

DRAFT AGENDA

**NORTH FORK COEUR D'ALENE RIVER
Watershed Advisory Group**

Thursday January 29, 2008

1:00pm – 4:00pm

U.S. Forest Service Building

173 Commerce Drive, Smelterville, Idaho

1:00 - 1:30 **Introductions**
Review Agenda
Review Nov 20 Meeting Notes
Distribute IDFG Report: “Summer Use of Side Channel Habitat by Fishes in the North Fork Coeur d’Alene River”
Circulate IPNF Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA)
Failing and undersized stream crossings: Opportunities to deal with these issues during road work? Inventory? Assessment of needs and costs?

1:30 – 2:30 **Updates on Grants and Projects**
Conservation District projects
North Idaho Fly Casters projects
US Forest Service projects
DEQ projects
Others – Anyone want to apply for DEQ water quality improvement funds through the 319 Program?? It’s time to get pre-proposals together!

This discussion will include an announcement about recently-approved funding from the EPA and an exciting opportunity for our subbasin to serve as a national case study for TMDL success!! The EPA’s national headquarters will provide \$25,000 in funding to the US Forest Service IPNF which we hope will be supplemented with an additional \$30,000 we have requested from Region 10 EPA. These funds will be used in a collaborative project between the USFS and DEQ with participation from the Watershed Advisory Group. We’ll be conducting biological monitoring during summer 2009 to evaluate the effects of Forest Service water quality improvement projects in selected watersheds. Our project proposal is attached and we can talk more about it during the meeting.

2:30 – 2:45 **BREAK**

2:45 – 3:50 **Temperature data analyses update** including report on the evaluation of EPA bull trout criteria in Brown Creek, Falls Creek and Graham Creek. We will distribute a report for WAG review.

WAG review of 2008 Integrated Report status, summary of impairment and listing history, and Chapter 2 of the 2009 Subbasin Assessment Update, “Water Quality Concerns and Status.” We will distribute a copy of report for WAG review.

3:50 – 4:00 **Schedule Next Meeting (*February*) and Discuss Agenda**

WAG Website http://www.deq.state.id.us/about/regions/north_fork_cda_river_wag/index.cfm