**Notes from the SRRTTF Fish Focus Group Meeting, May 27, 2015: DRAFT**

**Attendees:** Bi Jay Adams, Galen Buterbaugh, Mike LaScuola, Jerry White, Adriane Borgias, Kara Whitman

1. The group reviewed its charge from the Task Force (April 2015 meeting).

Evaluate hatchery fish food as a contributor to PCB loading.

Determine content of PCB in fish food.

Identify availability of fish food with lower PCB concentrations.

1. Other aspects:

Concentration of PCB in discharge water

EAP Little Spokane River listing verification (underway)

Body burden and uptake

Next steps – fingerling flesh PCB concentrations.

1. Galen Buterbaugh reported on the fish hatchery tour. They learned about the different types of fish food. There are five diets, depending on age of fish, and they change every 6 months. So there are a number of products with varying amounts of fish meal (assumed to be the PCB source). The hatchery uses a consistent supplier for purchase.

4. Discussion about the state purchasing law and whether this can be used in this situation. The contact person on this is Steve Roberts at WDFW. APB to discuss this with Steve the feed source, specifications, and if a PCB analysis is available.

5. Discussion about correlating the fish samples that were just taken with the food currently in use. Can we get a sample of what is in the facility?

6. Question about Idaho hatcheries (some that impact Lake Coeur d’Alene) and what they are doing on this issue.

7. Question about the Tribal hatcheries and coordinating with the Tribe on this topic.

8. Discussion about scope of the EAP case study (scheduled to be done pending availability of funding from the legislature).

* Source water
* Discharge wter
* Food
* Fish in and fish out
  + Size classes
  + Eggs
  + Fingerlings
  + Brood stock

9. Discussion about the periodic fish and wildlife population surveys and whether fish samples could/should be obtained from this.

ACTION ITEMS

1. After discussion about a workshop, the group decided to wait until some of the upcoming EAP studies are complete. Specifically, the Little Spokane River verification study (underway, preliminary results in June, report in January , 2016); Lake Spokane Carp Study (results this summer); Spokane Hatchery Case Study (approved for FY 2016, pending funding).
2. Do a literature search to determine if there are more experts and/or data on this topic, possibly associated with federal hatcheries: Galen Buterbaugh
3. Find out more information from Speed Fitzhugh at Avista about interest in fish workshop and what that would entail : Galen Buterbaugh
4. Identify the how the state PCB-free purchasing requirement applies to this situation and discuss with WDFW: Adriane Borgias