

Spokane River Permit Tools Workshop 2: Decoding the Variance Process

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Where we've been

A brief recap



Permit Goal

- To write permits that meet legal requirements and are relevant to other waterbodies in the state;
- So that we can continue to find and reduce PCB inputs in order to meet water quality standards in the Spokane River and elsewhere.



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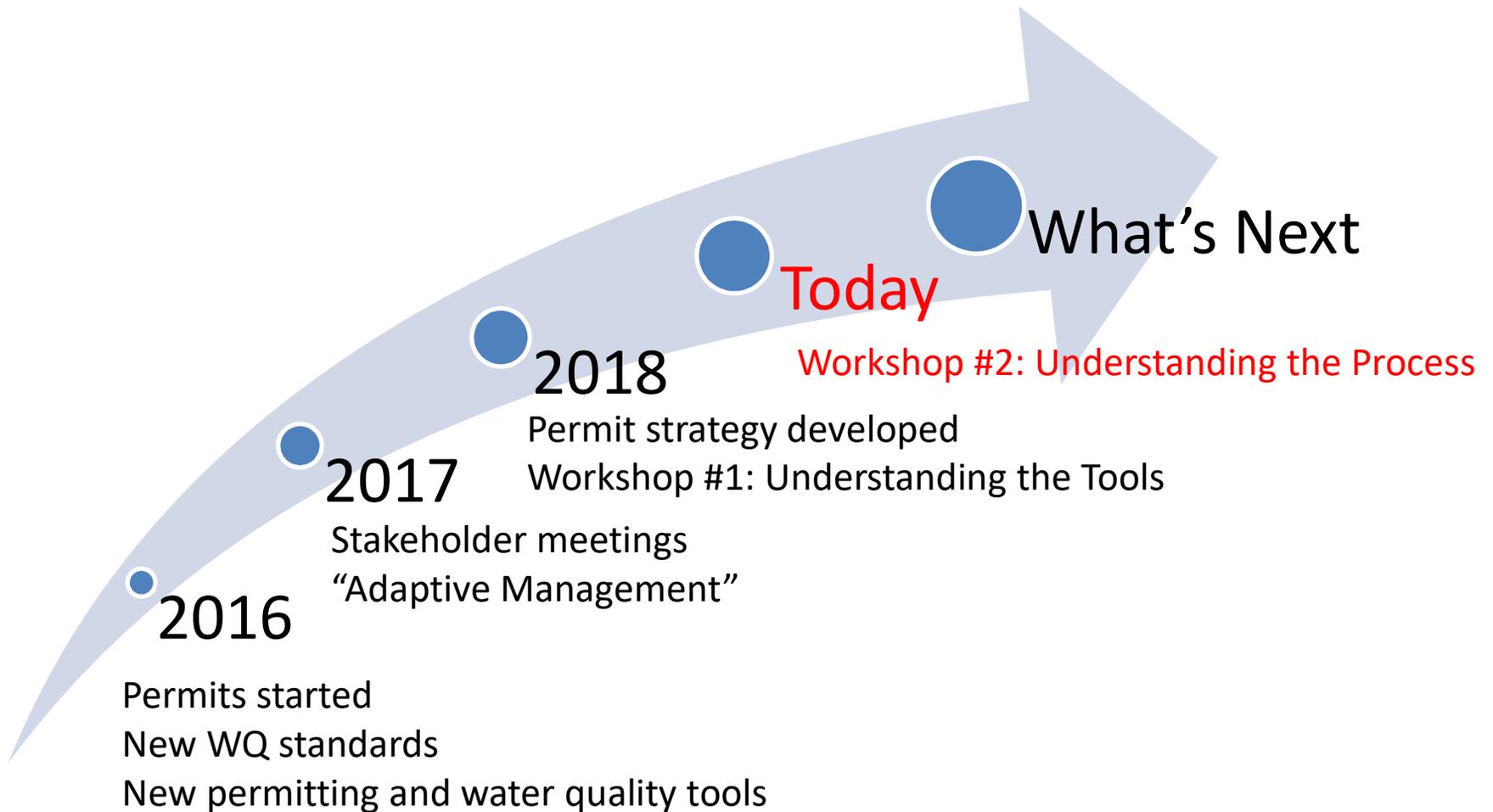


Key Tools

- Administratively extend permits
- Issue permits
- Compliance schedule
- Variance



A brief recap





Where we are going

Workshop Objective

- Attendees will leave with
 - A better understanding of the variance process
 - Rulemaking Basics
 - How this might apply to the Spokane Permits
 - Next steps for permittees and Ecology



What you will hear today

- More details about
 - Discharger specific variances
 - Rulemaking process
 - Timelines
- Technical presentations
 - Reference materials
 - Posted on Spokane River website



The Workshop Agenda

- Introduction: Where we've been
 - Adriane Borgias (1:00 – 1:15)
- Variance Process
 - Cheryl Niemi (1:15 – 2:00)
- Break (2:00 – 2:15)
- Rule-making
 - Becca Conklin (2:15 – 2:45)
- Local applicability/Path forward
 - Art Jenkins (2:45 – 3:00)
- Q&A (3:00 – 3:30)





Introductions

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EPA	Region 10 providing assistance with variance development		



References

Spokane Permits Web Page

https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1962/view_our_committees_spokane_river_clean_water_permitting_process/37218/spokane_river_clean_water_permitting_process.aspx

Ecology Spokane River Web Page

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-improvement/Total-Maximum-Daily-Load-process/Directory-of-improvement-projects/Spokane-River>



