

WASHINGTON STATE 
BOARD OF HEALTH

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

What: Environmental Health Committee

When: October 21, 2020

Participating by GoToMeeting: Board members Jill Wood, Keith Grellner, Steve Kutz and Fran Bessermin. Board staff Michelle Davis, Kaitlyn Donahoe, Stuart Glasoe, Melanie Hisaw, Kelie Kahler, Cait Lang-Perez, and Sam Pskowski. Department of Health staff Peter Beaton, Mike Ellsworth, Andrea Hood, Joe Laxson, Jocelyn Jones, Theresa Phillips, and Emily Sanford. Approximately eight members of the public.

Summary Notes:

November Board Meeting Preparation – Rules Hearing: Handing of Human Remains, WAC 246-500

- Samantha Pskowski and Cait Lang-Perez shared public comments received on the rule this far. Comments included suggested changes to the testing of heavy metals at organic natural reduction facilities, concerns regarding the language related to in-house heavy metal testing as well as testing related to mercury for natural organic reduction. Ms. Pskowski mentioned that comments to date have been focused on natural organic reduction; no comments have been received specific to alkaline hydrolysis. Members Grellner and Bessermin supported the comment regarding in-house testing and suggested third party testing of heavy metals be specified for natural organic reduction. Committee Chair Wood and Member Bessermin thanked staff for the work that has been done on this rulemaking project to date. Staff noted the public hearing on the proposed rule is scheduled for the Board's November meeting.

November Board Meeting Preparation – Rules Update: Keeping of Animals, WAC 246-203-130

- Stuart Glasoe offered to summarize key changes to the public review draft and requested feedback on the latest draft language and next steps processing the rule. Chair Wood asked for a rundown of the latest edits and input received from legal counsel on those edits. The committee gave input and asked questions regarding policies and language in the revised draft. Stuart noted that he was continuing to work with legal counsel on a couple matters. The committee recommended moving forward with the revised draft and agreed to recommend to the Board that we file the revised draft as a CR-102, Proposed Rulemaking. Rule language and next steps will be discussed further at the project update at the November Board meeting.

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Environmental Health Rulemaking Project Updates

- Stuart Glasoe, Theresa Phillips, Jocelyn Jones and Joe Laxson gave updates on rulemaking for chapter 246-290 WAC, Group A Public Water Supplies (PFAS), and chapter 246-390 WAC, Drinking Water Lab Certification (PFAS). Department and Board staff will meet with Environmental Health Directors to discuss these rules and address any concerns. Peter Beaton provided a brief update on the next steps for Food Service, chapter 246-215, after adoption of the proposed rules by the Board at their October meeting. Mr. Glasoe followed up with an update on rulemaking for chapter 246-272(A), On-Site Sewage Systems. Mr. Beaton also discussed the status of rulemaking for chapters 246-260 and 246-262 WAC, Water Recreation.

Next Steps:

- The Environmental Health Committee will likely next meet in December in advance of the January 2021 Board meeting. Topics for that meeting will be determined later.

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