

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
December 09, 2004

Participants:

Anne Dailey
Lloyd Brewer

Dave Sternberg
Mark Stromberg

Nick Zilka
Note taker: Holly LeBret

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:

The Chair, Phillip Cernera, was out of town on business so Anne Dailey was asked to lead the discussion. There were no agenda items mentioned so she began the Round Table discussions.

Round Table:

Nick Zilka: He said that the Bank Stabilization Project is going along very well. The weather may cause the river to rise, which will slow things down, but if it comes and goes quickly they can keep the progress going. He asked Holly LeBret if the Tribe had discovered anything of significance while monitoring the south bank, and she said they had not.

Lloyd Brewer: He said that the WCAC had a Board Meeting last night and determined that the next General Meeting will be January 13, 6:30 p.m., at Gonzaga University's Law Building (in the Court Room). The Board Meetings are public and beginning January, the schedule is for the first Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m., at the City of Spokane Water Building (914 E. North Foothills Drive). He asked that Anne Dailey and Mark Stromberg put the updated information in their newsletters and on both the EPA and the Basin Commission websites and both responded that they would do that.

Lloyd also inquired about the National Academy of Science review and Anne Dailey answered that in late December an internal draft will go before a peer review committee. After two weeks in peer review there will time for revision based on those comments. The scheduled publication is in late March, actually a pre-publication, with the final due out in late June, 2005.

Mark Stromberg: He said that it would be worthwhile to issue a press release to educate the public about the National Academy of Science internal peer review process and to disseminate the schedule. Anne responded that she would pass that recommendation on to the contact person, Karl Gustavson.

Anne Dailey: She is working on the EPA 5-year review. She asked if the January TLG workshop had been scheduled yet. Mark Stromberg responded that they are working on it but have no date set yet.

A question came up regarding when to expect release the ATDSR public health assessment

report. The date of release is December 17th, 2004.

Dave Sternberg: PCB work on the Upriver Dam is ongoing. The draft plan is due out in February. He spoke about how the design will both contain PCBs above the dam and it will also address metals. In some areas there will be a cap over contaminants and in other areas, Donkey Island in particular, they are looking at potentially removing contaminated soils. They are hoping to do some work this summer and he would like to coordinate that with the EPA work in the basin. Dave asked Anne Dailey to connect him with Ravi Sanga, who is the EPA lead on the Washington recreation area remediation.

Schedule:

TLG meetings are scheduled for the entire month of December.

Thank you for your participation.