
What is a Watershed
Advisory Group and
What do they do?

What is a Watershed Advisory Group (WAG)?

- A collection of stakeholders affected by management of the watershed

 - WAG membership will include representatives from the following interests when appropriate
 - Agriculture
 - Mining
 - Point source dischargers
 - Forest products
 - Livestock
 - Water-based recreation
 - Native American tribes
 - Environmental Interests
 - Land Management/regulatory agencies
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- As per Idaho legislation, representative members will be appointed to the WAG by the DEQ Director upon the recommendation of the Basin Advisory Group.
 - WAG meetings are open to all parties wanting to attend.
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What does a WAG do?

- Through the local knowledge and expertise of the WAG, DEQ will develop Subbasin Assessments, Total Maximum Daily Loads, Implementation Plans, and 5-year reviews.
 - Throughout the process the WAG will be asked to review drafts and supply DEQ with comments and guidance.
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Our Approach with WAG

- Make decisions through consensus
 - Nominate one individual from each of the specific representative groups
 - Provide WAG comments for each specific group
 - Where consensus cannot be reached, individual will be a voting member for that group
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House Bill 145 TMDL 5-Year Review Process

- Form WAG. Reconvene, if established but inactive.
 - Review previous SBA, TMDL, and Implementation Plan
 - Evaluate newly listed impaired water bodies
 - Incorporate new water quality data
 - Review appropriateness, attainability of beneficial uses and water quality criteria
 - Make recommendations for changes in original decisions based on new information
 - Documentation of WAG consultation process
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