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DISSOLVED OXYGEN & INTERGRAVEL DISSOLVED OXYGEN CRITERIA
(Applicable to All Basins)

Class	Concentration and Period ¹ (All Units are mg/L)				Use/Level of Protection
	30-D	7- D	7- Mi	Min	
Salmonid Spawning		11.0 ^{2,3}		9.0 ³	Principal use of salmonid spawning and incubation of embryos until emergence from the gravels. Low risk of impairment to cold-water aquatic life, other native fish and invertebrates.
				8.0 ⁴	
Cold Water	8.0 ⁵		6.5	6.0	Principally cold-water aquatic life. Salmon, trout, cold-water invertebrates, and other native cold-water species exist throughout all or most of the year. Juvenile anadromous salmonids may rear throughout the year. No measurable risk level for these communities.
Cool Water	6.5		5.0	4.0	Mixed native cool-water aquatic life, such as sculpins, smelt, and lampreys. Waterbodies includes estuaries. Salmonids and other cold-water biota may be present during part or all of the year but do not form a dominant component of the community structure. No measurable risk to cool-water species, slight risk to cold-water species present.
Warm Water	5.5			4.0	Waterbodies whose aquatic life beneficial uses are characterized by introduced, or native, warm-water species.
No Risk	No Change from Background				The only DO criterion that provides no additional risks is "no change from background". Waterbodies accorded this level of protection include marine waters and waters in Wilderness areas.

Note:

Shaded values present the absolute minimum criteria, unless the Department believes adequate data exists to apply the multiple criteria and associated periods.

¹ 30-D = 30-day mean minimum as defined in OAR 340-41-006.

7-D = 7-day mean minimum as defined in OAR 340-41-006.

7-Mi = 7-day minimum mean as defined in OAR 340-41-006.

Min = Absolute minimums for surface samples when applying the averaging period, spatial median of IGDO.

² When Intergravel DO levels are 8.0 mg/L or greater, DO levels may be as low as 9.0 mg/L, without triggering a violation.

³ If conditions of barometric pressure, altitude and temperature preclude achievement of the footnoted criteria, then 95 percent saturation applies.

⁴ Intergravel DO criterion, spatial median minimum.

⁵ If conditions of barometric pressure, altitude, and temperature preclude achievement of 8.0 mg/L, then 90 percent saturation applies.