

## North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Watershed Advisory Group

### Meeting Notes

April 30, 2009

1:00 – 4:00 pm

US Forest Service Bldg., Smelterville, ID

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 28, 2009 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the US Forest Service Building in Smelterville, ID. Workshop with guest speakers and review of project applications

**Please visit the WAG Website:**

[http://www.deq.idaho.gov/about/regions/north\\_fork\\_cda\\_river\\_wag/index.cfm](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/about/regions/north_fork_cda_river_wag/index.cfm)

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**Meeting Purpose:** To convene the Watershed Advisory Group for the purposes of water quality improvements and protection in the North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Subbasin through Total Maximum Daily Load development and implementation. The meeting focused on TMDL implementation and project ideas, review of WAG duties, discussion of Arsenic and Cadmium water quality standards, temperature standards, and TMDLs in progress.

**WAG Business:**

- Meeting Notes from Feb. 26, 2009 were distributed.
- We discussed the draft 2008 Integrated Report and its pending finalization and public release by IDEQ.
- We discussed potential cuts to the DEQ BURP program – the BURP program has been cut for the 2009 season.
- We distributed additional information about the 2009 Recreational Dredge Mining Permit from IDWR, water rights adjudication information, summer plans for DEQ/USFS/EPA monitoring, and county all hazard mitigation plans (a question from WAG member John Pickard)
- Project Concept Form and Ranking by WAG: The WAG reviewed a draft one-page form to collect TMDL implementation project ideas at a previous meeting and provided some ideas to improve the form. Kajsa distributed a revised version and the WAG will begin collecting project ideas. The WAG agreed that a formal scheme to rank and prioritize projects was not needed at this time. The WAG preferred to concentrate on generating good project ideas. The forms are now ready for action and posted on the WAG website.

- **North Fork Coeur d'Alene / Beaver Creek Projects:** DEQ and the Conservation District distributed a press release and project application form for projects in 2009. We will solicit project applications from private landowners in the subbasin and collect WAG input during the May 28 meeting. Projects will be selected following review by a technical committee and final project selections will be made June 5, 2009. Projects with merit that are not funded this year will be considered for future funding.
- **Temperature data analyses and TMDL development:** DEQ has nearly completed assessment of USFS temperature datasets for the CDA Basin including 100s of streams in the NFCDA. The results will be reported to the WAG as soon as they are compiled – Summer 2009. These will further inform our development of a temperature TMDL.
- **Arsenic and Cadmium Rulemaking:** Kajsa gave a PowerPoint presentation about proposed water quality rules for arsenic and cadmium. Public comments are being accepted by IDEQ May 6 through June 5, 2009.

#### **WAG REVIEW AND COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES - *Continuing***

- **Draft Assessment of Compliance with EPA bull trout criteria:** A draft report has been distributed for WAG review and comment. DEQ used USFS and DEQ temperature data to assess compliance with EPA bull trout criteria in three streams: Brown, Falls and Graham creeks.
- **Draft 2008 Water Quality Status Report:** A draft report on the 2008 Integrated Report status for North Fork Coeur d'Alene subbasin streams is available for review and comment.
- **Draft Chapter 2 of Subbasin Assessment Update:** A draft chapter from the Subbasin Assessment in development has been distributed for WAG review and comment. This chapter focuses on water quality criteria and water quality status in the subbasin.