

Spokane River TMDL Collaboration

Steering Workgroup

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The Steering Workgroup met to discuss the following agenda:

1. Update on Ecology's draft Managed Implementation Plan
2. Discuss Collaboration Activities and Future Schedule

1. Update on Ecology's draft Managed Implementation Plan

Ecology received comments on its draft Managed Implementation Plan (MIP) from several Collaboration participants. Dave Peeler announced that Ecology is currently reviewing these comments and has scheduled face-face consultation meetings during the week of March 27th with several participants to further discuss their submittals. At these consultation meetings, Ecology anticipates sharing its thoughts on the draft MIP in terms of a set of "Foundational Concepts", rather than the incorporation of comments into the full MIP document; Ecology's goal is to reach individual agreement on these general terms. Additional feedback will be gathered during the consultation meetings for further incorporation into a MIP summary document describing the Foundational Concepts. A draft will be completed and made available to Collaboration participants in advance of the next Full Group discussion. Bill Ross added that while Ecology does need to amend the current TMDL with a detailed MIP, the Foundational Concepts will assist the Collaboration in understanding and describing the individual and collective inputs to the MIP, activities that will need to happen concurrently, and how the ten-year check-in will be accomplished.

2. Discuss Collaboration Activities and Future Schedule

Bill Ross suggested the Collaboration Co-Chairs should convene following the series of consultation meetings to discuss the next Full Group meeting agenda and any meeting materials. Another Steering Workgroup meeting will be scheduled shortly after this Co-Chairs meeting. Co-Chairs Dave Peeler and Todd Mielke agreed on this approach.

Bill Ross announced that Ross & Associates was contacted by a member of the public who would like to attend future Steering Workgroup meetings. The Steering Workgroup agreed that others could join the Steering Workgroup sessions if they wished to listen and observe; in the interest of efficiency,

public comment is not taken at these meetings and it is encouraged that public observers attend in-person to reduce telephone-related expenses.

Dave Peeler announced that Governor Gregoire will be signing the phosphorous bill in Spokane on Monday, March 27; all are encouraged to attend.

The meeting concluded at approximately 9:05 a.m.