

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

May 27, 2004

Participants:

Phillip Cernera
Rob Spafford
Lloyd Brewer
Rogers Hardy
Bill Rust

Ed Moreen
Paul Woods
Rusty Sheppard
Rob Hansen
Rebecca Stevens

Dave Sternberg
David Fortier
Randy Connolly

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: No comments were received since the last version was distributed. The CCC has received the draft from Anne Dettlebach. It was agreed that the document will be distributed as the final version with one change: the date the guidance will be issued will be today. Distribution will be to the Basin Commission web site, Anne Dettlebach for forwarding to the CCC, and the TLG.

Meetings and Schedule:

5/28	CWA Guidance to be sent out.
6/5	Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes grand opening.
6/17	NAS Meeting – 4 or 5 presentations, mostly about the lake.
6/23	WCAC meeting at Gonzaga University Mock Court Room

Lake Management Plan Update: Phillip Cernera provided the following update. About two weeks ago, it became apparent the State of Idaho was moving ahead with a Lake Management Plan (LMP) on its own. On May 18, Director Allred confirmed this. On May 19, Chairman Stensgar confirmed this with Director Allred and set up a meeting for May 21. On the 21st, the State and the Tribe met to discuss the MOA for a joint plan that, if it were agreed to, could be a mechanism for partial deletion of the Lake. A number of issues remain unresolved. Director Allred held that after 14 months, the State and the Tribe have done nothing to advance the LMP, and that something is better than nothing. Major issues include the lack of funding for implementing a plan, and the role of the Basin Commission in coordinating the implementation of the LMP. The state is moving ahead, and plans to have a draft out this month and a final version adopted by the end of June.

Paul Woods offered that data gathered by the end of the summer may influence decisions on how to proceed.

It was also noted that lake management is proceeding in spite of the difficulties in adopting an updated plan.

Round Table:

Lloyd Brewer: Nothing.

Rogers Hardy: Rog has revisions to the Basin Commission minutes to request. It was noted that the Basin Commission has directed staff to trim the minutes down to the essential points. The Commission agreed not to accept the minutes as they were presented, but to postpone that until the minutes are summarized.

Rebecca Stevens: She has been working on a presentation and will be revising it and sharing it with anyone who is interested. The stream bank inventory is not finished yet, but there should be a draft out next week. Benewah County (Jack Buell) indicated they will comment, but she has not received anything.

Bill Rust: Nothing.

Ed Moreen: Nothing.

Paul Woods: The last lake sampling trip was May 18 and 19; the next will be June 22 and 23. The Post Falls crew sampled at the end of the runoff. Survey crews are out on the Lower River, preparing for the LIDAR work and the study.

Rusty Sheppard: Nothing.

Rob Hanson: Rob brought up the need for an updated TLG roster. Cernera will make updates and share a draft with the TLG. Rob noted that with the new round of CWA projects, there are 17 CWA projects underway. The TLG should consider how to track them and get regular updates from the project sponsors. Various ideas were offered up, including asking the project sponsors to provide updates and asking the PFTs to update the TLG. Hanson mentioned that the TLG should be updating the 5-Year Plan every year. That will be a topic for a future TLG meeting. Rob noted that the TLG protocols are on the Basin Commission web site.

David Fortier: He is continuing work with bioreactors. Spring surges have affected the media. He is continuing work on putting data together for an update, perhaps at an upcoming BIF. He has met with Bill Adams on the Constitution, Rex, and Sisters sites, for the purpose of introducing EPA's contractor to the sites.

Randy Connolly: Randy asked if the location of the June 16 NAS meeting has been determined. It has not.

Dave Sternberg: Nothing.

Thank you for your participation.