

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
June 2, 2011

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)
Don Carpenter
Terry Harwood
Jan Olsen
Ed Moreen

Sandra Raskell
Randy Connolly
Bonnie Douglas
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: None.

Round Table:

Jeri DeLange - Informed everyone that the next CCC meeting will be held on July 13th in the Lower Basin. The location has not been determined yet.

Rebecca Stevens - Suggested July 7th as the tentative date for the next TLG meeting, and proposed holding a Basin Information Forum (BIF) the same day. She will send an email to everyone with information and a request for TLG agenda items and BIF topics.

Don Carpenter - Nothing to report.

Jan Olsen - Nothing to report.

Randy Connolly - Brought up concerns about the Spokane River.

TLG Discussion - The TLG call participants discussed various issues associated with the Spokane River such as PCBs and some of the topics from the recent Spokane River Forum on May 23rd and 24th. Bonnie Douglas said that she will forward a link with information about the Spokane River Forum to Stevens to share with the TLG. Douglas pointed out that one of the presentations at the Forum was about some cleanup activities along the Spokane River in which 25% of contaminated waste (i.e. metals) was contained on site by using vitrification. She found this interesting as she had been told that the soil in the Basin was too wet.

Randy Connolly - Mentioned that the State of Washington stopped the beach cleanup actions along the Spokane River as there has been no funding available for the last two years.

Rebecca Stevens - Said that the Tribe will be conducting interviews for the Restoration Coordinator position on June 14th.

Bonnie Douglas - For informational purposes, she shared information about the Northwest Coalition starting stakeholder meetings with various groups for the review of the Columbia River Treaty.

Brian Spears - Nothing to report. Douglas inquired if he had information about the waterfowl at

East Mission Flats (EMF). Spears responded that he did not. Harwood asked if he had the most recent swan mortality results. Spears replied that he did not have the actual numbers, but that Kate Healy (USFWS) had been conducting a survey from the roadside and there were well over 100 dead swans for 2010. He thinks that there were about 135 in 2009. By far, that number was the largest swan mortality rate in the Basin, so 2010 will be another bad year.

Other TLG Discussion - TLG members discussed some of the possible reasons for the high number of swan mortalities the last few years. Douglas asked what was being done about this issue. Harwood answered that there has been project work to create clean habitat for waterfowl feeding such as the Schlepp wetland project. He mentioned that most people in the Lower Basin are not aware of the contaminated wetlands, so it's getting little attention from the public. Stevens suggested that it would be a good discussion topic for the BIF.

Jeri DeLange - Said that she is looking at scheduling a Communications PFT meeting sometime in late June or early July.

Terry Harwood - Gave an update on the following: 1) On June 13th, he will be going on a field trip to look at instream remedies proposed in the ROD amendment with EPA, BHS and Bill Rust, Shoshone County TLG Rep. The tour is a result of Bill Rust's presentation about EPA sites where the proposed remedy work on the South Fork could fail from hydrological activity or flooding. 2) He is working on a road remediation program as some of the road surfaces in the Basin serve as barriers for areas contaminated with waste material. When the road surfaces wear out, it may expose contamination. This work was included in the OU-3 ROD and will not be part of the ROD Amendment. 3) He drove around Rose Lake and observed that flooding from the River was flowing back into Rose Lake. The flooding occurred because a culvert failed and had to be replaced and the old headgate (from the 1930s) did not fit the new culvert. The new headgate will not be able to be installed until the water is lower. 4) The EMF repository has been running for a number of weeks. 5) The Basin Property Remediation Program (BPRP) is experiencing problems in obtaining enough clean topsoil replacement material. Due to weather conditions, the stockpiled soil is wet and sticky which makes it difficult to screen and process.

Bonnie Douglas - Asked about the speed of the water moving at EMF. Harwood answered that the water is not moving. Douglas said that she thinks the perception of some people is that the water is moving through the repository. She feels that there is a need for correct information and suggested that the topic should be clarified for the public.

Terry Harwood - Informed everyone that he will be attending the State engineering conference in CDA next week (June 8-10), but will be available by cell phone.

Bonnie Douglas - Suggested that the Communications PFT be utilized for review of language and public perception more. She thinks it may be helpful to provide people with a better understanding.

Ed Moreen - Nothing to report.

Rebecca Stevens - Indicated that she will be sending out information on the July 7th meetings. The TLG meeting will be in the morning, followed by the BIF in the afternoon.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be 8/4/11.