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Public Notice

DOGAMI Rule Writing for Aggregate Mining on High Value Farm Soils in the Willamette Valley

What: DOGAMI has started the process of writing a new rule for aggregate mining on high value farm soils in the Willamette Valley. This rule stems from the passage of House Bill 2202 (HB 2202) in the 2013 legislative session and resulted in ORS 517.825, which became effective on August 1, 2013. DOGAMI will use the Rules Advisory Committee process for external guidance on the rule language and to identify the potential impacts of implementing the new rule. Rule Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public but are not subject to public meeting laws. Members of the public may attend but may not participate directly in the discussion. By attending or listening in, members of the public can prepare informed comments regarding the proposed rule. Members of the public will be able to submit comments on the draft rule once it has been Noticed by the Oregon Secretary of State's Office.

Rules Advisory Committees (RACs) are used to seek public input to the maximum extent possible during the development of the proposed rulemaking prior to giving notice of intent to adopt, amend, or repeal an administrative rule. RACs allow the public and stakeholders to provide input and suggestions during the development of new rules, amendment or repeal of existing rules, and the fiscal impact of the proposed rulemaking. A RAC's role is advisory only. If the RAC believes there will be a significant adverse impact on small businesses when reviewing the fiscal impact statement, DOGAMI must seek the RAC's recommendations on mitigating the cost of compliance for small businesses.

When: The third of several anticipated Rules Advisory Committee meetings is scheduled for **Thursday, October 8th, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Where: Due to the current COVID-19 health emergency, the Rules Advisory Committee will be meeting virtually via a **Teleconference/Web Meeting Application**.

How to Listen in: To listen in on the meeting **please contact Becky Johnson at (541) 967-2083 or mlrr.info@oregon.gov** for web meeting information.