

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
October 6, 2005

Participants:

Phillip Cernera (Chair)	Rob Spafford
Brian Spears (Vice Chair)	Lloyd Brewer
Rusty Sheppard	Mark Addy
Rog Hardy	John Snider
Nick Zilka	Mike Beckwith
Mark Stromberg	Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)
Anne Dailey	
Terry Harwood	
Paul Woods	

This summary provides the salient issues. These notes are intended to capture key topics, conclusions, and next steps and not the nuances of the discussion.

Agenda Items: 2006 Draft One-Year Work Plan

Phillip Cernera mentioned that he sent the first revised draft of the one-year work plan to everyone yesterday and that he is now working on developing a schedule. Next Wednesday, October 12, he will be making a presentation to the CCC. After the CCC has had time to review the draft, he will discuss comments with the CCC Chair, John Snider. He will then meet with Terry Harwood and Snider to discuss changes and a revised draft will be completed by October 20 and sent out to everyone. This will allow time to incorporate any additional changes and to discuss it on the TLG conference call. The final draft will be given to Harwood by October 22 for inclusion in the Basin Commission meeting packets.

Cernera stated that based on the discussion last week on the development of the work plan, comments would be worked through and if possible, added verbatim. If they could not be worked through, he would work with the author or bring the comments up for discussion on the next TLG call. Cernera pointed out that Brian Spears brought up the idea of a flow chart and that Spears is currently working on a draft flow chart for the TLG to review.

Cernera then asked if anyone would like to make comments on the current draft one-year work plan. Spears brought up the proposed ecological remedies in the first section of Table 1.1 and suggested that it may be better to emphasize that Superfund lacks funding for ecological remedies and that CWA funding is limited. He indicated that it will be difficult to solve the problems with limited resources and that the BEIPC may be able to help with funding through the political process. Lloyd Brewer pointed out that there is some limited funding coming from the agencies.

Spears offered to draft language for the EPA to review about the issue of no current funding to address ecological problems and no future CWA funding. Dailey said that she would be happy to look at it, but indicated that EPA's direction for Superfund funding is human health cleanup

and not ecological remedies. Cernera requested that any proposed revisions be given to him. Brewer commented that in regards to concerns that nothing is being done; the agencies are trying to do what they can with the amount of funding available, but it is limited.

Harwood mentioned that a sentence was added to the draft work plan on pg. 2 under the remedy section about the correlation of work between Part I & II. In the blood lead section, he said that the language was the best that they could do with the State. He indicated that a presentation regarding lead exposure and public health would be made at the BEIPC meeting before the work plan is voted upon to give people an opportunity to discuss this issue along with the NAS recommendations. Harwood reported that the NAS will be contacted to provide specific information on what it meant by universal blood lead testing.

Brewer inquired about Harwood's comment about the blood lead language and taking it back to the NAS for recommendations since the original committee is no longer available. Harwood replied that after the discussion at the last TLG meeting about not being able to contact the NAS, he found out that there is someone available to answer questions.

Harwood then discussed the (1.3.5) section on blood lead screening in children. He said that at a minimum, the IDEQ will implement the fixed site program in 2006 under the auspices of the Idaho Division of Health (IDOH), as implemented in the past. The IDOH, IDEQ, and EPA will work with the BEIPC and other agencies to identify possible courses of action to implement the universal screening recommendation. Harwood also indicated that legislative action may be necessary to implement specific alternatives and that the 2006 work plan would need to be amended by the BEIPC at the February meeting if an appropriate course of action is identified. He said that incentives have been used in the past for parents to bring in their children for testing. However, he indicated some people may object to funding this type of program when funding is not available for other medical needs in the community.

Round Table:

Spears: Nothing to report.

Sheppard: Nothing to report.

Hardy: Reported on a new business housing development on the south side of Harrison consisting of part of the reservation. 100 acres have been sold by area residents who wish to rezone from R1 to C1. He said that in their rezoning request, they are touting public access to the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. There will be a meeting for citizens on October 18. Hardy expressed his concerns that one uphill developer may be cutting corners and he suggested that this is something for the Basin Commission to keep an eye on because of lake water quality and the development of access and egress to the trailhead.

Hardy mentioned that the Tribe and Bureau of Indian Affairs have released a draft programmatic environmental impact statement (DPEIS) for the CDA Tribe's integrated resource management plan. He said that in Benewah County, there are concerns about the implementation of the

proposed programs which analyze three tiers of land categories and a no action alternative. Hardy suggested that all of the agencies review it and provide comments.

On the Tribe's legislative web site, Hardy read that the EPA recognizes the Tribe's sovereign authority and approved its Treatment As State (TAS) to promulgate water quality standards on the southern portion of the lake and the St. Joe River. He believes that the policy on Indian sovereignty on Tribal trust lands was not meant to create enforceable actions.

Hardy inquired if copies of the lake education map were available and also how they would be distributed. Cernera answered that the map was not available yet. He said that after it is printed, copies will be given to the BEIPC and TLG. It will also be distributed to vendors and various agencies such as the BLM and Forest Service. Hardy mentioned that he would like copies for some of the lakeshore property owners.

Zilka: Nothing to report.

Stromberg: Nothing to report.

Dailey: Reported that there will be a recreational PFT meeting on November 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Grizzly Room at the Panhandle National Forest Supervisor's Office, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene. She said that Bryan Helmich of the Idaho Fish & Game (IDFG) will be speaking on the public use survey that IDFG completed. Dailey also mentioned that the EPA is making final revisions to its five-year Bunker Hill review.

Hardy: Inquired why the recent funding PFT conference call was not held. Harwood replied that the phones were out that day and that he will notify everyone as soon as he can reschedule it.

Woods: Reported that five stations were sampled on a recent lake monitoring trip and that a flushing event has been rescheduled for late October. Woods also announced that he will be attending a three day advanced limnology workshop in Boise.

Cernera: Suggested to Harwood that the presenters for the BEIPC meeting be scheduled earlier in the agenda and then an opportunity for public comment be provided. Harwood said that he is planning the agenda this way, especially with the importance of the blood lead issue. He indicated that he has not resolved what to do on this matter and does not want to wait until the end of the day.

Brewer: Mentioned that he is interested in hearing more about human health issues at the PFT meeting. He asked Dailey if there would be opportunities available to discuss these issues at the WCAC meeting and presentation of the five-year review. Dailey said that she would be happy to contact Andrea Lindsay.

Addy: Nothing to report.

Snider: Mentioned that some of the board members for the lakeshore property owner's association may have concerns with the lake map in regards to the omission of Squaw Bay. Hardy reiterated that some of the citizens share those concerns also.

Beckwith: Reported that lake sampling was done yesterday on the Tribe's portion. No near shore sampling was conducted.

Cernera: Proposed that a lake monitoring PFT meeting needs to be held in the next few weeks to discuss the lack of funding for continued monitoring for the LMP. He suggested that a meeting be held in late November after the Basin meeting. Cernera also advised that the lake monitoring PFT look at trends and performance standards for water quality.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 10/13/05.

Thank you for your participation.