

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

May 20, 2004

Participants:

Lloyd Brewer
Jim Hanson
Phillip Cerner
Rob Spafford

Dave Sternberg
Anne Dailey
Nick Zilka
John Roland

Rob Hansen
Randy Connolly
Bill Rust

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:

Discussion of the Clean Water Act Guidance Document and feedback from the Commission:

The guidance document has undergone minor revisions that describe CCC participation in the process and highlight the desire of Basin Commission members to focus work in the Upper Basin.

Concern was expressed about how the Upper Basin focus meshes with the 5-year plan.

Update on Spokane River Symposium held May 14.

Randy Connolly provided an update on the Spokane River symposium held at Gonzaga University May 14: There was a diversity of viewpoints represented. The riverfront property owners' group (from the lake to the dam at Post Falls) pressed for the lake to be held at summer level two more months of the year. Christine Gregoire talked about the need to get tough with Idaho, mentioning TMDLs and other issues at the state line. Shannon Work explained the Spokane Tribe's perspective. Howard Funke explained the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's perspective. Presenters representing industry presented the position that TMDLs need to be relaxed.

Lloyd Brewer added that the attendees were mostly lawyers, but that they brought a lot of local perspectives to the table. Lloyd noted this was the first place he had heard the legal perspectives of the Tribes' positions. Jim McCurdy described the Basin Commission process.

A graph of seasonal low flows displayed at the symposium shows a decline from 1,700 cfs to 700 cfs since about 1890. Those on this call discussed that information briefly.

Round Table:

Anne Dailey: With respect to last week's discussion, Anne noted she had talked to ITD about the recreation area projects over a year before implementation. The remaining issues are paperwork issues related to permitting and the different permitting requirements associated with CERCLA. Anne will be working in an acting capacity as manager for the OU3, Puget Sound, Portland, and other sites, in addition to her Coeur d'Alene duties.

Lloyd Brewer: Nothing.

Jim Hanson: The waterfowl study will be starting soon. He is getting a sampling and analysis plan ready for review. A legal review is underway of the landowner permission agreement that

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will allow entry onto properties by the samplers. He will send a public information sheet to Cernera for distribution to the TLG and CCC.

John Roland: Nothing.

Phillip Cernera: Cernera recapped work on the Lake Management Plan (LMP). For 14 months the State and the Tribe have been working toward a joint LMP. In February, the Tribal Chairman sent the Director of IDEQ a letter presenting eight issues that needed resolution. In March, the Director sent a letter to the Chairman stating that the State was still committed to working together on a joint LMP, and proposing to meet to work on the eight issues. For the last six weeks, nothing has happened. The Tribal Chairman sent the Director a memo asking about rumors that the State is moving ahead unilaterally. In a conference call yesterday, Director Allred confirmed that the State intends to have its plan out by the end of May.

Rob Spafford: Nothing.

Dave Sternberg: Nothing.

Nick Zilka: The Stream Bank Stabilization PFT met last Thursday. There was an excellent exchange of ideas. Terragraphics is taking those ideas and others and preparing a draft work plan. Terragraphics is also preparing a Biological Assessment that should be out near the end of the month. Bill Rust asked Nick about a report from the Bunker Hill Water Group. Nick responded that the group plans to make a presentation to the TLG.

Rob Hansen: The Clean Water Act grant funds (FY2003) should arrive next week. The amount of the funds is \$1,788,000, while the grant application was for \$1,778,000. Rob adjusted the INEEL project, which had been cut earlier, and added the \$10,000 back into that project.

There was a Human Health PFT meeting just after the Basin Commission meeting. He will distribute the notes.

Randy Connolly: Nothing.

Bill Rust: Nothing.

Thank you for your participation.