

What Ever Happened to Water Quality Trading?

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Water quality trading has been a buzzword in the lexicon of water quality improvement tools for well over 15 years. Despite, the "buzz", not much has yet happened on the ground in Idaho. Idaho DEQ and others believe the "problem" is about to be remedied in the next two to three years. Today's discussion focuses on what is happening with water quality trading in the Pacific Northwest. Idaho, our sister states within Region 10 EPA and the Willamette Partnership, are partnering to make water quality trading a viable free-market approach. It is hoped our regional project and past experience will lead us toward successfully implementing innovative and cost-effective projects and management practices to enhance water quality in Idaho and the region.