

FINAL Salmon Basin Advisory Group
Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2018

Idaho Department of Fish & Game
Highway 93 North
Salmon, Idaho

BAG members present: Betsy Rieffenberger, Bruce Mulkey

BAG members absent: Brant Tritthart, Fred Waidely, Hunter Osborne, Sarah Baker

BAG vacancies: Water Based Recreation, Forestry

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) present: Troy Saffle, Andy Olson

Guests: Daniel Bertram, Chris Gaughn, Abbie Gonloff, USBWP; Matt Green, Trout Unlimited;

Betsy Rieffenberger opened the meeting at 9:34 a.m. and introductions were made.

The minutes were unanimously approved by the BAG.

DEQ UPDATE

TMDLs

- DEQ is working on the Panther Creek Subbasin Assessment and 5-year Review. This assessment has temperature and sediment impairments. The assessment includes completed shade TMDL work and data addressing copper loading in Panther and Big Deer Creek.

Integrated Report

- DEQ submitted the 2018 Integrated Report and will begin requesting data from outside entities in preparation for the 2020 Integrated Report

2018 Beneficial Use Reconnaissance Summary

- DEQ completed 40 sites, including 12 in the Salmon Basin

319 Project Update

Matt Green from Trout Unlimited presented an update on Phase II of the Pratt-Wimpey Creek 319 Grant project funded.

Review of 319 Grant BAG Review Process

Troy discussed how other BAGs rank their 319 grants and how that since only one was up for consideration, the BAG would be asked to endorse the project.

Canyon Creek 319 Project

Matt Green presented the goals and objectives of the Canyon Creek project to reduce erosion through the combination of irrigation pivots and subsequent stream function through restoration, including Beaver Dam analogs.

BAG deliberation on 319 grant application

At the conclusion of the presentation BAG members asked a few clarifying questions, and then vote unanimously to endorse the project for funding consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.