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Water Quality Trading in Oregon

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Trading in NPDES Permits

Port St. Helens/PGE:
temperature (active)

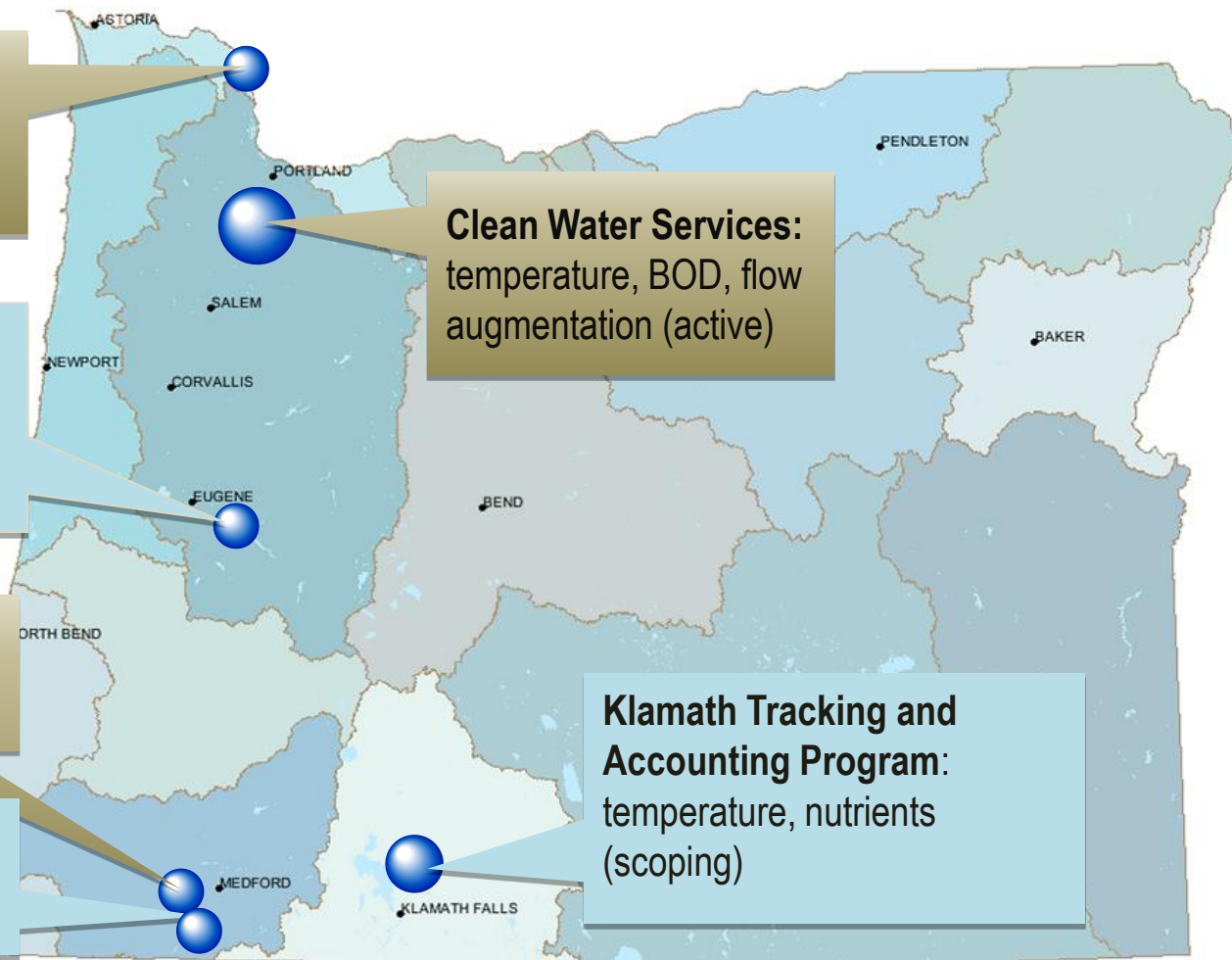
Cities of Eugene & Springfield:
temperature (scoping)

City of Medford:
temperature (active)

City of Ashland:
temperature (scoping)

Clean Water Services:
temperature, BOD, flow augmentation (active)

Klamath Tracking and Accounting Program:
temperature, nutrients (scoping)





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Water Quality Trading Authority: Rooted in State law

- Oregon Statute: “The Willamette Watershed Improvement Act” (2001)
- TMDLs:
 - Authorize trading as a compliance option
 - Issued as Department Orders
 - EPA approved
- EPA Water Quality Trading Policy (2003)

Rulemaking Objectives

- Clarify State Authority
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Consistency

Rulemaking Hot Topics

- Trading Frameworks
- Trading for toxics
- Trading plan as an enforceable condition
- Baseline
- Baseline “backstop”
- Public conservation funds
- Public access to info/transparency

Rulemaking process

Link to draft rules and comment page can be found at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/2015/wqtrade.aspx>

- Comment period closes: September 25th
- Public Hearing: September 21st (in Portland)
- Presented to state Commission for adoption in December 2015; rules become “final” shortly after adoption