

3745-5-10 Water quality trading: trading ratios.

- (A) For water quality trading activities between two permittees, a water quality credit shall be calculated using the trading ratio, where one pound of pollutant reduction equals one pound of water quality credit for that pollutant.
- (B) For water quality trading activities between a permittee and a nonpoint source, the water quality credit shall:
 - (1) When there is not an approved TMDL, be calculated using a trading ratio where two pounds of pollutant reduction equals one pound of water quality credit for that pollutant; or
 - (2) When there is an approved TMDL, be calculated using a trading ratio where three pounds of pollutant reduction equals one pound of water quality credit for that pollutant.
- (C) The director may consider and impose alternate trading ratios that:
 - (1) Consider field monitoring and observations;
 - (2) Consider water quality survey results;
 - (3) Consider the ability of habitat restoration projects to achieve additional environmental benefits beyond pollutant reductions;
 - (4) Consider project-specific information;
 - (5) Protect water quality standards; or
 - (6) Are based on additional information the director deems necessary to justify departure from the trading ratios set forth in paragraphs (A) and (B) of this rule.

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