# Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force

 Quarterly Report (4/1/13 – 6/30/13)

**Project Staff:** Kelsey Gray, Facilitator; Aubri Denevan, Project Coordinator; Michael Kern, Strategic Advisor; Cheryl Rajcich, Budget Manager; Chris Page, Facilitator (beginning July 2013)

**Project Purpose:** The Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force (SRRTTF) is a collaborative group of governmental agencies, private industries, and environmental organizations attempting an innovative approach to the reduction of PCBs within the Spokane River.

**Q4 Meeting Schedule:**



**Project highlights:**

* **Meetings:** Project facilitator, Kelsey Gray has created meeting agendas and facilitated ten meetings, including four Task Force meetings, one quorum conference call, two Technical Track Work Group meetings, two Funding Work Group meetings, and one Joint Work Group meeting. Meeting notices, agendas and materials, and summaries were drafted and distributed for each meeting by Aubri Denevan.
* **Facilitation Change & Renewed Ruckelshaus Contract:** Project facilitator, Kelsey Gray announced that she will be retiring July 2013. The Task Force interviewed and approved Chris Page, Project & Development Lead at the Ruckelshaus Center, as the SRRTTF facilitator beginning July 2013. The Task Force also agreed to renew the contract with the Ruckelshaus Center from August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014.
* **Website Management:** Aubri Denevan managed and updated the web page on behalf of the Task Force for the seven meetings facilitated by the Ruckelshaus Center. This included posting meeting announcements, materials and supporting documents, and meeting summaries.
* **Communications:** The Task Force finalized the PowerPoint presentation and key messages, to help raise awareness and educate the general public, policy-makers and potential funding agencies on the Task Force and issues caused by PCBs in the Spokane River. Members of the Funding Work Group have begun to outline an outreach schedule to present the PowerPoint to local audiences.
* **Identifying Future Funding Sources:** The Task Force continued to work securing financial commitments in order to achieve long-term goals. A previously-proposed Department of Ecology decision package for one million dollars was reduced to $350,000 by the Washington State Office of Financial Management. Many members of the Task Force have asked their governmental affairs staff to encourage Governor Inslee and the Legislature to include it in this year’s budget.
* **Technical Advisor:** The Task Force worked with the Technical Advisor, Limno Tech, to complete Tasks 1-5.

**Center Staff will continue to work with Task Force members and Work Groups in support of their project activities:**

* The Task Force and two work groups will continue to meet on a monthly basis.
* The Task Force will continue to work with the Technical Consultant on completing their assigned tasks.

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