

WQEA Workshop Questions

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Hi there,

Eligibility Questions:

Would oyster restoration projects be considered eligible for WQEA? If so, why & how would It be measured? Shouldn't it meet the definition of a natural system?

Would living shoreline projects be considered eligible for WQEA? If so, why & how would It be measured? Shouldn't it meet the definition of a natural system?

Would dispersed water management projects or Water Farms be considered eligible for WQEA? If so, why & how would It be measured?

Credits Value Themselves

I'm unfamiliar with the credits as a "quasi currency". What is the unit of a credit? Is it in gallons or pounds of nutrients removed? Where can I learn how the credits are bought/sold to the government entities.

Private Sector:

Who is the operating entity of the WQEA, specifically a perpetual entity? If private sector is allowable, then they not be perpetual – how is that handled?

If private sector is required to maintain (cost), what are the robust income options that stabilizes the private entity to operate this (income)?

What are the financial assurances?

What liability is the private sector exposed to?

Record Keeping:

Based on the ledger recording the credits, who is the Keeper and who can view it?

If someone is funding our living shoreline, water storage etc as a project – can you use that funding stream be used for O&M for the WQEA project? Meaning can I still capture the WQEA credits using funding for unrelated funding.

Perpetual Entities:

Are non-profits be eligible as a permit holder?

Monitoring

Since wetlands absorb nutrients, it eventually will degrade over time. So in 10 years, the wetland itself may burp nutrients, how is the private entity held

Thank you
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Disregard below

DEP Rulemaking Website (<https://floridadep.gov/water/engineering-hydrology-geology/content/water-quality-enhancement-area-rulemaking>)



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