

Tech Track Status Report

- Long Term Monitoring Program**
- Targeted High Flow Sampling**

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Background

- We are actively involved in conducting two tasks that were identified during the 2019 Data Synthesis Workshop:
 - Recommendations for a long term monitoring program
 - Recommendations for targeted higher flow river monitoring
- Details will be discussed during next week's Tech Track meeting
- Third task identified during Data Synthesis Workshop will begin shortly
 - Follow-up Investigations from Multi-media Data Collection

Background: Long Term Monitoring Program

- Task Force is required to “make measurable progress toward meeting applicable water quality criteria for PCBs”
- Routine monitoring is an important component of demonstrating progress
 - Progress “could be demonstrated by ... measured reductions of toxics to or in the Spokane River”
- Many methods could serve as the basis for this monitoring program
- This work consists of reviewing several methods and making recommendations

Media/Methodologies Being Evaluated

	MEDIUM			
METHODOLOGY	Water Column	Sediments	Fish Tissue	Other
	Small volume grab samples	Grab samples	Multiple sizes and/or species	Osprey eggs
	Large volume composites	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)	Targeted species and year class	Point source discharges
	In situ solid phase extraction	Solid-phase passive devices		
	Passive sampling: SPMD			
	Solid-phase passive devices			
	Particulates (sediment trap)			
	Particulates (centrifugation)			
	Biofilm			

Evaluation Criteria: Long Term Monitoring Program

- Recommended method should:
 - Accurately represent current PCB loads and concentrations
 - Efficiently discerning when trends over time occur
 - Accurately represent concentrations as they decrease in the future
 - Remain relevant/acceptable over the lifetime of the monitoring program
 - Have costs that are consistent with the resources available to the Task Force

Background and Objectives: Targeted High Flow Sampling

- 2016 monthly monitoring data indicates the potential presence of non-point source PCB loads during higher river flow conditions
- Overall Objective
 - Determine if nonpoint PCB loads during non-low flow conditions are a significant source
- Near Term Objectives
 - Review the 2016 monthly sampling data to estimate non-low flow nonpoint source PCB contribution by month and river reaches
 - Prioritize the reaches for potential future study

Targeted High Flow Sampling: Objectives

- Overall Objective
 - Determine if nonpoint PCB loads during non-low flow conditions are a significant source
- Task Objectives
 - Conduct mass balance similar as for synoptic surveys to estimate non-low flow nonpoint source PCB contribution by month and river reaches
 - Prioritize the reaches for potential future study

Next Steps

- Long Term Monitoring Program and Targeted High Flow Sampling
 - Distribute draft versions of technical memoranda to TTWG
 - Receive feedback during March 4 TTWG meeting
 - Incorporate TTWG feedback, report out at March Task Force meeting
 - Submit for approval at April Task Force meeting
- Follow-up Investigations from Multi-media Data Collection
 - Work will begin upon receipt of Ecology 2019 data