

## **2-20-03 Citizen Coordinating Council Meeting**

### **Idaho Health and Welfare Building, 6:30pm, Kellogg, Idaho**

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#### ***Attendees***

Aaron Bartley	Bob Martinson
Lloyd Brewer	Debby Martinson
Phillip Cerna	Charles Miller
Frank Frutche	David Moershel
Rose Frutche	Luke Russell
Connie Fudge	W.C. Rust
Ron Green	Keith Shannon
Lisa Hardy	John Snider
Kristy Reed Johnson	Vinetta Ruth Spencer
Sherry Krulitz	
Noel Logar	Bill Ross, <i>facilitator</i>
	Anne Dettelbach, <i>facilitator</i>

#### ***Meeting Overview***

The February 20, 2003 meeting of the Citizen Coordinating Council (CCC) of the Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission (Basin Commission) was structured to:

1. Review, confirm, and set in motion the CCC organizational structure (originally introduced at the 1-27 CCC meeting and attached to this summary);
2. Comment on the Proposed 2003 Basin Commission Workplan, prepared by the Technical Leadership Group of the Basin Commission; and
3. Prepare for the CCC's presentations to the Basin Commission Board on February 26, 2003.

#### ***CCC Organizational Structure Proposal***

John Snider of the CCC walked meeting participants through the proposed organizational structure, as prepared by a subgroup of the CCC. The proposal had not changed substantially since it was first introduced in January. One addition to the presentation was the inclusion of a map that helps to locate the various "regions" in the Basin. *The "map" is also attached at the end of this meeting summary as reference.*

CCC members present at the meeting generally supported the proposal. Kristy Reed Johnson pointed the Micah Flats community (from Rockford Bay up to Post Falls) may represent a "hole" along the west side of the lake, but did not propose to modify the geographic regions in any way. Others questioned why the SIG would need to establish a tallying procedure/identify a central location for collecting votes (for the chair/vice-chair) and asked Ross & Associates to perform that function.

The group confirmed that the Small Integration Group (SIG) organization in no way precludes/organizes citizens' involvement on PFTs (of the Technical Leadership Group). Rather, the SIG acts as a "support network" to the chair/vice-chair by helping to keep citizens informed of Basin Commission activities and by helping collect and relay citizen comments on Board decisions/opportunities. Citizens will continue to track/participate on whatever PFTs they are interested in.

After John Snider's presentation, meeting participants broke into the different "regions" to begin to work on four things:

1. organize the regional groups to select representatives for the Small Integration Group [note: each region can appoint one SIG representative];
2. organize regional groups to nominate candidates for the CCC chair/vice-chair [note: each region nominates one candidate. That person may/not actually live in the region but must be a CCC member];
3. nominate a person to present the CCC organizational structure to the Board; and
4. figure out how additional comments on the TLG proposed 2003 workplan can be collected by Monday and incorporated into a presentation to the Board to take place on Wednesday afternoon.

Five of the eight designated regions (Upper Basin, CdA Lake/Spokane River, Washington State, Coeur d'Alene/Post Falls, and Lower Basin [including Harrison and exterior reservation]) "met" at the meeting. Three regions (the "Box", Reservation lands, and Benewah County/St. Joe River/St. Maries) did not gather (because no meeting participants represented these areas).

NOTE: At the end of the meeting, John Snider agreed to make the presentation to the Board on Wednesday afternoon.

## ***Review of Proposed 2003 Workplan***

The second major meeting session was devoted to the 2003 Proposed Workplan prepared by the Technical Leadership Group for Board discussion on February 26, 2003. Phillip Cerna, Technical Leadership Group chair and interim Basin Commission staff, reviewed key aspects of the workplan and answered clarifying questions. Citizens made the following comments on the various parts of the proposal.

### **Human Health—Residential**

- How do you establish the human health need?
- Concern about spending so much money to clean up residential yards when (1) children's lead levels are down and (2) other areas (e.g., CIA, 9 Mile, Government Gulch, Canyon Creek, Rex Mill/East Fork) are leaking/leaching greater amounts of heavy metals.
- The metals in residential yards may not be bio-available and may not be the highest priority for remediation.
- Focus resources on locating the greatest human health needs and in helping those people. Osburn may not have the greatest need.

### **Human Health—Recreation**

- No specific comments

### **Streambank Stabilization**

- Can we study the options and still get a demonstration project in place in 2003?
- Why was the USFWS' score (a 2) so low?
- Washington state residents are concerned about how bank stabilization relates to the transport of heavy metals reaching the Spokane River.

- The Lands Council and others support bank stabilization and understand its importance in the ROD; favor a more deliberative process (vs. moving quickly to install new stabilization technologies); believe there is confusion related to the source of the metals (sediments vs. banks); endorse Option A (aka “majority”).
- Some citizens questioned why this issue needs to be further studied (given that streambank stabilization is not a new concept).
- Option B would enable the Basin Commission to begin to address riparian corridor issues in the Lower Basin (as described as important in the ROD) by involving Lower Basin landowners in this first effort. Upper Basin/St. Joe landowners would not be involved in Option B.
- Lakeshore Owners Association favor having a brief research period, getting projects on the ground in 2003; support Option B (aka the “minority”).
- If the TLG does not support any single option, the Board should send the proposals back to the TLG to discuss, find middle ground.

## Upper Basin

- No specific comments

## Water Treatment: Mullan I/I

- POTWs provide an important opportunity to “catch” heavy metals. This project is important.
- *Via email*: concern that replacement of leaking pipes will be more expensive and as disruptive as laying entirely new piping system in a different location; propose to leave existing leaking pipes in ground to provide groundwater collection system; this groundwater could then be directed to a metals treatment system prior to discharge to surface waters.

## Water Treatment: Canyon Creek

- No specific comments

## Lake Coeur d’Alene Monitoring

- Citizens want to comment on proposal/presentation before it is brought before the Board this Spring.
- Can the monitoring program be expanded to include Black Lake (which often experiences blue-green algae blooms due to phosphorus loading)? Can the monitoring program be expanded to include nutrients? Why focus only on Lake Coeur d’Alene? [NOTE: *It was explained that Black Lake and other lateral lakes would be covered under the Basin-wide Monitoring Program currently under development. That monitoring effort may consider nutrients, as well as metals. If you are interested in participating on a PFT focused on Basin-wide environmental monitoring, please contact Anne Dailey at EPA, [dailey.anne@epa.gov](mailto:dailey.anne@epa.gov)*]

## Lake Education and Information

- How will the education/outreach continue after the 2-year grant runs out? [NOTE: It was explained that the “messages” will be moved out to other agencies at the end of two years; those agencies are expected to help pass the message along to residents and visitors]. We need to monitor that effort to ensure it is successful.
- Get the “message” out to the granges.
- Put signage on the Coeur d’Alene river.

## General

- The Basin Commission should examine the relative priority of the projects it proposes to undertake. Spend money where it will do the most good. Focus on leaks. Focus on the Box.

- At what point will future workplans/Basin Commission address contamination in the Box from the CIA repository? As this contamination enters the river and moves downstream, it will become the Basin Commission's problem.
- Be open to the possibility that there may be a more cost-effective way to achieve results than has been done undertaken in the past.
- When 2 or more proposals are on the table, consider labeling them as "Option A" and "Option B" (rather than majority/minority), especially if there is no clear "favorite" option and/or support for both is low.

At the end of the session, meeting participants agreed to collect additional comments over the weekend and reconvene via conference call to prepare the CCC's presentation to the Board. The call will be held at 8:00am PST on Tuesday, February 25, 2003.

## ***Closing***

Meeting participants agreed to set the dates for the next two CCC meetings. Please reserve the following times and dates on your calendars. More specific meeting information will follow as details are finalized. Basin Commission commissioners will be invited to attend the meetings, as well.

**March 19, 2003—next CCC Meeting**

**April 23, 2003**

\*\*\*\*Please note that the regions are being asked to identify their SIG representatives prior to the March meeting. Candidates for chair/vice-chair will be asked to make a brief statement at the March meeting, as well. Voting on the chair/vice-chair will follow the March meeting.

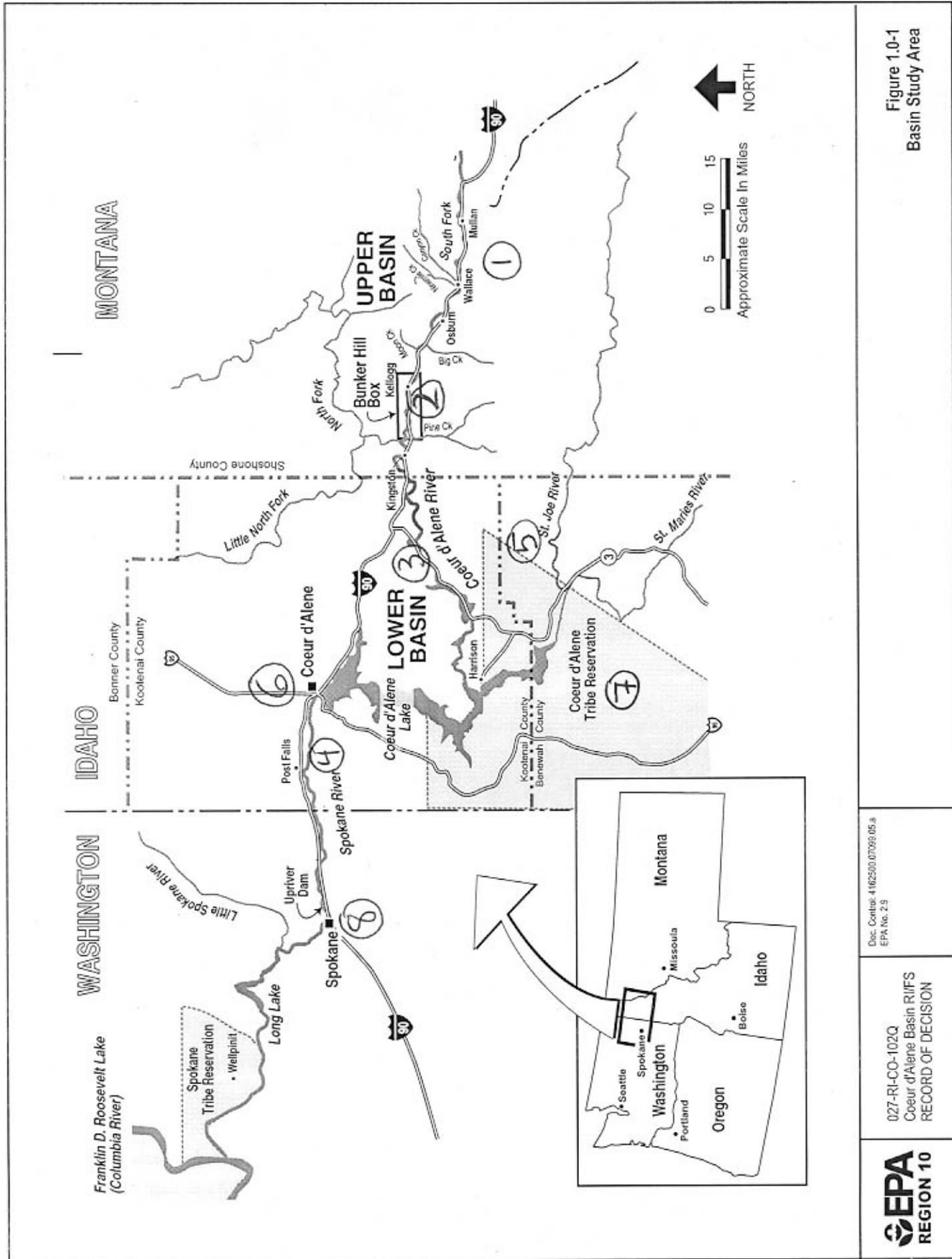


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