



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's Draft Water Quality Standards

July 08, 2024

60-Day Comment Period Ends September 6, 2024

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is seeking public comment on our Draft Water Quality Standards until 3pm on September 6, 2024. The 60-day comment period began on July 8th, 2024 and ends on September 6, 2024. The Tribe has extended the comment period to allow interested parties a greater opportunity to review and submit comments, suggestions, or concerns regarding the Band's Draft Water Quality Standards.

These Draft Water Quality Standards were developed by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to provide the outline and standards for waters within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation. Water quality standards include criteria for various water uses (such as drinking water, fishing, gathering, cultural and recreational activities) and specify the maximum allowable levels of pollutants in water bodies. This process is supported by the Band's Treatment as a State for 303(c) authorities under the federal Clean Water Act.

The documents may be viewed at the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management front office located at:

- 15756 State 371 NW, Cass Lake, MN
- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Division of Resource Management webpage at: <https://www.llojibwe.org/drm/index.html>.

Public participation is crucial as it ensures transparency and accountability in the development of environmental regulations. It allows Tribes, communities, organizations, local governments and community members to provide input based on their expertise, concerns, and local knowledge. This feedback helps refine the standards to better protect water quality and meet community needs. Comments received within the comment period will be appropriately responded to in a timely manner.

A public meeting will be held on Monday September 9th, 2024. The location and time of the meeting are still being planned. Please refer back to the link above for updates.

Comments can be sent via the following methods:

1. Email: craig.tangren@llojibwe.net
2. Hand delivery:
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Division of Resource Management Office
(15756 State 371 NW, Cass Lake, MN) Attn: Craig Tangren
3. By mail with attention to:
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