

B-Engrossed House Bill 3814

Ordered by the Senate April 29
Including House Amendments dated April 4 and Senate Amendments
dated April 29

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: This Act allows the EQC and DEQ to allow for a mixing zone in a permit for a seafood processor. (Flesch Readability Score: 72.3).

Authorizes the Environmental Quality Commission and the Department of Environmental Quality to allow for a mixing zone to meet bacteria water quality criteria in a permit applicable to a seafood processing facility.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to seafood processors; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 468B.

SECTION 2. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, and unless prohibited by federal law, the Environmental Quality Commission and the Department of Environmental Quality may, in a permit applicable to a seafood processing facility for the discharge of wastewater effluent into the waters of the state, allow a portion of the water body receiving the wastewater effluent to serve as a mixing zone in order to satisfy the bacteria water quality criteria for the water body if the department determines that the mixing zone would not adversely affect public health. The department's determination must be based on a review of information that clearly demonstrates that the mixing zone would not adversely affect public health.

(2) A seafood processing facility subject to a permit described in subsection (1) of this section shall implement best management practices to prevent the inclusion of bacteria in wastewater effluent from external fecal sources. Best management practices must be informed by a site-specific investigation of sources of bacteria.

SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.