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7	IN THE UNITED S	STATES DISTRICT COURT		
8		DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON Γ SEATTLE		
9	NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL			
10	<b>ADVOCATES,</b> an Oregon non-profit corporation,	NO.		
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12	Plaintiff,	COMPLAINT Pursuant to Clean Water Act Section		
13	v.	505(a)(2), 33 U.S.C. § 1365(a)(2)		
14 15	UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,			
16	Defendant.			
17	Derendant.			
18	NATURE OF THE CASE			
19	1. This is a civil action brought by plaintiff Northwest Environmental Advocates			
20	("NWEA") challenging a failure by defendant United States Environmental Protection Agency			
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22	("EPA") to discharge its nondiscretionary duty to establish Total Maximum Daily Loads			
23	("TMDLs") for several waterbodies in Washington's Deschutes River Basin. Pursuant to Section			
24	303(d)(2) of the federal Clean Water Act ("C	CWA"), 33 U.S.C. § 1313(d)(2), EPA was required to		
25 26	establish TMDLs for these waterbodies no la	ater than July 29, 2018, but it has yet to do so.		

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1	2. Pursuant to Section 505(a)(2) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1365(a)(2), the Act's			
2	citizen suit provision, NWEA now brings this lawsuit to compel EPA to discharge its			
3	nondiscretionary duty to establish the requisite TMDLs.			
4	JURISDICTION AND VENUE			
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6	3. This court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question), 28			
7	U.S.C. § 1346 (federal defendant), and 33 U.S.C. § 1365(a)(2) (CWA citizen suit provision). An			
8	actual, justiciable controversy exists between NWEA and defendant EPA. The requested relief is			
9	proper under 33 U.S.C. §§ 1365(a) and (d).			
10	4. As required by CWA section 505(b), 33 U.S.C. § 1365(b), NWEA gave notice of			
11	the violations alleged in this complaint and NWEA's intent to sue under the CWA more than 60			
12 13	days prior to the commencement of this suit. A copy of NWEA's notice letter, dated August 27,			
14	2018, is attached to this Complaint as Exhibit 1. EPA has not remedied the violations alleged in			
15	NWEA's notice letter and is in continuing violation of the CWA.			
16	5. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(e), 33 U.S.C. §			
17	1365(a), and LCR 3(e) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the			
18	claims occurred in Seattle, Washington, where EPA's Region 10 administrative office is located.			
19	PARTIES			
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21	6. The plaintiff in this action is NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL			
22	ADVOCATES. Established in 1969, NWEA is a regional non-profit environmental organization			
23	incorporated under the laws of Oregon in 1981 and organized under section 501(c)(3) of the			
24	Internal Revenue Code. NWEA's principal place of business is Portland, Oregon. NWEA's			
25	mission is to work through advocacy and education to protect and restore water and air quality,			
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1 wetlands, and wildlife habitat in the Northwest, including Washington. NWEA employs 2 advocacy with administrative agencies, community organizing, strategic partnerships, public 3 record requests, information sharing, lobbying, and litigation to ensure better implementation of 4 the laws that protect and restore the natural environment. NWEA has participated in the 5 development of CWA programs in the State of Washington for many years, including the state's 6 TMDL program by, inter alia, having brought suit in 1991 against EPA for its failure to establish 7 TMDLs for the State of Washington and serving on EPA's TMDL federal advisory committee 8 9 from 1996 to 1998.

10 7. NWEA's members regularly use and enjoy the waters of the Deschutes River 11 basin, Capitol Lake, and Budd Inlet. NWEA's members regularly use and enjoy these waters and 12 adjacent lands and have definite future plans to continue using them for recreational, scientific, 13 aesthetic, spiritual, conservation, educational, employment, and other purposes. Many of these 14 interests revolve around viewing sensitive salmonid species and other aquatic species that are 15 under threat by pollution in the waters at issue in this lawsuit. The use and enjoyment that 16 NWEA's members derive from viewing these species, and otherwise recreating on or near and 17 enjoying the waters of the Deschutes River basin, Capitol Lake, and Budd Inlet, is diminished by 18 the effects of pollution, including pollution relating to temperature, human pathogens, dissolved 19 20 oxygen, pH, nutrients, and fine sediment. NWEA's members would derive more benefits and 21 enjoyment from their use of these waters if these pollutants were not adversely affecting water 22 quality and aquatic and aquatic-dependent wildlife in these waters. 23

8. Some of NWEA's members derive or used to derive recreational and aesthetic
 benefits by fishing in the Deschutes River. These members have curtailed their fishing in the
 Deschutes River, or no longer fish in the River, due in part to concerns regarding pollutants and

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1	their effect on fisheries, including concerns relating to high water temperatures, low dissolved			
2	oxygen, and high levels of fine sediment and human pathogens.			
3	9. Successful completion of TMDLs to address these pollution problems is a critical			
4	step in fully implementing the goals of the CWA for these waters, fully protecting salmonids and			
5 6	other aquatic and aquatic-dependent species, and improving water quality. EPA's failure to			
7	establish TMDLs for the waterbodies at issue in this lawsuit puts these species at risk and			
8	threatens or negatively affects the interests of NWEA's members.			
9	10. The recreational, aesthetic, conservation, employment, scientific, educational,			
10	spiritual, and other interests of NWEA and its members have been, are being, and unless relief is			
11	granted, will continue to be adversely affected and irreparably injured by EPA's failure to comply			
12 13	with the CWA. NWEA's injury-in-fact is fairly traceable to EPA's conduct and would be			
13	redressed by the requested relief.			
15	11. Defendant UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY is			
16	the federal agency charged with administration of the CWA, and specifically with establishing			
17	TMDLs for the waterbodies at issue in this case under Section 303(d)(2) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C.			
18	§ 1313(d)(2).			
19	LEGAL BACKGROUND			
20 21	The Clean Water Act and Water Quality Standards			
21 22	12. Congress adopted amendments to the CWA in 1972 in an effort "to restore and			
23	maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters." 33 U.S.C.			
24	§ 1251(a). The primary goal of the CWA is to eliminate the discharge of pollutants into navigable			
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waters entirely; also established is "an interim goal of water quality which provides for the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife." Id. \$ 1251(a)(1–2).

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To meet these statutory goals, the CWA requires states to develop water quality standards that establish, and then protect, the desired conditions of each waterway within the state's regulatory jurisdiction. 33 U.S.C. § 1313(a). Water quality standards must be sufficient to "protect the public health or welfare, enhance the quality of water, and serve the purposes of [the CWA]." Id. § 1313(c)(2)(a). Water quality standards establish the water quality goals for a waterbody. 40 C.F.R. §§ 131.2, 131.10(d). EPA is charged with approving or disapproving a 10 state's water quality standards. See 33 U.S.C. §§ (c)(2)(a), (3).

11 14. Among other things, water quality standards serve as the regulatory basis for 12 establishing water quality-based controls over point sources, as required by sections 301 and 306 13 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1311 & 1316. A point source is a "discernable, confined and discrete 14 conveyance, including but not limited to any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well . . . from 15 16 which pollutants are or may be discharged." 33 U.S.C. § 1362(14). Point source discharges are 17 regulated under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permits, which 18 require point sources to meet both technology-based effluent limitations and "any more stringent 19 limitation . . . necessary to meet water quality standards." 33 U.S.C. § 1311(b)(1)(C). Water 20 quality standards are thus integral to the regulation of point source pollution. 21

15. Water quality standards also are used to establish measures to control nonpoint 22 23 sources pollution. Unlike point source pollution, nonpoint source pollution is generally 24 considered to be any pollution that cannot be traced to a single discrete conveyance. Examples 25 include runoff from agricultural or forestry lands and increased solar radiation caused by the loss 26 of riparian vegetation. Congress did not establish a federal permitting scheme for nonpoint

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sources of pollution, such as pollution from timber harvesting and agriculture. Instead, Congress
assigned states the task of implementing water quality standards for nonpoint sources, with
oversight, guidance, and funding from EPA. *See*, *e.g.*, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1288, 1313, 1329. Even so,
water quality standards apply to all pollution sources, point and nonpoint alike. "[S]tates are
required to set water quality standards for *all* waters within their boundaries regardless of the
sources of the pollution entering waters." *Pronsolino v. Nastri*, 291 F.3d 1123, 1127 (9th Cir.
2002) (emphasis in original).

#### Total Maximum Daily Loads

10 16. In addition to serving as the regulatory basis for NPDES permits and non-point 11 source controls, water quality standards are the benchmarks by which the quality of a waterbody 12 is measured. In particular, water bodies that do not meet applicable water quality standards, or 13 cannot meet applicable standards after the imposition of technology-based effluent limitations on 14 point sources, are deemed to be "water quality limited" or "impaired" and placed on a list of such 15 16 waters compiled under Section 303(d)(1)(a) of the CWA (known colloquially as the "303(d) 17 list"). See 33 U.S.C. § 1313(d)(1)(A); 40 C.F.R. § 130.2(j). States must then develop TMDLs for 18 all 303(d)-listed waters in order to establish the scientific basis for cleaning up water pollution 19 that exceeds water quality standards. 20

17. A TMDL is the total daily loading of pollutants for a particular waterbody or
segment. *See* 40 C.F.R. §130.2(i). A TMDL "shall be established at a level necessary to
implement the applicable water quality standards with seasonal variation and a margin of safety
which takes into account any lack of knowledge concerning the relationship between effluent
limitations and water quality." 33 U.S.C. § 1313(d)(1)(C). The total amount of pollutants that

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may enter a waterbody while still meeting water quality standards is called "loading capacity." 40 C.F.R. § 130.2(f). TMDLs for individual water bodies or segments are often bundled together by basin, subbasin, or watershed in the same analytical document.

4 18. After calculating a waterbody's loading capacity, a TMDL then distributes 5 portions of the total loading capacity to individual sources of pollution or sectors of pollution 6 sources. These allocations include both "load allocations" and "wasteload allocations," for point 7 and nonpoint sources of pollution respectively. 40 C.F.R. § 130.2(i). A wasteload allocation is 8 9 "[t]he portion of a receiving water's loading capacity that is allocated to one of its existing or 10 future point sources of pollution." Id. at § 130.20(h). A load allocation is "[t]he portion of a 11 receiving water's loading capacity that is attributed either to one of its existing or future nonpoint 12 sources of pollution or to natural background sources." Id. at § 130.20(f). In essence, the purpose 13 of load and wasteload allocations is to allocate the total amount of pollution that may enter a 14 waterbody between all the sources of pollution, including both point and nonpoint sources of 15 pollution, thereby restricting pollution inputs sufficiently to attain and maintain water quality 16 standards. 17

18 19. As with water quality standards, states must submit TMDLs to EPA for approval
19 or disapproval under section 303(d) of the CWA. *See* 33 U.S.C. § 1313(d)(2). Section 303(d)
20 requires that within 30 days after submission EPA either approve the TMDLs or disapprove
21 them. *Id.*

22 20. If EPA disapproves a state-submitted TMDL, it must then establish a replacement
 23 TMDL within 30 days. *Id*.

25 21. Upon EPA approval or promulgation of a TMDL, all future NPDES permits must
 26 be consistent with the TMDL's wasteload allocations for point sources. 40 C.F.R. § 130.2. The

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1 approved load allocations serve as the basis for state and local programs for controlling nonpoint source pollution, including state programs that receive federal funds under section 319 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1329. Once EPA approves a TMDL, the state must also incorporate the TMDL into its "continuing planning process" under section 303(e) of the CWA. 33 U.S.C. § 1313(e)(3)(C).

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### The CWA Citizen Suit Provision

22. Section 505 of the CWA provides a private cause of action for citizens to enforce 8 9 the procedural and substantive mandates and prohibitions of the CWA. See 33 U.S.C. § 1365. Among other things, this provision provides that "any citizen may commence a civil action on his own behalf ... against the Administrator [of EPA] where there is alleged a failure of the Administrator to perform any act or duty under [the CWA] which is nondiscretionary with the administrator." 33 U.S.C. § 1365(a)(2). In such an action, "[t]he district courts shall have jurisdiction . . . to order the Administrator to perform such act or duty." 33 U.S.C. § 1365(a). 23. Under Section 303(d)(2) of the CWA, EPA has a nondiscretionary duty to establish a replacement TMDL within 30 days after it disapproves a state-submitted TMDL. See 18 33 U.S.C. § 1313(d)(2) ("[EPA] shall not later than thirty days after the date of such disapproval . 19 . . establish such loads for such waters as he determines necessary to implement the water quality 20 standards applicable to such waters . . . . "). 21 FACTUAL BACKGROUND 22

## The Deschutes TMDL

24 24. Washington's Deschutes River begins in the Bald Hills of the Gifford Pinchot 25 National Forest (west of Mt. Rainier), travels down through foothills and the cities of Tumwater 26

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1 and Olympia, passes a dam that converted the former estuary into Capitol Lake, and ultimately 2 discharges to the marine waters of Budd Inlet and the Puget Sound. The Deschutes River and 3 other tributaries to Budd Inlet are protected, *inter alia*, by Washington water quality standards 4 that include numeric and narrative criteria for temperature, bacteria, dissolved oxygen, pH, and 5 fine sediment. Some of these water quality standards are intended to protect human use of the 6 covered waters (e.g., bacteria). Others are intended to protect sensitive aquatic life uses such as 7 rearing, migration, and spawning of salmon, steelhead, trout, and other aquatic life uses (e.g., a)8 9 temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and fine sediment), which also support human uses, such as 10 recreation. 11 25. Exceedances of some of these water quality standards can be harmful to human

12 health. For example, excess fecal coliform can indicate the presence of water-borne human 13 illnesses and pathogens (e.g., hepatitis) associated with human waste and waste from other warm-14 blooded animals. Exceedances of other water quality parameters can harm important fish and 15 16 shellfish populations that depend on the Deschutes River watershed and downstream waters for 17 survival. Such exceedances result in a failure to attain the Clean Water Act's goal of achieving 18 water quality that provides for protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife and 19 recreation in and on the water. 20

21 26. Likewise, excess temperature can lead to depressed survival rates among
 22 salmonids due to adverse physiological and behavioral changes such as increased metabolic rates,
 23 reduced swimming performance, impairment of predator avoidance, and increased incidence of
 24 disease. Temperature often has a synergistic or additive effect by increasing the toxicity of other
 25 pollutants. Temperature also contributes to lower levels of dissolved oxygen in streams and

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1 concurrently causes greater stress to aquatic life under conditions of low dissolved oxygen. Low 2 dissolved oxygen, in turn, can have a number of deleterious effects on salmonids and other 3 aquatic organisms, including decreased growth rates, decreased swimming ability, increased 4 susceptibility to disease, and increased sensitivity to other environmental stressors and pollutants. 5 Adverse changes to the pH of a waterbody can increase the harmful effects of water-borne toxics, 6 particularly metals common in discharges of stormwater runoff as well as cause lethal and 7 sublethal effects to aquatic organisms. And too much fine sediment can lead to depressed fish 8 9 stocks by, *inter alia*, smothering fish redds and lowering intergravel dissolved oxygen levels. For 10 all of these reasons, achieving Washington's water quality standards for these parameters is a 11 critical component of the CWA's goal of achieving water quality that allows for human 12 recreation and provides for the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife. See 33 13 U.S.C. § 1251. 14 27. Since at least the late 1980s, pollution in the Deschutes River basin and Budd Inlet 15 16 has attracted the attention of federal, state, and local governments.<sup>1</sup> Many of the waters at issue in 17 this lawsuit, including the Deschutes River, were added to Washington's 303(d) list of impaired 18 waters as early as 1996 for impairments relating to excess temperature, fecal coliform, dissolved 19 oxygen, and pH, and on later lists for fine sediment. By at least 2002, Ecology began work on a 20 TMDL package to address these impairments, as well as related impairments in Capitol Lake and 21 the marine waters of Budd Inlet. Over the next several years, Ecology published detailed studies 22 23 on the sources and severity of the impairments and the sources of the pollutants, and plans to 24 <sup>1</sup> See U.S. Envtl. Prot. Agency, Budd Inlet Bay Action Program: 1991 Action Plan (July 25 1991) (reporting, inter alia, that EPA had identified eutrophication in southern Budd Inlet as a

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<sup>26</sup> high priority as early as 1988).

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1 remedy them through the TMDL process.<sup>2</sup> These studies confirmed that the impairments are 2 caused, in large part, by anthropogenic impacts throughout the basin, including municipal 3 discharges of treated wastewater; decreased riparian vegetation due to logging and development; 4 deteriorating sewer infrastructure; improperly maintained, poorly located, or failing on-site septic 5 systems; domestic animals; fertilizers and manure; stormwater runoff; and road building. 6 28. Finally, 13 years after it started, in September 2015, Ecology completed a draft 7 TMDL package, one that covered the fresh and marine waters of the basin including Budd Inlet. 8 9 See Ecology, Deschutes River, Capitol Lake, and Budd Inlet Total Maximum Daily Load Study 10 Supplemental Modeling Scenarios (Sept. 2015). Rather than submit the TMDL package to EPA, 11 however, by December of that year, Ecology decided to split the Deschutes basin from Capitol 12 Lake and Budd Inlet, claiming that it would prepare a TMDL for the downstream portion of the 13 watershed later. 14 29. In December of 2015, after removing Budd Inlet and Capitol Lake from the 15 16 TMDL package, Ecology finally submitted the TMDL to EPA for review under Section 303(d)(2) 17 <sup>2</sup> See, e.g., Washington Dept. of Ecology, Quality Assurance Project Plan – Deschutes *River, Capitol Lake, and Budd Inlet Temperature, Fecal Coliform Bacteria, Dissolved Oxygen,* 18 pH, and Fine Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load Study (Feb. 2004, Pub. No. 04-03-103); 19 Ecology, Lower Deschutes and Budd Inlet tributaries Wet Weather Monitoring Plan (April 2004); Ecology, Assessment of Surface Water / Groundwater Interactions and Associated 20 Nutrient Fluxes in the Deschutes and Percival Creek Watersheds, Thurston County (Jan. 2007, Pub. No. 07-03-002); Ecology, Interim Results from the Budd Inlet, Capitol Lake, and Deschutes 21 River Dissolved Oxygen and Nutrient Study (April 2007); Ecology, Final Reconnaissance Study Plan for Deschutes River / Capitol Lake / Budd Inlet Total Maximum Daily Loads (July 2003); 22 Ecology, Deschutes River, Capitol Lake, and Budd Inlet Temperature, Fecal Coliform Bacteria, 23 Dissolved Oxygen, pH, and Fine Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load Technical Report: Water *Quality Study Findings* (June 2012, Pub No. 12-03-008); Ecology, *Deschutes River*, *Capitol* 24 Lake, and Budd Inlet Temperature, Fecal Coliform Bacteria, Dissolved Oxygen, pH, and Fine Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load Technical Report: Water Quality Study Findings (June 25 2012, Pub No. 12-03-008). 26

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1	of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1313(d)(2). See Washington Department of Ecology, Deschutes River,			
2	Percival Creek, and Budd Inlet Tributaries Temperature, Fecal Coliform Bacteria, Dissolved			
3	Oxygen, pH, and Fine Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load: Water Quality Improvement Report			
4	and Implementation Plan – FINAL (Dec. 2015, Pub. No. 15-10-012) (herein, "Deschutes			
5 6	TMDL"). The Deschutes TMDL, while referred to here in the singular, contained individual			
7	TMDLs for 73 waterbodies and waterbody segments throughout the Deschutes Basin, with each			
8	individual TMDL addressing one or more of the following parameters: fine sediment, fecal			
9	coliform bacteria, water temperature, dissolved oxygen ("DO"), an pH.			
10	30. By August of 2017, however, EPA had still not acted to approve or disapprove			
11	Washington's submission of the Deschutes TMDL, in direct violation of Section 303(d)(2) of the			
12	CWA, which requires EPA to either approve or disapprove a proposed TMDL within 30 days of			
13 14	submission.			
15	Prior Litigation Over the Deschutes TMDL			
16	31. On August 27, 2017, NWEA gave notice to EPA under Section 505(b) of the			
17	CWA of NWEA's intent to file a lawsuit compelling EPA to either approve or disapprove the			
18	Deschutes TMDL.			
19	32. On November 6, 2017, NWEA filed suit against EPA in the Western District of			
20	Washington to force EPA to act on the Deschutes TMDL. A copy of NWEA's complaint in that			
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22	matter is attached hereto as Exhibit 2. The lawsuit was captioned: Northwest Environmental			
22 23	matter is attached hereto as <b>Exhibit 2</b> . The lawsuit was captioned: <i>Northwest Environmental</i> <i>Advocates v. United States Environmental Protection Agency</i> , No. C17-1664RSL (W.D. Wash).			
22	matter is attached hereto as Exhibit 2. The lawsuit was captioned: Northwest Environmental			

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1	33. On June 25, 2	2018, Judge Robert S. I	Lasnik granted NWEA's	motion for summary	
2	judgment in the First Deschutes Lawsuit, and ordered NWEA to either approve or disapprove the				
3	Deschutes TMDL no later than June 29, 2018. A copy of Judge Lasnik's order is attached hereto				
4	as <b>Exhibit 3</b> .				
5		2018 Judge Laspik issu	ied judgment in favor of	$\mathbf{NWEA}$ in the First	
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7	Deschutes Lawsuit. A copy	of the final judgment is	attached hereto as <b>Exh</b>	ibit 4.	
8	EPA's Partial Disapproval of the Deschutes TMDL and Continuing Failure to Establish Replacement TMDLs				
9	35. On June 29, 2018, EPA issued a letter disapproving 37 individual segment-				
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11	parameter TMDLs within the Deschutes TMDL for temperature, DO, pH, fine sediment, and				
12	bacteria. A copy of EPA's letter disapproving these TMDLs is attached to NWEA's notice letter				
13	in this action (Exhibit 1 hereto).				
14	36. Specifically, EPA disapproved individual TMDLs for the waterbodies listed below				
15	in Table A. For each waterbody, Table A also identifies the pollutant that is causing the				
16	impairment, and the identification numbers for each waterbody on Washington's 1996 and 2010				
17 18	303(d) lists.				
18 19	Table A				
20	Waterbody	Parameter	1996 Listing ID	2010 Listing ID	
21	Huckleberry Creek	Temperature	WA-13-1024	3757	
22	Reichel Creek	Temperature	WA-13-1022	48666	
23 24	Tempo Lake Outlet	Temperature		48696	
24 25	Ayer (Elwanger) Creek	Temperature	WA-13-1015	(73229)	
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Waterbody	Parameter	1996 Listing ID	2010 Listing II
Unnamed Spring to Deschutes River	Temperature		48923
Adams Creek	pH		50965
Ayer (Elwanger Creek)	pH	WA-13-1015	5850
Black Lake Ditch	pH		50990
Deschutes River	Fine Sediment	WA-13-1020	6232
Ayer (Elwanger) Creek	Dissolved Oxygen	WA-13-1015	5851
Deschutes River	Dissolved Oxygen	WA-13-1010; WA-13-1020	10894; 47753; 47754; 47756
Lake Lawrence Creek	Dissolved Oxygen		47696
Reichel Creek	Dissolved Oxygen	WA-13-1022	47714
Black Lake Ditch	Dissolved Oxygen		47761; 47762
Percival Creek	Dissolved Oxygen	WA-13-1012	48085; 48086
Adams Creek	Bacteria		45462; 45695
Ellis Creek	Bacteria	WA-13-0020	45480
Indian Creek	Bacteria	WA-13-1300	3578; 45213; 46410; (74218)
Mission Creek	Bacteria	WA-13-1380	45212; 46102
Moxlie Creek	Bacteria	WA-13-1350	3759; 3761; 45252; 46432
Schneider Creek	Bacteria		45559
	Bacteria	WA-13-1022	3763; 45566

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1	Waterbody		Parameter	1996 Listing ID	2010 Listing ID
2	Spurgeon Cre	eek	Bacteria	WA-13-1010	46061
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4 5	37.	It has now been ov	ver four months since H	EPA disapproved Wa	shington's submittal
6	of TMDLs for t	the waterbodies in	Table A. EPA has yet	to establish replacen	nent TMDLs for
7	these waterbodi	ies as required by	Section 303(a)(2) of th	e CWA, 33 U.S.C. §	1313(d)(2).
8	38.	Water quality in th	ne Deschutes River Bas	sin continues to be de	egraded, and the
9	interests of NW	EA's members co	ontinue to be put at risk	, due to EPA's conti	nuing failure to
10	discharge its ma	andatory duties un	der the CWA with res	pect to the Deschutes	TMDL.
11			CLAIM FOR RE	LIEF	
12 13	Failure to Establish Replacement TMDLs, 33 U.S.C. §1365(a)(2)				
13	39.	Plaintiff NWEA re	ealleges all preceding p	oaragraphs.	
15	40.	Section 303(d)(2)	of the CWA requires E	EPA to establish repla	acement TMDLs
16	within 30 days	of its disapproval	of a state-submitted TI	MDL. See 33 U.S.C.	§ 1313(d)(2). EPA's
17	duty to establis	h replacement TM	DLs within this timefr	ame is a nondiscretio	onary duty within the
18	meaning of sect	tion 505 of the CV	VA, 33 U.S.C. § 1365(	a)(2), the Act's citize	en suit provision.
19	41.	Over four months	have elapsed since the	EPA disapproved W	ashington's
20	submission of T	TMDLs for the wa	terbodies listed above	in Table A. To date,	EPA has not
21 22	established repl	lacement TMDLs	for those waterbodies.		
23	42.	In failing to establ	ish timely replacement	TMDLs for the wate	erbodies in Table A,
24	EPA failed to p	erform a nondiscr	etionary duty within th	e meaning of the CW	VA citizen suit
25	provision, 33 U	U.S.C. § 1365(a)(2)	).		
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1	43.	43. EPA will remain in continuing violation of the CWA until it establishes the			
2	replacement TMDLs.				
3	PRAYER FOR RELIEF				
4	WHEREFORE, plaintiff Northwest Environmental Advocates respectfully requests that				
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6	this Court:				
7	A.	Declare that EPA has violated its nondiscretionary duty under 33 U.S.C. §			
8	1313(d)(2) to	timely establish replacement TMDLs for the waterbodies listed above in Table A;			
9	В.	Enter an order directing EPA to establish replacement TMDLs for those			
10	waterbodies, as required by Section 303(d)(2) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1313(d)(2);				
11	C. Award NWEA its reasonable costs and attorneys' fees under 33 U.S.C. § 1365(d);				
12	and				
13		Count multiplies the Count down instand a survey			
14	D. Grant such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.				
15	DAT	ED this 8th day of November, 2018.			
16		Respectfully submitted,			
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