

## 468 - Environmental Hearings Office

### A001 Environmental Adjudication

The Environmental Hearings Office is composed of five independent adjudicative boards -- the Pollution Control Hearings Board, the Forest Practices Appeals Board, the Shorelines Hearings Board, the Hydraulic Appeals Board, and the Environmental and Land Use Hearings Board -- that hear appeals of certain local, regional, and state agency environmental decisions. The boards were created to provide independent review of these agency decisions in an expedited and cost-effective manner.

|       | FY 2006     | FY 2007     | Biennial Total |
|-------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| FTE's | 9.0         | 9.0         | 9.0            |
| GFS   | \$1,057,000 | \$1,066,000 | \$2,123,000    |
| Other | \$0         | \$5,000     | \$5,000        |
| Total | \$1,057,000 | \$1,071,000 | \$2,128,000    |

\*FTE is second year only

**Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington’s natural resources**

**Statewide Strategy: Establish safeguards and standards to protect natural resources**

#### Expected Results

| Number of months from appeal to final resolution of contested cases decided either by hearing or motion by the Environmental Hearings Office. |         |        |        |          |
|---|---------|--------|--------|----------|
| Biennium  | Period  | Target | Actual | Variance |
| 2005-07   | 8th Qtr | 6      |        |          |
|   | 7th Qtr | 6      | 6.66   | 0.66     |
|   | 6th Qtr | 6      | 5.66   | (0.34)   |
|   | 5th Qtr | 6      | 6.66   | 0.66     |
|   | 4th Qtr | 6      | 8      | 2        |
|   | 3rd Qtr | 6      | 8      | 2        |
|   | 2nd Qtr | 6      | 5.75   | (0.25)   |
|   | 1st Qtr | 6      | 4.5    | (1.5)    |

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| Number of months from appeal to settlement for Environmental Hearings Office cases which do not go to hearing. |         |        |        |          |
|--|---------|--------|--------|----------|
| Biennium   | Period  | Target | Actual | Variance |
| 2005-07  | 8th Qtr | 5.5    | 3.75   | (1.75)   |
|  | 7th Qtr | 5.5    | 4      | (1.5)    |
|  | 6th Qtr | 5.5    | 4      | (1.5)    |
|  | 5th Qtr | 5.5    | 5      | (0.5)    |
|  | 4th Qtr | 5.5    | 5      | (0.5)    |
|  | 3rd Qtr | 5.5    | 6.3    | 0.8      |
|  | 2nd Qtr | 5.5    | 5.33   | (0.17)   |
|  | 1st Qtr | 5.5    | 3.66   | (1.84)   |

| Percentage of appeals that settle before hearing by the Environmental Hearings Office. |         |        |        |          |
|--|---------|--------|--------|----------|
| Biennium   | Period  | Target | Actual | Variance |
| 2005-07  | 8th Qtr | 90%    | 75%    | (15)%    |
|  | 7th Qtr | 90%    | 83%    | (7)%     |
|  | 6th Qtr | 90%    | 94%    | 4%       |
|  | 5th Qtr | 90%    | 91%    | 1%       |
|  | 4th Qtr | 90%    | 91%    | 1%       |
|  | 3rd Qtr | 90%    | 92%    | 2%       |
|  | 2nd Qtr | 90%    | 95%    | 5%       |
|  | 1st Qtr | 90%    | 75%    | (15)%    |

**Grand Total**

|              | FY 2006            | FY 2007            | Biennial Total     |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| FTE's        | 9.0                | 9.0                | 9.0                |
| GFS          | \$1,057,000        | \$1,066,000        | \$2,123,000        |
| Other        | \$0                | \$5,000            | \$5,000            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$1,057,000</b> | <b>\$1,071,000</b> | <b>\$2,128,000</b> |

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