

# Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force Technical Track Work Group

## DRAFT Summary Notes

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

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

Meeting Documents: <http://srtrtf.org/?p=7224>

### Attendees:

Tom Agnew –Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District

Jim Bellatty –WA Department of Ecology (Ecology)

Kevin Booth –Avista

Galen Buterbaugh (phone) –Lake Spokane Association

Lisa Dally Wilson (video) –Dally Environmental

Dave Dilks (phone) –LimnoTech

Jeff Donovan –City of Spokane

Brent Downey –Kaiser Aluminum

Ted Hamlin –WA Department of Ecology

Kris Holm (phone) –City of Coeur d’Alene

Mike LaScuola –Spokane Regional Health District

Dave McBride (phone) –WA Department of Health

Dave Moss –Spokane County

Brian Nickel (phone) –Environmental Protection Agency

Cadie Olsen –City of Spokane

Chris Page (video) –Ruckelshaus Center

Jerry White (phone) –Riverkeeper

Kara Whitman –Ruckelshaus Center

### Intro and agenda review

After a round of introductions, no changes were made.

### Gravity 2015 Report:

Dave Dilks is waiting to finalize the 2015 Technical Activities Report, including the Gravity field report until after he talks to Adriane Borgias (out of the country until 11/8/16) on comments she made on the report. Once he talks to Adriane, he will send out the final report for task Force review and finalization.

### Monthly Sampling:

The City of Spokane managed to conduct some opportunistic wet weather sampling events during Gravity’s October monthly sampling, to compare in-river PCB concentrations to those in stormwater.

### Comprehensive Plan:

Comments due today (November 2, 2016) by 5 pm. Dave Dilks will incorporate/address all comments and prepare a “Final Draft” Plan by Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> for Task Force review. The following participants plan to submit comments by the deadline: Lisa Dally Wilson, City of Coeur d’Alene, Avista, and perhaps Kaiser. Riverkeeper and EPA are unsure if they will send in comments for this draft. The City of Spokane, Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, and the Spokane Regional Health District do not plan to comment on this draft. Jim Bellatty noted that Adriane Borgias will be back in town on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Ecology will wait for the draft next week to provide further comment.

Dave Dilks incorporated comments from the October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Task Force meeting along with comments on revised section 5.15. He walked the group through the edits:

- Removed milestones involving actions beyond Task Force control.
- Look at additional regulatory controls on any atmospheric sources that Ecology identifies as “significant contributors.”

- For consistency, removing “SRRTTF” and replacing with “Task Force” throughout the plan.
- Timelines on outreach to be defined by Outreach Workgroup in a work plan completed in Year One.
- Added a column in Section 5.15 that identifies a lead for each of the tasks.
- After last Task Force meeting: Jerry White, Dave Moss, and Dave Dilks collaborated on adding specificity to milestones. Other Task Force members provided more comments afterward, so LimnoTech combined the two sets of edits, sent to the Task Force prior to the TTWG meeting.

**Additional Comp Plan Considerations:**

- More sampling, e.g.:
  - Fish sampling to assist in updating fish advisory.
  - Existing congener data. Lisa Rodenburg study. Analysis using existing data – more technical work to be done.
- Timeline: how much can be done in one year? Many control actions will require work plans:
  - Who will write the work plans?
  - Adjust timeline, or change wording to “begin within one year.”
  - Timelines should be concrete.
  - Education and Outreach Workgroup is ready to go to work on activities, e.g. assisting with PCB info to add to the waste directory, monitoring online visits to the directory, inventorying outreach activities. The Outreach Workgroup will develop a work plan in one year.
- Actions in addition to Outreach that require development of work plans during Year One:
  - Support Green Chemistry: Ecology can commit to developing a work plan in one year.
  - Waste Disposal Assistance: Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) can commit to leading development of a work plan within a one year.
  - Regulatory Rulemaking: WA Department of Transportation color box rules—need to ask Greg Lahti if he can lead development of a work plan in 2017.
  - Building Demolition and Renovation Control – Spokane County and SRHD commit to development of a work plan in one year. New representative for City of Spokane will check.
  - Identification of Sites of concern for contaminated groundwater: no clear lead yet on this (perhaps Kaiser?) A work plan in a year is reasonable, but implementation will take more time. Dave Moss said the County (Mike Hermanson) could help, and Ecology could also contribute.

**ACTION ITEM:** Brent Downey to check with Bud Leber on this action and work plan Commitment.

**Q&A/Comments**

- **Q.** How often will the Task Force review the Comprehensive Plan? And how often will we check and re-evaluate goals/targets? Will this be done annually to check if the group has met commitments, gauge effectiveness of actions, and add new actions (as needed). The Comprehensive 5-year review needs to be clarified in sec. 1.2. – be very clear about what reporting is to be done.
  - Dave said he envisions an annual implementation and effectiveness review, with a more in-depth review and report every five years (coinciding with Ecology Measurable Progress review).
  - Section 6.1: Annually, it could be a simple report, e.g. 8-10-page memo, an “Implementation summary” to provide transparency and accountability.
- Sectino 1.2, Future Studies, last bullet, Page 3: change estimated load reductions and time frames for reductions. How can this be estimated for every control action when we cannot connect a load reduction directly to a particular action?
  - **Q.** Does the Task Force have the science and capacity to do a meaningful evaluation of load reductions? **A.** It will be a stretch. The Task Force will look at what has been generated over the

5-year span. To give flexibility, say “estimated” load reductions (not “expected” load reductions).

- Clarify terms in Section 6.1. Make it clear that estimated load reductions would apply to the five-year assessment. Summary done annually, with an assessment every five years.
- Use one title for each assessment piece throughout the plan, e.g.:
  - Task Force Annual Implementation Summary;
  - Task Force Five-Year Implementation Assessment and Report; and
  - Ecology Measurable Progress Determination Report (coincides with permit cycle).

**ACTION ITEM: “DRAFT FINAL” PLAN** to Task Force Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup>. Version D – Final Draft (ideally) not a redline version. Potential decision point on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November.

**Comprehensive Plan Schedule and Process:**

- Edits/comments to Dave Dilks by end of the day 11/2/16 (today).
- “Final Draft” Plan by Wednesday 11/9/16 (final draft version). LimnoTech to provide a new table with all new comments received on the redline version from 10/26/16. 11/16 meeting to focus on edits since last draft. (A few items edited at 10/26 Task force meeting incorporated in version C.)

**ACTION ITEM:** Dave Dilks will provide feedback on meeting length by 11/3/16.

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The next Full Task Force meeting is November 16, 2016 from 9:00 am – 2:30?pm at the Spokane County Water Resource Center

The next meeting of the Technical Track Work Group is December 7, 2016 at WA Department of Ecology, Spokane WA.