposed withdrawal has the potential to impair ST&E fish species habitat during the critical period (June - September).

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5. Cumulative Withdrawals Effects

Is it likely that the proposed activity, together with existin	g withdrawals	s in the OWRD's W	Vater Availability Basin
(WAB), will lower water quality and impair aquatic life?	⊠ No	☐ Yes	

Water Availability and Cumulative Impacts Summary Table

Percent of natural flow = (consumptive use/natural stream flow)*100. See Appendix for additional instructions.

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Watershed ID	Exceedance Level	Month	Natural Stream Flow	Consumptive Use	Expected Stream Flow	Reserved Stream Flows	Instream Requirement	Net Water Available	Percent of Flow
71174	50	JAN	4650	61.4	4590	0	1350	3240	1%
71174	50	FEB	4860	62	4800	0	1350	3450	1%
71174	50	MAR	4590	51.3	4540	0	1350	3190	1%
71174	50	APR	4460	53.6	4410	0	1350	3060	1%
71174	50	MAY	3590	57.8	3530	0	1350	2180	2%
71174	50	JUN	2150	63.1	2090	0	1350	737	3%
71174	50	JUL	1290	68.1	1220	0	1290	-68.1	5%
71174	50	AUG	996	64.8	931	0	996	-64.8	7%
71174	50	SEP	982	59.8	922	0	982	-59.8	6%
71174	50	OCT	1190	51.3	1140	0	1190	-51.3	4%
71174	50	NOV	2340	55.8	2280	0	1350	934	2%

71174	50	DEC	4710	61.5	4650	0	1350	3300	1%
71174	50	ANN	2160000	42900	2110000	0	921000	1210000	2%
Monthly fl	ow in Cubic Feet per Se	cond (CFS). Annual fl	ow in Acre Feet (AF)). Highlight month	s that exceed 20% of perce	ent of flow.		<u> </u>	
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If water quality can be protected by applying permit conditions, then select all appropriate conditions from

the standardized menu of conditions.

Recommended conditions: [List conditions]

PRE-PROPOSED FINAL ORDER ACTIONS

DEQ recommends that the applicant provide suitable replacement water as mitigation for anticipated impacts to water quality and more specifically the habitat of sensitive, threatened, and endangered fish species. Additional mitigation may be required from other Interagency Review Team members (for example: OWRD may require mitigation for periods when water is not available). Surface water flow mitigation is unlikely to provide the same benefit that groundwater can provide to gaining stream reaches. However, if groundwater mitigation is unavailable within the same aquifer, surface water mitigation may provide suitable mitigation.

Flow Mitigation Obligation:

Prior to issuance of a Proposed Final Order, the applicant shall submit a mitigation proposal that is of no less volume and rate than the permitted use. The proposal shall include water that is sourced upstream of the point of diversion or appropriation, or the uppermost point on the stream at which the potential for surface water interference occurs. If a surface water right is used for mitigation, it shall be instream for the *month - month time* period and of similar water quality. The applicant should contact their OWRD caseworker to discuss flow mitigation options.

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Water Storage Construction: The applicant shall locate the reservoir outside of the stream's natural channel. *identify waterbody and set back to prevent stream capture and justification for distance selected.*

(Note to reviewer: The 1200C permit requires a 50-foot setback, which is cited from the National General Construction Permit OAR-660-023-0090(5). Requiring the storage reservoir to be outside of the mapped 100 year floodway may also be a protective buffer.)

Construction Activities: 1200-C NPDES Stormwater Construction permit coverage is required from DEQ or Agent for construction activities (clearing, grading, excavation, grubbing, stumping, demolition, staging, stockpiling and other land disturbing activities) that will disturb one or more acres, or that will disturb less than one acre of land but is part of a common plan of development or sale that will ultimately disturb one or more acres of land and have the potential to discharge to surface waters or to a conveyance system that leads to surface waters of the state.

In-Water or Riparian Construction: For in-water or riparian construction, permittee may be required to obtain additional permits from the Oregon Department of State Lands, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the DEQ Section 401 certification program prior to construction. The applicant must contact these agencies to confirm requirements.

Herbicide Applications: When herbicide application is within three feet of water, the permittee is responsible for ensuring that herbicide application laws are met, and that they obtain from DEQ any necessary pesticide application permits, including the 2300-A Pesticide General Permit or the 2000-J NPDES General Permit. Polluted return flows are not allowed to enter waters of the state per ORS 468B.025(1).

STANDARIZED MENU OF CONDITIONS

Water Quality: All water use under this permit shall comply with state and federal water quality laws. The permittee shall not violate any state and federal water quality standards, shall not cause pollution of any waters of the state, and shall not place or cause to be placed any wastes in a location where such wastes are likely to escape or be carried into the waters of the state by any means. The use may be restricted if the quality of source stream or downstream waters decrease to the point that those waters no longer meet existing state or federal water quality standards. Permittee is responsible for obtaining any necessary state and federal permits.

Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Rules: The permittee shall comply with basin-specific Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Rules described in Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 603-095. The permittee shall protect riparian areas, including through irrigation practices and the management of any livestock, allowing site capable vegetation to establish and grow along streams, while providing the following functions: shade (on perennial and some intermittent streams), bank stability, and infiltration or filtration of overland runoff.

Flow Restrictor: The permittee shall install a flow control valve on the diversion system to limit use to the permitted rate. The valve shall be in place, functional, and verified by the Certified Water Rights Examiner before a certificate is issued. The valve or a suitable replacement shall remain in place for the life of the water right.

Limit Rate: Water withdrawal shall be limited to *Enter CFS or AF for the defined period, or a month by month rate or volume*.

Limit Period of Use: Water use shall be limited to the period: start date through end date.

(Note to reviewer: Do not split the irrigation season. Require mitigation if water is not available during the requested time period.)

Limit Diversion: The permittee shall not divert water under this water use permit unless streamflow in the waterbody name is at or above *CFS* cubic foot per second, as determined at **Gaging Station ID** .

Off-Channel Stored Water Releases: The permittee shall not release polluted water from this off-channel reservoir into waters of the state except when the release is directed by the State Engineer to prevent dam failure.

On-Channel Reservoir: The permittee shall design and operate the water storage facility such that all waters within and below the reservoir meet water quality criteria. The permittee shall develop a reservoir operations plan that details how water quality criteria and standards will be met. A Certified Water Rights Examiner shall verify that the reservoir operations are consistent with the plan before a certificate is issued. The reservoir operator shall maintain a copy of the plan and make it available for review upon request.

Restrict Reservoir Release: To prevent pollution downstream, the permittee shall not release water from the reservoir when the flow at Gaging Station ID (gage name) is below the Mean Daily Discharge of *CFS* (discharge which was equaled or exceeded for 90% percent of the time) except when the release is directed by the State Engineer to prevent dam failure.

Live Flow: Once the allocated volume has been stored, permittee shall pass all live flow downstream at a rate equal to inflow, using methods that protect instream water quality.

Lining: The permittee shall line the reservoir with *include material or allowable infiltration rate* to minimize seepage and protect groundwater quality per Oregon Administrative Rule 340-040. The liner is to be in place,

inspected, and approved by the Certified Water Rights examiner prior to storage of water.* If the liner fails, the water user shall replace it within one calendar year. **Site-Specific Condition**: The permittee shall

^{*} OAR 690-410-0010(2)(a), OAR 690-310-0120, OAR 690-310-0140

Appendix: General Overview, Instructions for Water Availability Analysis, and Process Flow Chart

General Overview

The purpose of OAR Chapter 690, Division 33 is to aid the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) in determining whether a proposed use will impair or be detrimental to the public interest with regard to listed sensitive, threatened, or endangered (ST&E) fish species. Oregon's stream temperature, dissolved oxygen (DO), pH and several other water quality standards are based on the life cycle needs of salmonids and other resident fish and aquatic life. Exceeding the standards can disrupt the life cycle of a ST&E fish species and may cause death. In addition, OWRD must consider water quality impacts as part of a public interest review, OAR 690-310-0120. Water quality impacts and conditions unrelated to ST&E species should be noted as "Division 310" in the recommendations to OWRD. The DEQ's Water Right Application Review Procedures document contains a full description of the review process.

The two main categories of Division 33 reviews are based on the geographic distribution of ST&E fish species:

- o **For Proposed Uses in the Columbia River Basin,** reviews must determine whether a proposed use complies with existing state and federal water quality standards. Upper Columbia applications specifically require applicants to provide evidence that the proposed use complies with existing state and federal water quality standards. <u>Geographic scope</u>: Columbia River Basin (includes all waters that ultimately drain into the Columbia River).
- o **For Proposed Uses Statewide,** review is conducted under the "Statewide review" procedure. Statewide reviews must determine whether a proposed use may affect ST&E fish species habitat. The statewide review procedure is intended to identify permit conditions that can prevent the "loss" or "net loss" of essential habitat of ST&E fish species. When permit conditions cannot be identified that meet this standard, then the DEQ recommends denial of the permit. <u>Geographic scope</u>: all areas outside the Columbia River Basin where OWRD determines ST&E fish species are present.

Instructions for Populating the Water Availability Summary Table using data from OWRD's WAB (Section 5)

- Open OWRD's Water Availability Reporting System.
- Search for the water availability basin of interest. Select 50% exceedance. The 50% exceedance stream flow is the stream flow that occurs at least half of the time.
- The water availability analysis will display a nested list of watersheds that contain the POD. Select the highest nesting order WAB that contains the POD.
- Download to an Excel spreadsheet. Percent of flow is calculated using this equation:

$$Percent of Flow = \frac{Consumptive Use}{Natural Stream Flow} * 100$$

You may choose to add the proposed rate (or storage amount) to the consumptive use.

Instructions for Water Availability Analysis

To complete Section 6, review and consider the cumulative impact of consumptive withdrawals using the OWRD WAB. All water withdrawals and the following factors should be considered when conducting a water availability analysis.

- Instream Flow: Consider the percent of natural flow removed from the stream in each month (see right-most column in Water Availability and Cumulative Impacts Summary Table). Based on best professional judgment, evaluate if the cumulative withdrawal is likely to cause impairment to aquatic life or water quality. Water quality standards are established to protect aquatic life. In scientific literature, researchers have identified ecological harm occurring when flows are reduced by >6-35% of daily flow¹. Consider the seasonality of any listings and season of withdrawal to determine impact for each month of the year.
- Antidegradation: Rule 340-041-0004 applies: withdrawals cannot cumulatively increase a waterbody's temperature by more than 0.5 degrees Fahrenheit or cause a 0.1 mg/l decrease in dissolved oxygen from the upstream end of a stream reach to the downstream end of the reach so long as it has no adverse effects on threatened and endangered species. See OAR 340-041-0004(3)-(5) for a description in rule of activities that do not result in lowering of water quality.
- Flow modification: Consider if cumulative withdrawals are contributing to flow modification and a likely limiting factor in the waterbody at certain times of the year. Temperature and dissolved oxygen are flow-related parameters. When streamflow is reduced, assimilative capacity is reduced. As a waterbody heats up, dissolved oxygen concentrations decline. Reduced stream flows (including groundwater inputs to streamflow), exacerbate temperature and/or dissolved oxygen impairments.
- **Temperature**: Increases in temperature or a reduction in dissolved oxygen adversely impacts ST&E fish. Fish require different temperature and concentrations of dissolved oxygen based on species and life history stage. Oregon's temperature and dissolved oxygen limits are based on the most sensitive species and the life history stage of those species at the location and season of concern. Additional heat or reduction in dissolved oxygen concentrations will further impact these species habitat. Reduced flows can also increase the concentrations of phosphorous, bacteria, pesticides and metals.

Instructions for Calculating "Limit Diversion" Rate

This condition is selected to limit withdrawals once the cumulative withdrawals in the watershed have exceeded the protective threshold of 20 percent and/or the ISWR is not fully protective of aquatic life. A different value can be selected, but the reviewer should state why a particular percent was selected.

"Natural stream flow" is obtained from OWRD's Water Availability Reporting System. The condition is applied on a monthly timeframe based on OWRD's data.

"Natural stream flow" – (percent of flow * "natural stream flow") = Expected Stream Flow

The applicant would have to stop using when instream flows drop below the Expected Stream Flow.

Example:

Natural stream flow for a particular month = 1200 CFS

1200 CFS - (.2 * 1200 CFS) = 960 CFS

¹ Richter BD, Davis MM, Apse C, Konrad C. 2011. Short Communication, A Presumptive Standard For Environmental Flow Protection. River Research and Applications. Published online in Wiley Online Library (wileyonlinelibrary.com), DOI: 10.002/rra.1551

DEQ Water Right Review Flow Chart

