

Salmon Basin Advisory Group
Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2011

Idaho Fish and Game Salmon
99 Hwy 93 North

BAG members present: Dick Hauff, Bruce Mulkey

BAG members absent: Rod Evans, Bert Doughty, Hadley Roberts

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) present: Troy Saffle, Lisa Cawley

Guests: Teri Murrison, SWC; Chuck Pewtzer, SWC; Karma Bragg, CSWCD; Dan Garcia, USFS; Hans Koenig, OSC, USBWP; James Whittaker

Dick Hauff called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Troy Saffle discussed agenda topics beginning with the 2010 Integrated Report. The most concerning issue for the impaired streams in the Lemhi River Subbasin Assessment is temperature. This issue was brought up and discussed several times throughout the meeting as well as issues with sediment pollutants. These issues and possible solutions were explained by Troy. The 2010 Integrated report was completed and submitted to the EPA for approval. DEQ is anticipating approval by the end of the calendar year.

Funding for projects was discussed.

Troy explained the TMDL 5-year review requirements including sediment and solar loading as well as bacteria sampling requirements. Information from outside agencies can be included in these documents. A public comment period is also required. The Lemhi TMDL is the farthest along in this process; the Upper Salmon TMDL is the farthest behind with an estimated timeframe of early winter.

The issue of whether to create a WAG was discussed. Troy discussed the public comment requirements and the creation of a WAG. SCD suggested informing the Lemhi District, Quinton Snook for review before public comment.

Antidegradation Rule and Procedures – Troy briefly explained the new rule that offers additional protection for surface waters. DEQ provides a separate analysis for projects such as NPDES permitting, bridge construction, etc. that effect surface waters.

319 Grant Program & Process Changes – the submittal date for projects is August 1st and the funding amount available is \$250,000.

Bag Membership - Dick Hauff will check to see if he can find a member of local government that would be interested in being a representative for the Salmon BAG. It was suggested that Jerry Myers be asked to be the environmental representative. There is no interest from the local tribe to be involved with the BAG. Mark Troy of Idaho Adventures was suggested for the recreation representative but it was mentioned that he would be busy during the summer months. Because there is not much activity in the timber industry, it would be difficult to find a representative for timber.
Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.