

# Agricultural Drainage Channel Maintenance

*House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, and Water*

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# Program overview

## Scope:

- Traditionally maintained ag channels
- Provided drainage in the last five years
- Dry at the time of work; and
- Not ESH (Essential Indigenous Anadromous Salmonid habitat).



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# Current Program Infrastructure

- Interagency Memorandum of Understanding
- Strong partnership with sister agencies
- Collaborative rulemaking and program development



2 Notices received

1 completed

1 withdrawn

0.9 linear miles maintained  
2400 cubic yards of material  
removed

All statutory review timelines were met

**ODFW Regional Dry  
Maintenance Time Period  
Rulemaking**

- When work can occur
- Avoid vulnerable life stages of fish
- Interim temporary rules
- Final rules adopted
  - ODFW Commission  
February 18, 2022



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# Audit Results

3 conditions of concern

Outcome = protection of ecological function



# OSU Study

- Agency input on study design and questions
- ODA communication with SWCDs and landowners
- ODA staff participate in study work
- OSU Report due: 2025



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# Next Steps

- Regional program rollout rulemaking (2021 HB 2032)
- Outreach strategy update and implementation

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<b>NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING</b> INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT  CHAPTER 603 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>FILED</b> 01/18/2022 1:55 PM ARCHIVES DIVISION SECRETARY OF STATE</div>
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FILING CAPTION: Introduce phased implementation of the Agricultural Channel Maintenance Program

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 02/22/2022 5:00 PM

*The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.*

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HEARING(S)  
*Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request. Notify the contact listed above.*

DATE: 02/15/2022  
TIME: 12:00 PM  
OFFICER: Judith Callens  
ADDRESS: Oregon Department of Agriculture  
635 Capitol St NE  
Salem, OR 97301  
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:  
Remote Microsoft Teams Meeting:



# Outreach

- Completed outreach to:
  - 17 SWCDs
  - 20 commodity groups
  - 3 OSU Extension Agents
- Upcoming
  - 5 landowner group meetings
  - 4 commodity group newsletters
  - 5 upcoming presentations
  - Continuing outreach



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# Questions?



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