

**Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force (SRRTTF)  
CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY**

Facilitated by Kara Whitman  
November 12, 2014 | 11am – 12:10am

**Attendees:**

*Voting members:*

Bud Leber, Kaiser Aluminum  
Galen Buterbaugh, Lake Spokane Association  
Jerry White, RiverKeeper  
BiJay Adams, Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District  
Sandy Phillips, Spokane Regional Health District  
Dave Moss, Spokane County  
Lynn Schmidt, City of Spokane

*Advisory Member*

Adriane Borgias, WA Department of Ecology

*Non-voting Alternates and Participants*

Dave Dilks, LimnoTech  
Kris Holm, City of Coeur d'Alene  
Rob Lindsey, Spokane County  
Lisa Dally Wilson, Dally Environmental

**Quorum Present** (6 required, 7 present)

**Discussion/Decision**

Kara Whitman (Ruckelshaus Center) reviewed the changes suggested since the last SRRTTF meeting and incorporated into the outreach materials for display at the Spokane River Forum. Comments received from the Center for Environmental Law & Policy (CELP)/Sierra Club on 11/11/14 were also addressed. The Task Force discussed changes needed to get the materials ready for print and address the comments from CELP/Sierra Club. These included:

Poster Panel 1: "The Challenge of PCBs in the Spokane River"

*Changes were made to the PCB Regulatory Relationships Chart:*

**DECISION:** Delete line "proposed WQS changes in Washington" and reference instead the proposed rule.

**DECISION:** Remove line that reads "...currently the most stringent water quality standard in the nation". The rest of the chart was retained as it shows the discrepancy between allowable regulatory levels and PCB concentrations.

**ACTION ITEM:** Adriane Borgias to provide language that describes this rule to Kara Whitman for incorporation into Panel 1. (COMPLETE)

*Changes were made under the heading "How do PCBs Enter the River"?:*

**DECISION:** Add the word "plants" at the end of the first sentence. Delete second period (typo). Add a statement describing the difficulty of calculating unknowns, at the end of the bulleted list of sources.

**ACTION ITEM:** Adriane Borgias and David Dilks to provide language for bullet describing difficulty calculating the unknowns to Kara Whitman for incorporation into Panel 1. (COMPLETE)

Poster Panel 2: "Members of the Community, Stewards of the River"

**DECISION:** Add a disclaimer to the bottom of the poster to address comments from CELP/Sierra Club.

**ACTION ITEM:** Kara Whitman to add disclaimer to Panel 2 to read: “This display is a summary of the challenge of PCBs in the Spokane River and the purpose and activities of the Task Force. There is more to the story. For more information visit the Task Force website at [www.srrttf.org](http://www.srrttf.org) or follow the QR code”.

Panel 3: “Task Force Activities”

**DECISION:** Add another bullet to the SRRTTF Activities for 2014 to read “Individual partners perform additional PCB related activities”.

The Task Force discussed other ways to address CELP/Sierra Club comments:

**DECISION:** Add a new panel to the poster with information from the Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) about fish consumption and fish advisories in the Spokane River.

**ACTION ITEM:** Ruckleshaus Center to call Rachel Pascal Osborn and describe the changes made to the poster and offer to put her comments on the table with the other materials (COMPLETE).

**DECISION:** Seven voting members (by phone) of the Task Force approved the poster materials with the discussed changes; include fish advisory information from the SRHD, for the Spokane River Forum.

**DECISION:** Provide CELP/Sierra Club comments at the table with the poster, pending approval of CELP/Sierra Club. (Six voting members voted yes and one voted no on displaying the CELP/Sierra Club comments at the table. This resulted in a decision to approve, based on the “unanimity minus one” policy encoded in the SRRTTF Memorandum of Agreement).