

# Your Input is Important to a Successful Tribal Designated Use Revision



## DESIGNATED USE REVISION PROCESS

## OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE YOUR INPUT

The authorized Tribe identifies the past and current use of the waterbody, the problem limiting attainment of the use, and the actions that would result in attaining the use.

The authorized Tribe determines the highest attainable use (HAU) and documents findings in a use attainability analysis (UAA).

The authorized Tribe proposes the HAU as the new designated use.  
The authorized Tribe holds public hearings and requests public input.

The authorized Tribe adopts the revised use after considering public input.

The authorized Tribe submits the revised use and supporting documentation to EPA for review.  
The revised use is CWA-effective upon EPA approval.

The authorized Tribe holds a public hearing to review WQS, including designated uses, at least once every three years.

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Collaborate with the authorized Tribe, such as participating in a workgroup or survey.

Provide information and data on current or past uses of the waterbody.

Ask why the authorized Tribe believes the use cannot be attained.

Continue to provide site-specific information on:

-stressors to the waterbody and its sources;

-actions that can minimize the stressors;

-information to identify the HAU.

Review the draft UAA and use revision.

Provide comments and ask how the authorized Tribe will use your feedback.

Participate in public hearings.

Read the final UAA and the response to comments document.

Ask that waterbody monitoring results be made publicly available so that you can track water quality.

Participate in opportunities for formal public input, including public hearings.

Provide feedback and suggestions for improving water quality.

