

Training Environmental Stewards from
Mountains to Ocean

Appendix

Appendix A: Water Law Resource List

Introduction

Introduction to Laws and Regulations, U.S. EPA: Website summarizing the federal law-making process.

Available at: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/lawintro.htm>.

Major Environmental Laws, U.S. EPA: Website summarizing major statutes or laws applicable to EPA programs.

Available at: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/laws.htm>

Naiman, R.J. and Bilby R.E. (eds.) (1998). *River Ecology and Management, Lessons From the Pacific Coastal Ecoregion*. New York: Springer-Verlag: Chapter 22 summarizes major federal and state river laws.

Federal Laws

***The National Environmental Policy Act: A Study of Its Effectiveness After Twenty-five Years*. Council on Environmental Quality, 1997:** Document reporting the effectiveness of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Available at: <http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/nepa25fn.pdf>

State Laws

Washington State Department of Ecology-Laws and Rules: Website providing links to Washington State environmental laws and rules, including many of the water laws.

Available at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/ecywac.html>

Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington, Chapter 173-201A, Washington Administrative Code: Website provides links to chapter codes designating water uses, criteria, and compliance with water quality standards.

Available at: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/WAC/index.cfm?section=173-201A-010&fuseaction=section>

Washington's Water Quality Management Plan to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution. Washington Department of Ecology, 99-26, 2000: 603 Page document includes a comprehensive needs assessment and strategies for improving programs to protect water quality in Washington.

Available at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/9926.html>.

Water Quality Assessments and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Washington Waters, Washington Department of Ecology: Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act requires states to develop a list of polluted water bodies every two years. For more information see the following websites:

- *Overview of TMDLs available at:* <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/>

- *List of impaired water bodies and TMDL documentation available at:* <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/watershed/index.html>
- *Map of impaired water bodies available at:* <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/wqawa/viewer.htm>

Royster, J.V. (1997). Water Quality and the Winters Doctrine. 107 Water Resources Update 50: Summary of federal/tribal-reserved water rights, including U.S. Supreme Court “Winters” decision.
Available at: http://www.ucowr.siu.edu/updates/pdf/V107_A9.pdf

Measuring Water Use, Washington Department of Ecology: Website summarizing requirements for measuring and reporting ground and surface water withdrawals.
Available at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/measuring/measuringhome.html>

Forest and Fish Report, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, 1999: 179 Page document, reporting recommendations for improving compliance with the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, and more.
Available at: <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/forestpractices/rules/forestsandfish.pdf>

Habitat Conservation Plan, Seattle Public Utilities: Website provides access to the Cedar River Watershed Habitat Conservation Plan.
Available at:
http://www.seattle.gov/util/About_SPU/Water_System/Habitat_Conservation_Plan--HCP

Local Laws

Local Ordinances such as Critical Area, Clearing and Grading, and Stormwater Management, 2005: Ordinances specific to your county should be available on county or city websites, or from the local planning and development department.
King County ordinances available at: <http://www.metrokc.gov/ddes/cao/>

Low Impact Development Technical Guidance Manual for Puget Sound. Puget Sound Action Team and WSU Extension Pierce County, 2005: Manual targeted for professionals interested in incorporating Low Impact Development (LID) practices into development.
Available through: <http://www.psat.wa.gov/Programs/LID.htm>.