

**Tech Track Work Plan Scoping Conference Call  
July 9, 2019**

**Attendees:**

Bud Leber, Kaiser  
Joel Breems, Avista  
Jeff Donovan, City of Spokane  
Dave Dilks, LimnoTech  
Karl Rains, Jeremy Schmidt, Sandy Treccani and Brandee Era-Miller – WA State Department of Ecology  
Ben and Lara Floyd – White Bluffs Consulting  
Lisa Dally-Wilson, SRSP

**Introductions and Call Purpose:**

Bud shared the purpose of the call is to get started on scoping the upcoming 2019 – 2021 projects and the work the TF wants to do that would fit with the next Ecology grant agreement. Dave Dilks was asked to look at common findings from the Data Synthesis Workshop and develop potential scopes and budget ranges for associated tasks. The TF needs to get a contract in place as soon as possible with Ecology for the \$500,000 legislative funding. How do we allocate the funding? We will start to formulate some options for answering this question on the call today.

One key question is how quickly we can get a signed contract in place with Ecology to support the additional sampling the TF approved. Sampling is scheduled for the first full week in August when EAP is also conducting biofilm sampling. Bud went over the budget scenarios that were sent out to the group.

**Questions/Comments:**

- Brandee mentioned they had originally asked for \$17,000 for EAP sampling instead of the \$12,000 mentioned in the table. Ben also noted that we may have double-counted the Task 2 work of the sampling scope, by breaking it out separately. Bud will look at adjusting the budget.
- Is it possible for Ecology to execute this contract in time? Karl said he is working with the contract person at headquarters to see if it can be amended or if we need to develop a new contract. There is the possibility of back dating it to July 1. Also, he is looking at the possibility of having a placeholder list of tasks for those activities that might need additional time for scoping. He is also exploring how the \$500,000 can be split up between the two years.
- Karl asked if the SRSP portion of \$78,000 currently in the ACE budget is already committed or if there is an option for additional funds? Bud said most of the funds are fully committed already. Karl asked about ECY funds and SRSP usually being 50/50 in the past. ACE as of June 30 has around \$153,000 in funding but \$75,000 is already committed for the rest of year and \$78,000 is remaining. Bud said there has not been any discussion yet of additional SRSP funds. Lisa said commitments through end of year do include SRSP funding but does not include additional influx in the future.

- Lisa asked about whether doing additional synoptic sampling near Spokane Gage is really a priority. This was not one of the priorities from the Data Synthesis Workshop. It may be worth eliminating this sampling and bringing the budget down to \$75,000?
- Dave shared how it got added on with the initial thinking that it could be included for a relatively small additional amount, but then other things were added such as additional monitoring at Latah Creek and City of Spokane, etc. and it no longer is a nominal fee so it is appropriate to consider whether it is necessary now.
- Joel asked Brandee if EAP will be doing additional sampling in 2020 but she couldn't say at this time; nothing is planned.
- Lisa asked about the scope of the high flow sampling described in Task 5. The intent from the workshop was to look at one small reach to test it, and if the test reach results in detection of PCBs then the TF could think about doing more testing later. It was suggested the TF could just do phase one in this biennium and then plan for a larger scale high flow sampling in the next biennium.
- Dave said the first year is doing one reach sampling and year two was doing multiple sites and that this work could be pushed to the next biennium.
- Lisa said long term monitoring (Task 7) has been on the TF plate for a long time but will take a lot of effort and thought but feels it is a high priority and would like to see some initiation of this task soon.
- Brandee shared it may be possible once we know the fish tissue tracking approach to even collect and freeze fish samples this fall, if WDFW is available to collect the fish. They could pick a couple of sites as the best ones for long term sampling.
- Ben added that the Education and Outreach work group would also like to do 4 or 5 activities (media campaigns, school curriculum, an annual meeting, etc.) over the next two years and the cost is approximately \$25,000 per year, which is something to consider also in the budgeting process.
- Karl mentioned the Green Chemistry advancement budget but there are other work groups that may have budget requests also.
- Bud mentioned there may be other funding options also going forward such as the public participation grant the Lands Council received. Task 6 - unknown sources, is there a burning desire to do this or could this funding be used elsewhere, such as supporting Education and Outreach activities?
- Could someone explain the difference between Task 4 and 6? Four is looking at sediment hot spots that showed up with historical property research, etc. and 6 is focused on the areas we already know have issues and seeing what further can be done.
- Brandee thought that the Urban Waters group was thinking of doing monitoring in Spokane industrial park area and wondered if the TF could work with them on it, but Karl did not know if it would coincide with Task 4 or 6. Ecology will follow up with them to see if there may be some opportunity to integrate the TF work with the Ecology Urban Waters program.
- Ben asked Karl if the TF knew it had \$350,000 of work nailed down, would there be a possibility to amend it with a more specific budget and task description later on? Karl said yes but he does not know exactly when he will hear back on the grant questions – hopefully soon.

- If we are able to identify unknown sources with historical data collection and it is an existing remedial site, can we do the removal? Sandy said there was a flow chart they prepared for the TF about remedial sites and could refer to it. Jeremy and Sandy will provide it to WBC (complete), to share with the rest of the group.
- Bud will tweak the budget scenarios according to the comments at the meeting and get it ready for the next call. Karl will get the Education and Outreach scope of activities to Bud.

The next scoping call will be on July 24 from 9-10:30 am and WBC will send out an updated appointment (complete) and additional scenarios along with a draft agenda for the Tech Track meeting on July 31.