

Product Stewardship/Stakeholder Group

General Public Document

Group Goals and Work Outline

Group Goals:

1. Become informed about the current “state of the practice” in product stewardship.
2. Use the experience and expertise of the stakeholders to develop a report that addresses:
 - Fulfilling the potential of product stewardship to address the impacts of products across their lifecycle.
 - Improving how stewardship programs are setup and run – e.g. financing, producer responsibility organizations, and general structure.
 - Key program elements – e.g. performance goals, convenience standards, environmental management.
 - The identification and selection of products.
3. Provide DEQ with guidance on solid waste program and policy direction related to product stewardship.
4. Consider potential legislative recommendations for the 2011 legislature.

DEQ Role

DEQ’s 2009 legislatively approved budget provides for the development of a product stewardship program, including the identification of other segments of the solid waste stream whose management would be well served by a product stewardship approach. DEQ is the convener of the stakeholder process. DEQ and other stakeholders will use the information and report developed in this process to inform the implementation of product stewardship in Oregon, including potential legislative recommendations.

Stakeholder Group Work Outline

Over the course of eight meetings the group will consider the following general themes:

- *Product Stewardship as a tool of sustainability*
 - Improving the life cycle impacts of products
 - Including incentives to reduce those impacts in the state approach to stewardship
- *Governance*
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Core elements of an effective product stewardship program.
 - Common concerns
- *Moving forward – elements of Oregon’s approach to stewarding products*
 - Harmonization with other states and national initiatives
 - Product identification process
 - Roles for voluntary and legislatively mandated programs
 - Learning from existing programs and what others have done

Proposed 2010 Meeting Outline

January 29 – Overview, review themes and work outline, establish group goals and ground rules

March 10 – Governance – Consider the general program base from which to build including:

- core structure
- roles and responsibilities



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April 29 – Continued consideration of program elements including:

- financing
- convenience standards for collection
- disposal bans

June 16 – Environmental concerns and reduced lifecycle impacts consider specific approaches and how best to advance them

July 28 – Consider and provide input on:

- performance goals and measurement
- product selection
- begin discussion on priorities moving forward including voluntary and legislated programs, and harmonization

September 15 – Provide input on legislative and DEQ product stewardship priorities for the short and medium term

October 14 – Review draft report

November 9 – Final draft report review if needed