

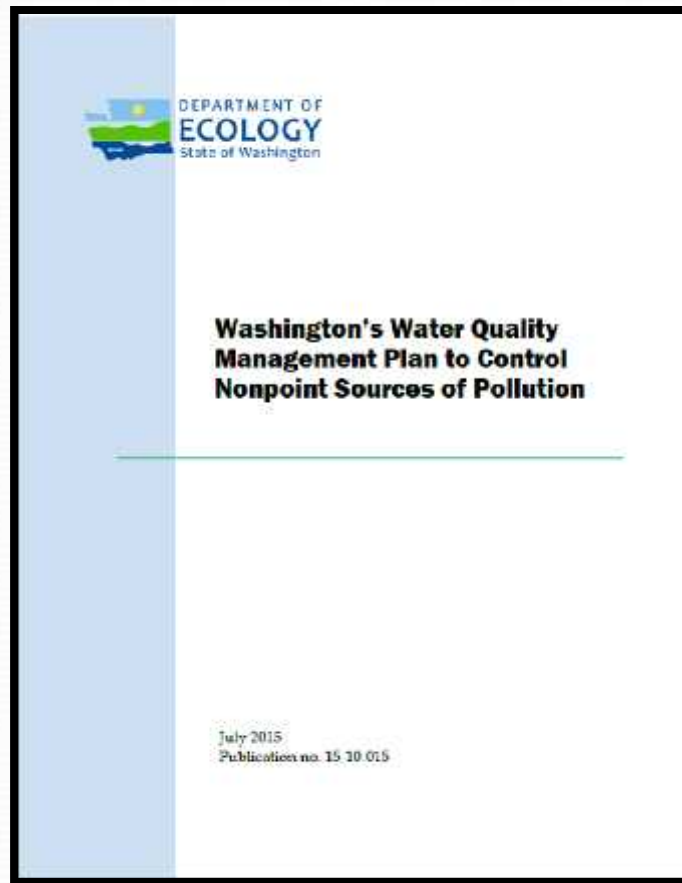
Spokane River Forum:

WA State BMP Process



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Nonpoint Plan Update





BMP Guidance

- Identify combinations of best managements practices (BMPs) that, when implemented for specified agricultural uses, result in compliance with state water quality standards.
 - Inventory existing BMPs.
 - (if needed) refine those BMPs.
 - Assemble those BMPs into combinations that adequately address all sources of pollutants at a site.

Why is this Important?





How will we approach this work?

- Work with tribal, federal, and local governments, stakeholders, and other interested parties to collaboratively design a process to identify water quality compliant BMP combinations.



How will we get feedback/input?

- An **online questionnaire** will be made broadly available to interested parties to solicit advice and input.
- Ecology will **meet with existing groups** engaged in agriculture and water quality issues to seek input.
- **Interviews** with a limited number of interested parties (individually or in small groups) will be conducted to gather more detailed input.
- **Targeted research** into agricultural BMP development processes in other states will be carried out to help identify potential process best practices and pitfalls.



Timeline

- March 2016: Initial Conversations with stakeholder groups.
- April-July 2016: Collect feedback (Online survey; interviews; research other states; continue meeting with stakeholder groups)
- August-October 2016: Share what we have heard from stakeholders and release draft process
- December 2016: Finalize Process
- January 2017: Implement Process



Questions

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Balancing Nonregulatory Tools with Enforcement



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