

WASHINGTON STATE 
BOARD OF HEALTH

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

What: Environmental Health Committee

When: October 18, 2021

Participating via Zoom: Board of Health (Board) member Keith Grellner; Board staff Stuart Glasoe, Kaitlyn Donahoe, Michelle Davis, Sam Pskowski, and Melanie Hisaw; Department of Health staff Anna Hidle, Barb Morrissey, Joe Laxson, Nina Helping, Theresa Phillips, Peter Beaton, and Todd Phillips; and approximately three members of the public.

Summary Notes:

General Updates

- Stuart Glasoe informed the committee of a legislative work session involving staff from the Department of Health and the Department of Fish and Wildlife on Substitute House Bill 1508 aimed at filling a regulatory gap in state shellfish sanitation law for commercial crab and marine biotoxins. He said work on the bill will likely resume in the 2022 legislative session and would charge the Board with rulemaking.
- Mr. Glasoe said the Board adopted revised Group A drinking water and laboratory rules addressing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at its October meeting. He conferred with Chair Grellner on direction for follow up on concerns raised in the public hearing regarding reclaimed water and other issues affected by adoption of the state drinking water standards.

November Board Meeting Preparation – Title 70 RCW Rulemaking Delegation

- Mr. Glasoe informed the Committee that the Board's rulemaking delegation to the Department of Health earlier this year to update Title 70 RCW citations in several Board rules needed to be expanded to add another rule.

November Board Meeting Preparation – Rules Briefing on Keeping of Animals, WAC 246-203-130

- Mr. Glasoe informed the committee that he needed to delay plans to brief the Board on this rulemaking at its November meeting in order to finish work on material for the CR-102, Proposed Rule. He said he is working with staff at the Department of Health to complete the filing before the end of the year. Mr. Glasoe said, if successful, the Board will likely receive a briefing in January 2022 followed by a public hearing in March 2022.

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Environmental Health Rulemaking Project Updates

- Mr. Glasoe and Department of Health staff discussed next steps and plans to file the two newly adopted PFAS rules for Group A Public Water Supplies, chapter 246-290 WAC, and Drinking Water Laboratory Certification and Data Reporting, chapter 246-390 WAC.
- Mr. Glasoe and Peter Beaton explained the status of work on On-Site Sewage Systems, chapter 246-272A WAC, and plans to complete the rulemaking in 2022.
- Kaitlyn Donahoe and Peter Beaton discussed the status of work on Water Recreation Facilities, chapter 246-260 WAC, and Recreational Water Contact Facilities, chapter 246-262 WAC. Ms. Donahoe said the Board will receive an update at an upcoming meeting regarding the status of expedited rulemaking related to suction fitting standards as delegated to the Department of Health at the Board's October meeting.

Next Steps:

- Ms. Donahoe said the Environmental Health Committee will next meet on December 20 in advance of the January Board meeting. Topics for that meeting will be determined later.

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