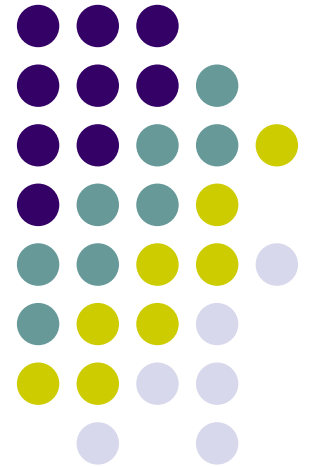


Where are we now?



A summary

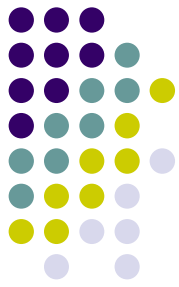


Result of the 2004 Triennial Review



- In May 2004, the Environmental Quality Commission adopted toxics criteria based on EPA's 2000 Clean Water Act recommended toxics criteria.
- The human health criteria were calculated using a fish consumption rate of 17.5 grams per day, increased from the previous rate of 6.5 grams per day.
- Oregon submitted these revised criteria to EPA on July 8, 2004.
- EPA is still in the process of reviewing these criteria.

EPA review process



- Mike Gearheard provides update and current status of the review of Oregon's Water Quality Standards



Why is Oregon reviewing the fish consumption rate?



- In its 2004 rule adoption, the EQC directed DEQ staff to review the rate in its next review of water quality standards. The EQC was concerned about whether EPA's national recommended rate was appropriate for Oregon.
- Goals for the workshops are:
 - Provide a forum for participants to identify critical issues, discuss implementation challenges and propose alternative actions.
 - Develop recommendations and supporting information to present the EQC with (1) a range of options to increase the fish consumption rate and (2) options for pollution control strategies that can help reduce the risks associated with consuming contaminated fish and decrease the toxics levels present in fish.

Questions?

