

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

**February 4, 2009**

## **Written Comments**

No written comments were provided. However, Julie Dalsaso, CCC Member, provided information on the Idaho Rivers United Community Workshop and suggested that Ross & Associates let the CCC members know about the workshop by email.

## **Verbal Comments**

Verbal comments provided at the February 4, 2009 CCC meeting are reflected in the CCC meeting summary and paraphrased below.

## **Comments**

## **Commenter**

Regarding changing the protocol for CCC elections this spring, W.C. Rust suggested that the group tell the BEIPC they are going to take open nominations unless the BEIPC has any objections.	<i>W.C. Rust, CCC Member</i>
Regarding CCC elections, Jerry announced that he is willing to serve.	<i>Jerry Boyd, CCC Vice Chair</i>
Regarding notifying the public about the ROD Amendment, Bonnie Douglas suggested that the public might be overwhelmed by technical detail and that EPA should provide information that is designed for the general public.	<i>Bonnie Douglas, CCC Member</i>
Rusty Sheppard suggested that the SIG groups could take the information on the ROD Amendment and disseminate it to local groups, such as the River Association or to the Lake Shore Owners Association.	<i>Rusty Sheppard, CCC Member</i>
Regarding getting the word out about the ROD Amendment, Julie Dalsaso suggested that this is a Communications PFT issue.	<i>Julie Dalsaso, CCC Member</i>
Bonnie stated that there is a list of organizations that Rebecca Stevens had provided in the past that EPA could be used for outreach purposes regarding the ROD Amendment.	<i>Bonnie Douglas, CCC Member</i>
Jerry explained that the ROD Amendment process is a formal process required under the CERLA Superfund law.	<i>Jerry Boyd, CCC Vice Chair</i>
In the discussion about the Lake Management Plan, Response to Comments Document, W.C. Rust commented that groundwater models for the Box showed huge reductions in zinc loading. He stated that there is a solution but someone must provide the money. He commented that the TMDL process looks at long term effects, rather than short term ones.	<i>W. C. Rust, CCC Member</i>
Bonnie Douglas asked why we can't put more waste into the central	<i>Bonnie Douglas,</i>

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impoundment area rather than going to another repository site. Ed Moreen, EPA, responded with information about the risks of putting more waste into the central impoundment.	<i>CCC Member</i>
Jerry stated that the proximity of a repository site to the cleanup work is an important factor and that contaminated materials should not be transported far distances. He asked if sediment ponds by the old mine would be considered as a potential repository site for the Upper Basin.	<i>Jerry Boyd, CCC Vice Chair</i>
Rusty asked if there would be fewer cleanups in the Lower Basin, since no repository sites were being considered in that geographic area. He suggested that people in the Lower Basin may ask about that.	<i>Rusty Sheppard, CCC Member</i>
W.C. Rust commented that the bottom of the river is silty sandy deposits, similar to sand dunes moving down river, and it gets picked up, indicating that the contaminants come from the bed of the river.	<i>W.C. Rust, CCC Member</i>
W.C. Rust suggested that EPA show the list of 85 potential repository sites (from the 2002-2003 TerraGraphics report) to Shoshone County to head off any problems later when selecting a site.	<i>W.C. Rust, CCC Member</i>
Bonnie commented that she heard she could not speak at the Repository PFT meeting. Terry responded that non-members were welcome to speak when recognized by the Chair.	<i>Bonnie Douglas, CCC Member</i>