

March 8, 2007

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Dear participant:

This letter is to inform you that the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is in the process of developing a Watershed Advisory Group (WAG) to assist in the development and implementation of a plan known as a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), to improve water quality in Fish Creek. The Fish Creek TMDL will address the State of Idaho portion of the Fish Creek watershed and does not address parts of the watershed in the State of Washington. While this Fish Creek TMDL effort will address the State of Idaho portions of the watershed, it will be coordinated with water quality restoration efforts being developed in the State of Washington.

Enclosed is a brief introduction to TMDL water quality plans, a list and a map of those stream segments and pollutants in the Fish Creek watershed that will be addressed by the WAG and DEQ. In addition, I have enclosed a brief survey for you to complete that will help us develop this plan.

DEQ is operating under a new law regarding duties of DEQ and of the WAGs to work in consultation on the draft Subbasin Assessments and TMDLs. Basically, there is a desire to ensure diverse and full participation from citizens in the watershed and full disclosure of all analysis performed by the DEQ. The information requested on the enclosed form relates to the public involvement process requirements and also enables us to initiate the WAG and TMDL process as efficiently as possible. More information on the public involvement process and related WAG and DEQ responsibilities will be provided at the first meeting.

I hope that you are interested in participating in the Fish Creek WAG. Please take a few minutes to complete the enclosed survey. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at the DEQ office in Coeur d'Alene or via e-mail (tyson.clyne@deq.idaho.gov or 208-769-1422).

I look forward to meeting and working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Tyson Clyne
Watershed Coordinator

Enc: Watershed map and list of streams for TMDL development, survey, and WAG background information