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Although this appear to be an administrative decision which was made without a voice (neither a vote nor consensus) of the Deschutes TMDL Advisory Committee

Bob's comment.....?????If the Lake is a River, then this issue is not resolved. If it takes several more years to address the marine water TMDL, then the fact that there is no TMDL may be used for more delaying tactics and therefore, a legal address of the Maintenance Dredge sooner rather than later becomes important. I can see this being used as one more delay tactic.

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Attached is summary of Ecology's decision on how we are proceeding with the **Deschutes River, Capitol Lake, and Budd Inlet Water Quality Improvement Report/Implementation Plan** (WQIR/IP). This is also more commonly referred to as the Deschutes TMDL. *Thank you for your patience while Ecology staff thoroughly evaluated the options before making this decision.*

Deschutes TMDL Advisory Group members: Please share this document to the appropriate managers and elected officials you represent.

At the May 22 Deschutes TMDL Advisory Group meeting, we will discuss the approach for the freshwater sections of this project in further detail. We will also provide an updated *draft* timeline for completion and submittal of the WQIR/IP. We will email the draft agenda for this meeting within 3-4 working days prior.

Reminders:

- Ecology staff will meet with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Squaxin Island Tribe (SIT) *before* we bring the draft WQIR/IP to the Advisory Group. *(This is the formal Government-to-Government process acknowledging the federal status and oversight of EPA and the sovereign status of the SIT.)*
- The Advisory Group will have an opportunity to *preview* the draft WQIR/IP *before* it goes out for public comment.
- If requested, Ecology staff will also meet with local government *(Thurston County*

Commissioners, or the cities of Lacey, Olympia, or Tumwater).

- Everyone has the opportunity to provide comments during the formal public comment period. Ecology's responses to those comments will be added to the WQIR/IP before it is submitted to the EPA.

Again, thank you for your patience. We appreciate your continued support and work to improve the water quality in the Deschutes watershed.

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