

Summary Notes from 2018 CRB Advisory Committee Meeting March 22 2018

Committee Members in Attendance

David Patrick	south central Idaho grower	
Erik Olson	north Idaho grower	Chair
Mary Anderson	Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)	
Adam Young	eastern Idaho grower	
Mike McGown	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Vice
Kevin Greenleaf	Kootenai Tribe of Idaho	
Sherman Takatori	Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA)	
Lester Higgins	Coeur d'Alene Tribe	
Andrea Boyer	Nez Perce Tribe	
Justin McLeod	Central Idaho Grower	
Thomas Turco	BSU - Health professional	

The committee elected Adam Young as Chair for the 2018 burn seasons. Vice Chair remains Mike McGown, EPA.

Chair and Vice Chair customarily change after the spring annual meeting. The Chair's term runs from the day after the spring annual meeting to the annual meeting the next spring.

Committee Members Absent

None	
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Others in Attendance

Tiffany Floyd	Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Jack Carpenter	DEQ
Randall Ruddick	EPA Region 10
Jack Bell	Nez Perce Tribe
Julie Simpson	Nez Perce Tribe
Benjamin Kelly	AMG
Stacie Satterlee	IGPA
Tami Aslett	DEQ
Matt Kreizenbeck	DEQ
Jacob Wolf	DEQ
Mark Boyle	DEQ

Tenure of Committee Members

Committee members will serve until June 30 of the year their appointment expires. Newly appointed members will start serving on July 1. Each appointment is for 4 years. David Patrick, south-central Idaho grower representative, requested to be relieved from the committee and nominated Alex Reed to take his place. Mr. Reed agreed to represent south-central Idaho growers. DEQ expects to finalize this change in the coming months.

Ends 2021 (Appointed 2017)	Ends 2020 (Appointed 2016)
Andrea Boyer – Nez Perce Tribe	Erik Olson – north Idaho grower
Adam Young – eastern Idaho grower	Kevin Greenleaf – Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
Sherman Takatori – ISDA	Les Higgins – Coeur d’Alene Tribe
Justin McLeod – central Idaho grower	Thomas Turco – health professional
	David Patrick – south central Idaho grower
	Mike McGown – EPA Region 10
	Mary Anderson – DEQ

Chairperson

Erik Olson served as Chair for this meeting. Adam Young was elected as chair for the 2018 season. Vice Chair will remain Mike McGown for 2018.

DEQ Presentation

DEQ presented a review of 2017 program performance, and a review of 2017 CRB program recommendations with DEQ actions. DEQ also included 2008-2017 historical data in the presentation and database application upgrade needs.

The 2017 meeting recommendations, and DEQ actions, included the five topics listed below:

1. Increase the number of acres on good burn days and allow growers (especially in Boundary) to burn more if the conditions are going well.
 - o DEQ has added a training emphasis to help field specialists identify when a day was providing good smoke dispersion and how staff should proceed. DEQ will post the likely maximum acres on web for the day in the burn decision to accommodate public notification requirements. DEQ is also considering the historic maximum burn acreage for each smoke management area to help in determining the total acres for a good to excellent burn day in any smoke management area.
2. Send email reminders for growers that have trainings that are about to expire.
 - o DEQ developed a database report that field specialist could use to identify growers that needed training. Staff used this report to notify growers when necessary. DEQ is also in the process of designing a database update which is expected to include training date tracking that will report directly to growers via e-mail and on-line.
3. Create an Advisory Committee New Member packet. This packet should include; a history of the program, the purpose of the Committee, and a summary of the last meeting.
 - o DEQ developed a new member packet and sent it to all Advisory Committee members in January 2018.

4. Focus on working with Highway districts in more areas of the state to get a roadway safety permit process going.
 - DEQ began the effort of working with highways districts in the spring of 2017. Staffing changes delayed completion of this task. DEQ will address this again in 2018 season.
5. Include the names of the ISP's on the permits or add language on the grower page to encourage growers to review the ISP's within 3 miles of their fields for accuracy.
 - The public burn map currently does provide the names of Institutions with Sensitive Populations (ISP) facilities when the cursor is hovered over the ISP map icon. DEQ is designing an updated database application which is expected to include a function that will provide ISP names on permits.

Committee Discussion

- EPA provided an update on the ozone rulemaking and SIP progress. EPA is reviewing public comments and expects EPA legal team review of responses to begin soon.
- There was discussion on the need for bringing environmental groups back to the committee. The committee was interested in getting their perspective back to the group. In June DEQ will post public notification of the need for groups interested in participating on the advisory committee as environmental representatives.
- The committee discussed program trends over the years of the program. Resource Conservation acreage is likely on a ten year cycle or so, but is likely mostly related to the price of wheat. Other trends for cereal grains are equally related.
- DEQ reported the condition of the current database application was nearing its end of service life and was currently experiencing several glitches that appear to be untraceable and therefore unfixable at this time. DEQ is beginning to work on development of a new database application for the CRB program.
- DEQ also shared that some fiscal changes were needed in the new database admin system to align the CRB fiscal processes to DEQs established fiscal procedures. DEQ proposed a change to timing of fees to be paid for burning to accommodate improved process flow for the agency.
- A review of the annual report was completed to solicit committee feedback on the annual report content. Four topics were requested to be added or improved. See committee recommendations below.
- The committee discussed the timing of this meeting and suggested future meetings occur earlier in the year. The committee members would like DEQ to target March 1, 2019 for our next meeting and to also consider using web-based meeting tools.

Advisory Committee Meeting Recommendations and DEQ Responses

The Committee made one formal recommendation for program changes this year. Seven program enhancements were also suggested by the committee.

Recommendation

- Enter into negotiated rulemaking to change the pre-burn registration fee, that is currently required to be paid at least 7 days in advance of burning, to a post burn invoice system.

DEQ Response: DEQ will initiate negotiated rulemaking in 2018.

Enhancements

- Solicit for individuals interested in representing environmental groups on the advisory committee.

DEQ Response: In June DEQ will solicit groups interested in participating on the advisory committee as environmental representatives.

- Include the following in future annual reports:
 - Review of the effect of the ozone threshold change if EPA approves of the SIP change in the 2018 annual report.
 - Increase the detail of the complaint section of the annual report.
 - Compare annual price of wheat to annual acreages and CRP burning.
 - Add more detail into the annual report on smoke management area activity.

DEQ Response: DEQ will include these in future annual reports.

- Continue to work with Highway districts in more areas of the state to get a roadway safety permit process going.

DEQ Response: DEQ will continue this effort to address potential roadway safety needs by contacting local highway districts and begin discussing needs. A possible “boiler plate” type right of way agreement may be a result.

- Schedule the annual advisory committee meeting earlier in March.

DEQ Response: DEQ will propose an earlier March date to the committee before the summer 2018 to provide ample time to secure all of our calendars.