

05/01/2012 Clean Water Fee Stakeholder Meeting

Program Activities & Efficiencies

Feedback and Voting Results

During the 05/01/2012 Clean Water Fee meeting, the department asked for input from our external stakeholders. Stakeholders were broken into three groups and they were asked to discuss concepts they would like the department to consider for future activities of the Clean Water program. Ideas could include changes or efficiencies to activities we already conduct or new activities or services they wanted us to provide. Groups presented up to 5 ideas each and then all stakeholders were provided a chance to vote for the idea or ideas they thought were the most important.

The concepts that received votes are listed below and are copied directly from the material presented by the groups.

1. 9 Votes: All permit categories should pay fully for the cost of the state to issue and administer permits.
2. 8 Votes: Increase quality control, consistency, timeliness & affordability analysis in permits and decrease arbitrariness in permits; permit requirements should be based in law and regulations.
3. 7 Votes: Education – more collaboration between governments, industry and public.
4. 5 Votes: Compliance Assistance – more, before, separate.
5. 5 Votes: Support state-integrated water program that continues DNR historic functions and maintains viable, delegated program.
6. 4 Votes: Inspections and enforcement are critical for compliance.
7. 3 Votes: Additional monitoring and use of volunteers to stretch resources.
8. 2 Votes: Science – increase thoroughness and collaboration between government, industry, and the public.
9. 1 Vote: Review more closely DMR and permitting monitoring to guide Dept. resources.
10. 1 Vote: Support creation of expedited permit options.

Once the votes were tallied all stakeholders were again provided the opportunity to make comments and/or clarify the intent of the ideas. The department will be vetting the ideas, along with other suggestions from this and previous meetings and summarizing at a future Clean Water Fees Meeting.