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TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY October 30, 2003

Participants:

Phillip Cernera	Rob Hanson	Luke Russell	Roger Hardy
Sheila Beckman	Randy Connolly	Anne Dailey	John Roland
Jana McCurdy	Mark Addy	Rebecca Stevens	
Rusty Sheppard	Dave Fortier	Ed Morreen	

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

Potential agenda topics were suggested by the Chair and others. These included; a) an overview of the outcome of the review of the 2004 draft work plan, b) The repository PFT, c) the Basin Information Forum (BIF), d) the Spokane River forum, and e) review of TLG weekly call notes.

a) Review, Revision and Submittal of 2004 Work Plan; Cernera mentioned that 10 people commented on the draft work plan. Based on these comments, the Tribe then made revisions to the plan and submitted the revised plan to Luke for submittal in the Commission's agenda packet. As Chair of the TLG Cernera will present the work plan to the Commission on November 12, 2003. Cernera will use the work plan table as the basis for his discussion. He will also resend the final 2004 work plan proposal to TLG members.

b) Repository PFT; The next meeting has been scheduled for December 9, 2003 (9am through 12pm). The meeting will take place at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. The objectives of the meeting will be to review past repository work and establish a path forward to advance the development of additional repositories.

c) Basin Information Forum (BIF); The upcoming BIF meeting will be held on November 13, 2003 at 9am at the USFS Building on Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene. Presentations will be given by John Nelson (USGS, Kootenai River modeling), Paul Hansen (Ripes Evaluation), and Blue Water Technologies.

The Lower River forum will convene the following day, November 14, 2003. An email will be sent out to the TLG with further details.

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d) The Spokane River Forum; Over 100 people showed up for this public forum to discuss issues associated with the Spokane River. As John Roland suggested “the river is critical to the City of Spokane for a variety of reasons.” Topics discussed included; history, legislation, technical, environmental and business issues associated with the River Basin. Washington CAC intends to continue the dialog concerning topics raised in this forum.

e) TLG Notes: The TLG Chair was asked to include this addition/clarification to last week’s TLG call notes for the section addressing the first Chamber of Commerce TAG meeting.

“The purpose of the TAG is to provide money for interested members of the community to hire a technical advisor. The technical advisor can help the community interpret and comment on site-related information and decisions. The “client” of the technical advisor will have no oversight or support role with respect to the Commission.

Eligible non-profit organizations may compete for TAGs. Many non-profit organizations decide to charge membership dues for a variety of reasons. TAG recipients may legally charge their members a membership fee. In the case of the Basin Cleanup Coalition, the membership fee is included in the DRAFT by-laws. Once a voting Board of Directors is established, that Board may choose to waive or eliminate the membership fee. No money was collected at either of the Basin Cleanup Coalition membership recruitment meetings”.

Rusty asked if there was any technical data available from this forum. Much of the technical information presented has already been available as part of the RI/FS process.

Round Table

Paul Woods; Water sampling for both the BEMP and Lake Study has started. USGS collected information at seven sentinel stations and eight benchmark stations. Lake sampling was conducted on five primary stations (deep water). Near shore stations will be sampled by next week.

Paul also mentioned that the USGS will be using a new instrument this year. This instrument creates three beams of light which will enhance the ability to map lake and river bed characteristics and quantify load changes within the river. Each instrument costs \$10K but has a low maintenance cost compared to many of the instruments currently used.

Anne Dailey: The NAS committee is yet to be formed but Anne is preparing documentation for their review. Anne also mentioned that a white paper on database management is being developed and will be out to the TLG next week.

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Roger Hardy: Asked if the comments received on the Frutchy stream stabilization project could be better posted. It was suggested that the ACOE post the comments on their web.

Roger also mentioned that the Avista process seems to be working well and the technical forum for water valuable. He did suggest however, that their GIS coverage of land ownership was incorrect and incorrectly portrayed tribal reservation boundaries.

Lyold Brewer; The Avista Lake bathymetry survey data should be out soon. The electronic format of this data is unknown. John Roland suggested that the contours will be at 2 to 3 foot intervals. The resolution of bottom contours will be better in the shallow areas of the lake compared to that of the deep lake bottom. Paul asked if there was any update on the SeaQual Model. In an effort to fascinate discussions at the BIF, Luke suggested that TLG members send him questions.

Jana McGurdy: Asked how best to transmit TLG work-plan to the CCC. Cerner will send Jana the Plan and she will coordinate with Anne Dattlebach to distribute it to the CCC.

David Fortier: Work at the Constitution mine water treatment cell has been completed. Work on the "We Like" mine site is also now on line.

The next TLG call is on November 6, 2003 at 8am. The call in number is (206)-553-4557.

Thank you for your participation.