

Spokane Regional Toxics Task Force Tech Track Work Group Meeting

DRAFT AGENDA: November 2, 2016 | 10:00am – 12:00pm

Department of Ecology | N. 4601 Monroe St. | Spokane, WA 99205

TTWG Meeting OBJECTIVES: *hear updates and discuss next steps for:*

- *Data gathering and reporting, monitoring; Comprehensive Plan*
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DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. Finalization of Gravity 2015 sampling report
 2. Technical and other Comp Plan issues: review of comments on new version; Section 5.15; Outreach section
 3. Comp Plan review schedule and process
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Placeholder Topics: informational purposes only—EAP 2017 Project Ideas

- *Potential Environmental Assessment Program (EAP) projects (see background document); Task Force suggestions on 8/24/16 below (volunteers drafting a paragraph description noted, where available):*
 - *Evaluate impact of sediment in the Spokane River (possible locations include Ninemile, Mission, Division, Lake Spokane, “hot spots” where PCBs have been found in fish. Do something like what they did in San Francisco bay? Tributaries? Sediment poor vs. sediment rich areas? (Ken W., Lisa D-W)*
 - *Do a food web analysis to identify how fish are affected by PCBs (Doug?)*
 - *Study/establish a bioaccumulation factor for PCB in the Spokane River (Doug?)*
 - *Collect data, if needed, to support a 4B classification by Ecology (Doug?)*
 - *Review past fish studies to see if PCB concentrations can be associated with specific-age fish; look at age related effects with respect to fish PCB concentrations (specifically for suckers) to see if PCB trends can be tracked by age of fish. (Need lead; coordinate w/WDFW)*
 - *Collect data, if needed to support a fish advisory analysis by Department of Health*
 - *2017 or 2018 freshwater fish contaminant monitoring for Spokane River (potential SRRTTF funding)?*
 - *Investigate impact of PCBs in groundwater on the Spokane River. Go more into more depth on the previous EAP memo regarding groundwater.*
 - *PCB analysis on age-dated sediment core from lower Lake Spokane*
 - *Study DO in Lake Spokane: correction for when phosphorus enters system (literature search?).*
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Next full Task Force meeting is **November 16, 2016**, 9:00am-2:30 pm, at Spokane County Water Resource Center
Next scheduled TTWG meeting / SRRTTF meeting: November 12, 2016 from 10:00am-12:00 pm at Dept. of Ecology

Conference call-in number is 515-739-1285. Participant Code is 691106

*The conference call-in number will remain open until 15 minutes after the meeting begins. It will remain open as long as there are callers on the line. If you wish to join the meeting late, please notify Kara Whitman (kmwhitman@wsu.edu) ahead of time.

For reference & any relevant updates:

- Ongoing and proposed EAP Projects:
 - Long-Term Monitoring of PCBs in Lake Spokane Using Age-Dated Lake Sediment Cores
 - LSR Hatchery Case Study (*sampling/analysis of hatchery fish—includes Trout Lodge (Avista) fish sampling*)
 - High Volume Sampling/Long Tem Monitoring Station at Spokane Tribal Reservation Boundary
 - Atmospheric Deposition
 - Assessment of Methods for Sampling Low-Level Toxics in Surface Waters