

# **Presentation of Citizen Comments to the Basin Commission Board**

**April 21, 2010**

## **Written Comments**

No written comments were provided at the CCC meeting

## **Verbal Comments**

Verbal comments provided at the April 21, 2010 CCC meeting are reflected in the CCC meeting summary and paraphrased below.

<b>Comments</b>	<b>Commenter</b>
My original intent in coming to CCC meetings was to influence land use decisions and minimize public health impacts. The “nice-to-knows” of information updates at the meetings are fine, but if there is no way to show that this information is affecting change, then I’m not sure I was being realistic in joining the CCC.	<i>Julie Dalsaso, CCC Member</i>
The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has the fish advisories on their website, but I had to know that before I went to their website. I would have thought that information was on the Idaho Department of Fish and Game or Basin Commission websites.  <i>Terry Harwood responded that fish advisory information could be put under the FAQ section of the Basin Commission website.</i>	<i>Julie Dalsaso, CCC Member</i>
Around Lake Spokane, there is a high Russian population and they are used to fish in their diet. There is an opportunity to outreach to that community about the potential health impacts of eating fish caught in the Basin.	<i>Julie Dalsaso, CCC Member</i>
I am really interested in seeing how this changed agenda goes, with comments at the beginning of the meeting.	<i>Vera Williams, CCC Vice Chair</i>
People are still riding their 4-wheelers in the mud and then taking them home. Are they taking them home to somewhere in the Basin? Or somewhere in Spokane? What can you do except have people monitoring every Saturday and Sunday at these sites?  <i>Terry Harwood responded that the new Trustee is also concerned with this issue and is looking into access control measures, such as fences.</i>	<i>Lorrie Jenicek, Basin Resident</i>

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<p>I've come to respect all the work that has gone into the yard cleanup. I feel that the misinformation that happens in other public meetings needs to be addressed. With Denna Grangaard being on board at DEQ, is there a way to better address misinformation?</p> <p><i>This comment spurred a discussion about addressing misinformation that is reflected in the meeting summary.</i></p>	<p><i>Julie Dalsaso, CCC Member</i></p>
<p>One of the things that we can all do to address misinformation about the cleanup is, when we have an opportunity, tell the public, such as your family and friends, what we know.</p>	<p><i>Jerry Boyd, CCC Chair</i></p>
<p>My understanding is that any new mining activity has to go through the whole design process.</p> <p><i>Terry Harwood alerted those in attendance to a potential new Federal bill that would allow a mining company to re-mine a site without going through an environmental review process.</i></p>	<p><i>Vera Williams, CCC Vice Chair</i></p>
<p>This delay on the ROD amendment sounds familiar. For East Mission Flats, there was a backlash after the proposed plan and schedules were published. Are people concerned in general about having the Federal government working in the Coeur d'Alene Basin?</p> <p><i>Terry Harwood responded that he thinks that the concern from the State of Idaho about the ROD amendment comes from their budgetary responsibility for operation and maintenance of the remedy.</i></p>	<p><i>Julie Dalsaso, CCC member</i></p>
<p>This ROD amendment is for the Upper Basin, but the swans are dying in the Lower Basin and the public wonders if this amendment will do anything about that issue.</p> <p><i>Ed Moreen, EPA, responded that the remedies under the ROD amendment would reduce the contaminants in the water that is running downstream, but that there are still many contaminants in the lower river basin that could contribute to these ecological effects.</i></p>	<p><i>Jerry Boyd, CCC Chair</i></p>
<p>How will work at Wallace Yard be done such that the creek water is protected?</p> <p><i>Ed Moreen responded that best management practices, such as silt curtains, are used to prevent runoff in cases where work is done near waterways.</i></p>	<p><i>Lorrie Jenicek, Basin Resident</i></p>
<p>Will East Mission Flats receive waste from the Upper Basin? I thought it was primarily for Lower Basin waste.</p> <p><i>Terry Harwood, BEIPC, and Andy Mork, DEQ, responded that EMF is primarily for Lower Basin waste, but there may occasionally be Upper Basin waste delivered if it makes sense to do so.</i></p>	<p><i>Lorrie Jenicek, Basin Resident</i></p>
<p>The new CCC brochure should include language about "what's in it for me" to encourage the public to attend meetings.</p>	<p><i>Julie Dalsaso, CCC member</i></p>

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<p>I was impressed with the presentation that Brian Spears [USFWS] gave at the last TLG meeting. Maybe some night, the CCC could invite him and local birders in the community to talk about issues.</p>	<p><i>Julie Dalsaso, CCC member</i></p>
<p>If people want information about the clean-up, they are going to find it, but they may question the information or may not take any action to address it.</p> <p><i>Lorrie went on to relate a story of a family that lived on a property with contamination that has not been remediated by DEQ; the family has also not taken any action on their own to address the problem.</i></p>	<p><i>Lorrie Jenicek, Basin Resident</i></p>