

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING HEARINGS

The Forest Practices Board (Board) will hold five hearings to receive comments on proposed forest practices rule amendments affecting the permanent water typing system.

This rule making will codify the permanent water typing system rule that will accurately determine the extent of fish habitat and to inform the appropriate application of riparian protections needed while undertaking forest practice activities. The rule will replace the interim water typing system and includes a fish habitat assessment methodology for establishing the break between fish and nonfish bearing waters; a description of off-channel habitat for fish use; and direction on when to use a default physical criteria for fish use.

You may review documents associated with these rule changes by accessing the Forest Practices Board's rule making activity website at [Forest Practices Board Rule Making | WA - DNR](#). Under "Current Rule Making Activity" see PDF documents under "Water Typing System" sections.

Hearing dates, times, locations are:

Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

[Comfort Suites](#), 500 E. George Hopper Road, Burlington

Thursday, January 23, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Red Lion Hotel Kelso Longview 510 Kelso Dr, Kelso

Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Courtyard Spokane Downtown, 401 N, Riverpoint Blvd, Spokane

Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Best Western Plus, 211 W. Umptanum Road, Ellensburg

Tuesday February 11, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Natural Resources Building, Room 172, Olympia

The Board will hear oral testimony at the hearings; hard copies of testimonies are appreciated. Comment deadline is 5 p.m. February 12, 2025.

Send **written** comments to:

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