

Priest River Watershed Advisory Group

Operating Procedures

1. Recommendations made to the Panhandle Basin Advisory Group (BAG) and the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) by the Priest Watershed Advisory Group (WAG) will be based on consensus (100%) of all participants in the meeting. If consensus (100%) cannot be reached recommendations will be based on two-thirds majority rule of named members voting with an opportunity for anybody present to prepare a minority position.
2. While seeking consensus (100%), meetings will be conducted informally. All members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend and participate fully in every WAG meeting. If consensus cannot be met, the Department of Environmental Quality will facilitate the Watershed Advisory Group as a non-voting member following informal Robert's Rules of Order for development of motions and voting.
3. Absentee votes will not be accepted. Items to be voted on will be tabled and announced in the up-coming agenda to give time for reviewing the topic and to make appropriate accommodations to attend the meeting.
4. A quorum is only needed when a consensus (100%) cannot be reached, and named members are voting. A quorum of 50% named members must be present to vote on any formal items introduced during a meeting.
5. Similar to the Panhandle BAG, voting shall be conducted according to affiliation. The Priest Watershed Advisory Group has several affiliations with multiple representatives. In cases where named members vote, representatives of each affiliation should caucus and provide a single vote. See item 10 below for named members and affiliations.
6. Meetings will be scheduled one month in advance, if possible.
7. Draft copies of meeting agendas will be available to the Watershed Advisory Group and the public one week in advance.
8. Meetings will be conducted according to Idaho Open Meeting Law (Idaho Code §§67-2340 through 67-2347). Meeting announcements and agendas will be posted at the Department of Environmental Quality, Coeur d'Alene Regional Office.

9. The DEQ Priest WAG website (www.deq.idaho.gov/priest-river-wag) is the primary source for information about the Priest Watershed Advisory Group. All media information requests regarding this WAG may be referred to the Department of Environmental Quality.

10. Named Members and affiliations

Affiliation	Named member
Agriculture	Alton Howell
Mining	
Point source dischargers	William Cleveland
Forest Products	Mick Shanilec
Local government	Mike Nielson
Livestock	Danielle Ahrens
Water-based recreation	Bill Papesch
Environmental interests	Michael Budig
Land management	Jill Cobb