

**Lower Basin Collaborative  
Meeting Notes  
September 17, 2012  
Harrison's Ambulance Building**

**Participants:**

13 people attended the meeting; 5 were the Basin Commission Staff and agencies and the facilitator

**Purpose:**

To generate interest in the Lower Basin Collaborative – a group of concerned citizens interested in being involved early in the Lower Basin Superfund cleanup decision

**Objectives:**

- Introduce the Lower Basin Collaborative – history and purpose
- Present Resource Guide
- Present the EPA Clean Up Goals
- Prioritize issues and concerns for potential citizen input opportunities:
- Invite participation in the Lower Basin Collaborative

**Agenda:**

Welcome -- Why we are here -- Bonnie Douglas

Agenda/Guidelines -- Julie Bowen, facilitator

    Introductions of those in attendance

Lower Basin Collaborative – To Date -- Brief history -- Julie Dalsaso

Resource Guide -- handout -- Bonnie Douglas

Lower Basin Cleanup Goals and Issues -- David Fortier

    Issues and Concerns – Past Citizen Input

Chart – Issues and Concerns

Cleanup Issues

    Existing riverbank stability

    Flood control – dikes flood gates

    Bottom armoring – river capacity

    River bank – armoring -- removals -- priority areas?

    Plant uptake by animals

    Grazing area cleanup

    Recreation use hazard level

    Parking lot – cleanup/maintenance

    Road system hazards

    Over bank flows – splays

    Dredging bottom segments

    Stopping sediment movement

    Repositories (removal material disposal)

## Informational Issues

Keep everyone informed

Information sources

Where to find information

Who to contact

## Decision Issues

Funding sources

Pilot projects

Cleanup vs. restoration

How to provide input

## Small Group Breakout -- Julie Bowen

Groups are to discuss:

1. Your reactions to the Cleanup Goals and past Citizen Issues/Concerns.
2. Any potential additional issues and concerns
- 3a. Citizen Groups: Identify the top 5 areas for citizen input.
- 3b. Agency/Basin Staff: Identify top 5 areas you would like citizen input

## Small Workgroup Charts

### Group 1 Citizen Chart

1. Reduce contamination by capping or paving where people work and recreation areas

Lower Basin Commission, DEQ, IDL

“Low hanging fruit”, bank stabilization, plantings, parking lots, boat launches

2. Influence Basin Commission to concentrate on deep holes Dudley – Medimont – Rainy Hill to reduce movement of sediment
3. Influence County Commissioners and Department of Lands on new developments

### Group 2 Citizen Chart

1. Update human health hazard review concerns specific to Lower Basin and recreation (Recreation use - Rails to Trail) use change (extent and type)
2. Better information for public and signage in Lower Basin
3. Work on the ground based on good science – potential projects – NRCS bank stabilization – recreation sites (on public and state lands)
4. Recontamination issues reduce health risks- How best?

### Group 3 Agency Chart

Areas agencies want input on and action planning

1. Citizen ideas on how to address contaminated sediment transport
2. Informal citizen input about potential pilot projects  
Fall 2012 – winter -- LBC ideas after specific information is received
3. Citizen values – what’s important to citizens  
How they want the information  
How do we stay in effective communication -- need feedback

Large Group – Review results from small groups -- Julie Bowen

Large Group Charts

Citizen Input On

- \* Reduce Contamination -- recreation -- work  
Lower Basin Commission, DEQ, IDL
- \* Basin Contamination -- concentrate on deep holes  
(EPA)
- \* Monitoring Contamination for amount moving downstream  
Lower Basin Commission, IDL
- \* Human Health Hazards -- update it and make it available -- restate the key human health hazards in Lower Basin  
EPA, DEQ, Panhandle Health District -- citizen input on uses
- \* Better information – signage in Lower Basin --Public review of handouts to citizens and tourists  
EPA, Agencies, owners of land
- \* More work on the ground –good science -- riverbank stabilization -- recreation sites – public and state lands  
(EPA)
- \* Recontamination issues in general  
(EPA)

Staff Input On

- \* Citizens on how to address contaminated sediment transport – 2 years  
EPA
- \* Citizens input on potential pilot projects – fall/winter 2012  
EPA

Citizen values and what is important to get them what they really want

Close Meeting -- Invite participation in collaborative -- Bonnie Douglas

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## LOWER BASIN COLLABORATIVE RESOURCE GUIDE – Sept 2012

Basin Commission - <http://www.basincommission.com/default.asp> (208)783-2528 Terry Harwood

Center for Disease Control (CDC) Lead Poisoning Prevention Tips - <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/tips.htm>

Citizen Coordinating Council - <http://www.basincommission.com/ccc.asp> (509)455-6000 Jerry Boyd

Coeur d'Alene Lake Management Plan -

[http://www.deq.state.id.us/water/data\\_reports/surface\\_water/water\\_bodies/cda\\_lake\\_mgmt\\_plan.cfm](http://www.deq.state.id.us/water/data_reports/surface_water/water_bodies/cda_lake_mgmt_plan.cfm)

East Mission Flats Repository Monitoring Data – <http://go.usa.gov/f8d>

ICP – Institutional Controls Program - <http://www.phd1.idaho.gov/institutional/institutionalindex.cfm>

Idaho DEQ Bunker Hill Superfund

<http://www.deq.idaho.gov/regional-offices-issues/coeur-d'alene/bunker-hill-superfund-site.aspx>

Idaho DEQ Community Involvement - (208) 783-5781 Denna Grangaard

Idaho Fish Consumption Guide - <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Health/EnvironmentalHealth/FishGuide.pdf>

Lower Basin Collaborative - <http://lowerbasincollaborative.wordpress.com/>

National Academy of Sciences Report - <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/accomp/coeur/index.htm>

National Weather Service Hydrograph– CdA River Cataldo <http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=otx&gage=ctli1>

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[http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=otx&gage=hari1&hydro\\_type=0](http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=otx&gage=hari1&hydro_type=0)

Panhandle Health District Lead Info - <http://www.phd1.idaho.gov/institutional/lead.cfm>

2011 Coeur d'Alene Basin Blood Lead Levels - <http://www.phd1.idaho.gov/institutional/documents/BloodLead2011.pdf>

Technical Assistance Needs Assessment Report – [http://www.community-plan.net/tasc\\_bunkerhill](http://www.community-plan.net/tasc_bunkerhill)

US EPA Community Liaison – (208)659-5237 Rene Gilbert

US EPA Bunker Hill - <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/sites/bh>

US Geological Survey – CdA River Cataldo [http://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?site\\_no=12413500](http://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?site_no=12413500)

US Geological Survey – CdA River Harrison [http://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?site\\_no=12413860](http://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?site_no=12413860)

Washington Fish Advisory - <http://www.spokaneriver.net/wp-content/uploads/2009/06/fishconsumptionadvisorymap.pdf>

