

# 2012 CRB Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

## March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Meeting

### Committee Members in Attendance

Curt Fransen – Director of DEQ

Ty Iverson – North Idaho Grower – Chairman

Patti Gora-McRavin – environmental group – central Idaho

Courtney Washburn – environmental group – South Idaho – Vice Chairman

Marc Fleisher – environmental group – central Idaho

Matt Gellings – East Idaho grower

David Patrick – South central Idaho grower

Nathan Riggers – central Idaho grower

Tom Turco – substitute for Dale Stephenson – Health Profession

Andrea Boyer – Nez Perce Tribe

Lester Higgins – Coeur d’Alene Tribe

Kevin Greenleaf – Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Mike McGown – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10

Robert Wilkosz – Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

### Committee members absent

George Robinson – Idaho State Department of Agriculture

### Tenure of Committee Members

The term of each committee member ends after the Advisory Committee meeting in the spring.

Ends 2012	Ends 2013
Lester Higgins – Coeur d’Alene Tribe	Andrea Boyer – Nez Perce Tribe
Kevin Greenleaf – Kootenai Tribe of Idaho	Patti Gora-McRavin – environmental group
Courtney Washburn – environmental group	Marc Fleisher – environmental group
Dale Stephenson – Health Professional	Matt Gellings – East Idaho grower
Ty Iverson – North Idaho grower	Nathan Riggers – central Idaho grower
David Patrick – South central Idaho grower	George Robinson - ISDA
Mike McGown – EPA Region 10	
Robert Wilkosz – IDEQ	

### Chairman

Ty Iverson acted as Chairman for this meeting and Courtney Washburn was elected Vice Chairman and will serve as the Chairman for the 2013 meeting.

## **DEQ CRB Staff Recommendations Presented to Committee**

- Enter into negotiated rulemaking to modify the restriction of burning on weekends and holidays.
- Enter into negotiated rulemaking to modify the program concentration limit for ozone. This rulemaking would also require amending Section 39-114 of Idaho Code.

## **Meeting Summary**

Topics in the attached agenda were covered. The committee also discussed the recommendations DEQ staff presented to the Committee. Consensus was not reached. The committee determined that a second meeting was required to finish the discussion regarding the recommendations presented by DEQ staff.

A second meeting of the CRB Advisory Committee will be held from 9:00 am – 11:30 am on Wednesday, April 18 in Boise at the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality State Office. Ty Iverson will serve as the Chairman and Courtney Washburn will serve as the Vice Chairman for this meeting.

## **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Meeting**

### **Committee Members in Attendance**

Martin Bauer – Air Quality Division Administrator – sitting in for Curt Fransen

Courtney Washburn – environmental group – South Idaho – Acting Chairman

Patti Gora-McRavin – environmental group – central Idaho

Marc Fleisher – environmental group – central Idaho

Matt Gellings – East Idaho grower

Nathan Riggers – central Idaho grower

Tom Turco – substitute for Dale Stephenson – Health Profession

Andrea Boyer – Nez Perce Tribe

Lester Higgins – Coeur d’Alene Tribe

George Robinson – Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Mike McGown – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10

Robert Wilkosz – Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

### **Committee members absent**

Ty Iverson – North Idaho Grower

David Patrick – South central Idaho grower

Kevin Greenleaf – Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

## **The committee discussed the recommendations DEQ presented to CRB Advisory Committee on March 13, 2012.**

- Enter into negotiated rulemaking to modify the restriction of burning on weekends and holidays.
- Enter into negotiated rulemaking to modify the program concentration limit for ozone. This rulemaking would also require amending Section 39-114 of Idaho Code.

### **Meeting Summary**

Each committee member was asked to provide their input on the recommendations. No consensus was reached by the committee after the discussion.

### **Director Fransen's decision**

The Department will not proceed with the two recommendations at this time. The Department will continue to evaluate both recommendations during the 2012 burn seasons and may again present them to the Advisory Committee at the 2013 spring meeting for discussion.

This decision is based on input provided by Advisory Committee members and the current lack of adequate support to proceed. There was a lack of consensus on the need for and how to implement these recommendations consistently throughout the state. At this time, implementing weekend burning without moving forward on the ozone recommendation would be costly and provide few additional burn day opportunities for South Idaho growers during the main burn seasons.

The committee expressed concern and questions about how the recommendation on the ozone program concentration limit would continue to protect public health. These concerns led to strong opposition by some committee members and tepid support by others.

The input from all committee members was valuable but demonstrates that further discussions and understandings will be necessary before the Department has adequate support to move forward with the recommendations.