

Summary of Work Group Preliminary Recommendations

Preliminary Work Group Recommendations for OSS Inspections

- In general, the Work Group believed the state's OSS inspection requirements are adequate. (Conventional gravity systems must be inspected at least once every three years, and all other systems must be inspected at least once every year). The Work Group did not recommend more frequent inspection requirements.
- For conventional gravity systems (which are required by state law to be inspected every 3 years), OSS owners should be required to have a professional inspection at least once every 6 years. OSS owners who have received County-sponsored (or other approved) training should be allowed to conduct the alternate inspections.
- For pump systems (which are required by state law to be inspected annually) OSS owners should be required to get a professional inspection at least once every two years (unless the manufacturer requires more frequent inspections and/or requires a certified inspector). OSS owners who have received County-sponsored (or other approved) training could inspect their own systems in alternate years.

Preliminary Work Group Recommendations for Marine Recovery Areas

- One MRA should be designated, with the same boundaries as the existing Clean Water District.
- OSS owners within the Marine Recovery Area should be required to get a professional inspection during the first year. After this initial inspection, OSS owners who have received County-sponsored (or other approved) training could alternate between professional inspections and inspecting the OSS themselves.
- Clallam County should review its siting and design requirements for OSS in the MRA and revise them if necessary to address the specific environmental concerns in the MRA.
- The MRA should be a priority area for water quality monitoring to assist the County in early identification of failing OSS.

Preliminary Work Group Recommendations for Sensitive Areas

- The following areas should be listed as sensitive areas:
 - ✓ Lake Sutherland (and its drainages)
 - ✓ Lake Pleasant
 - ✓ Lake Crescent
 - ✓ Lake Ozette
 - ✓ The Carlsborg area
 - ✓ Floodways
- OSS owners within sensitive areas should be required to get a professional inspection during the first year. After this initial inspection, OSS owners who have received County-sponsored (or other approved) training could alternate between professional inspections and inspecting the OSS themselves.
- Clallam County should review its siting and design requirements for OSS in sensitive areas and revise them if necessary to address the specific environmental concerns in each sensitive area.
- Sensitive areas should be high priorities for water quality monitoring to assist the County in early identification of failing OSS.
- The plan should be flexible enough to allow the County to identify new sensitive areas if data show that OSS is posing increased public health risks. The County should track all water quality monitoring data collected in the County, including Streamkeepers and Surfriders water quality monitoring data.

NOTE: The County is reviewing the state regulation for sensitive areas to determine whether there are additional areas that are not covered by the preliminary list from the Work Group and are not in the recommended MRA. If the County identifies additional sensitive areas that need to be added to the list it will bring this back to the Work Group.

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