

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
June 30, 2005

Participants:

Phillip Cernera (Chair)
Terry Harwood
Paul Woods
Dave Sternberg
Anne Dailey
Nick Zilka
Mark Stromberg
Rob Spafford
Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)

This summary provides the salient issues. These notes are intended to capture key topics, conclusions, and next steps and not the nuances of the discussion.

Agenda Items: Five-Year Work Plan and Schedule

Phillip Cernera would like to receive the TLG's comments on the five-year work plan as soon as possible. The schedule is as follows:

- July 13, 12:00 Noon - Deadline for all TLG comments
- July 13, Evening – Cernera will present the plan at the CCC meeting
- July 20, 9:00 a.m. – Cernera, Harwood, and John Snider will meet to incorporate CCC comments
- July 21, 8:00 a.m. – TLG conference call to discuss the final draft
- July 22 – Final draft due to Harwood

Other Discussion:

Paul Woods reported that the next lake sampling is scheduled for the week of July 18. He indicated that he would be making a presentation at the next CCC meeting on lake issues.

Dave Sternberg mentioned that minor changes are being reviewed for the draft final RI/FS for the Spokane Upriver Dam and the cleanup action plan should be completed in the next few weeks.

Harwood mentioned that he is working with Tamara Langton (EPA) to process the quality assurance project plans (QAPP's) that are required for certain CWA contracts. He has also sent letters to the IDEQ sponsored subgrantees that do not need contracts. As soon as he receives the contracts for the others, he will send those out which should be in the next few weeks. Harwood reported that Jeri DeLange is now a state employee for the BEIPC. She will be working part-time approximately 3 days per week except for when she is needed full-time to prepare for the

BEIPC meetings. Her schedule will be adjusted accordingly during those times, but cannot exceed 1385 hours for the year. Harwood also informed everyone that he will be out of the office on vacation from Friday, July 1 until Monday, July 11.

Five-Year Work Plan Discussion: Terry Harwood mentioned that he met with some of the Kootenai County representatives to discuss changes to the five-year plan. He incorporated those changes into the most recent draft.

Ron Roizen brought up the issue that Kootenai County representatives may have a position that there should be two LMP's (lake management plans) if the Tribe and State cannot agree upon one joint plan. He also pointed out two other issues in regards to the five-year work plan: 1) delisting the Spokane River; and 2) what effect the NAS pre-publication report would have on the cleanup work. Roizen suggested that the work plan should include a general statement about the economic use of funds.

Cernera indicated that language in the work plan could say that the State and Tribe will develop and implement the LMP.

Roizen inquired why the position for two LMP's was being dismissed.

Cernera replied that he was not dismissing this position, but that a generic placeholder could be placed in the plan. Then the Basin Commission could determine at their August meeting, what language they want in the work plan in regards to this issue.

Roizen questioned if there was interest in the delisting program.

Cernera answered that there was no plan for moving forward with delisting at this time. He said that he had called Ron Kreizenbeck (EPA) to discuss the requirements for deletion and they are very stringent. Because monitoring is also one of the requirements, there will be no deletion right after the plan is written.

Anne Dailey suggested mediation as a way for the State and Tribe to discuss the issues on the LMP and work through the process.

After further discussion on the LMP section, it was determined that Cernera would write up language to articulate the TLG's position. The information will be forwarded to everyone for review and comment.

Round Table:

Hardy: Discussed recreational areas in the Lower Basin and public land management. He pointed out that Idaho Fish & Game have a mandate to preserve and protect wildlife for hunting and fishing. Hardy suggested keeping in mind the wildlife mandate when developing recreational sites.

Cenera: Inquired about the wetland inventory project. Harwood responded that this project includes three entities: 1) USFWS; 2) IDFG; and 3) Ducks Unlimited. Cenera mentioned that he had heard the largest pasture in the Lower Basin had been sold. This may be an issue of concern due to possible nutrient loading into Black Lake. Rog Hardy responded that he would talk to Brian Spears for more information.

Hardy: Brought up the issue of Avista splitting the dam relicensing. He believes this may be a major issue for the Basin and lake.

Roizen: Nothing to report.

Cenera: Reported that he is working on the EPA five-year review.

Zilka: Nothing to report.

Cenera: Brought up Nine Mile Creek and contacting Bill Adams to put it back into the PFT.

Harwood: Mentioned that he will contact Bill Adams in regards to the Nine Mile CWA project.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 7/7/05

Thank you for your participation.