

**Coeur d'Alene Lake Tributaries Watershed Advisory Group**  
**Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**  
**Coeur d'Alene Public Library – Community Room**  
**702 E. Front Ave, Coeur d'Alene**  
**10:00 – 12:00**

## **Meeting Summary**

### **Meeting Schedule Changes:**

Kristin Keith asked the WAG if they would agree to change the meeting schedule to first Wednesdays of the month. Time would remain the same 10-12. With the exception of April's meeting which will be on April 15<sup>th</sup> 10-12. The group was in agreement.

### **Discussions:**

#### *WAG Roles and Responsibilities*

Bob Steed from DEQ spoke to the WAG regarding Roles and responsibilities. The WAG discussed the last sentence of the handout regarding media contacts, and it was agreed upon that it did not apply to this WAG and should be taken out. But there should be a distinction between speaking to the public and speaking to the media.

#### *Voting: Consensus vs. Vote*

A member asked the WAG if there was a conflict if the voting process was changed to a consensus vs. voting. DEQ will look up the open meeting laws in Idaho and see what the Idaho Open Meeting Law's rules are on voting and report back to the group at the next meeting. Kristin Keith stated that this WAG was endorsed by the director of the DEQ so it was an approved WAG and needs to be held to that standard. She will handout a copy of the endorsement letter at the next meeting.

### **Presentations:**

Kristin Keith presented a power point on the CDA Lake and River TMDL, written in 1999 and approved by EPA in 2000. Kristin will post the link to the TMDL on the website.

There was some confusion on the “margin of safety” and how that applies to the TMDL targets set at natural background. The WAG later defined it a percentage of safety added to the current load in which the stream would still support beneficial use. The WAG will touch again on the subjects of margin of safety and TMDL natural background at the next meeting. WAG members were encouraged to read the TMDL before the next meeting.

Kristin also presented on updates to the Subbasin Assessments on Cougar Creek, Kid Creek, Latour Creek and Wolf Lodge Creek. These updates will be an addendum to the

Coeur d'Alene Lake and River TMDL. Kristin will hand out the addendum at the next meeting. The WAG ran out of time before Wolf Lodge Creek could be discussed.

Cougar Creek: Kristin talked about an erosion study performed in 2002 by the Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District (KSSWCD). In 2009, DEQ and the KSSWCD re-assessed the problem areas that were identified in 2002. They also evaluated the watershed upstream of the erosion study reach. Results indicate a positive trend with respect to meeting the TMDL targets. This can be attributed to implementation in the lower watershed. However, numerous failed culverts and erosion was found upstream which is contributing excess sediment to Cougar Creek.

Kid Creek: The KSSWCD have done a lot of TMDL implementation work on Kid Creek. They also conducted an erosion survey in 2002 on Kid Creek. In 2009 KSSWCD and DEQ repeated the survey and found localized areas of concern for excess sediment; but, overall Kid Creek appears to have abundant riparian vegetation, good stream bank stability, no excess fine sediment in the channel bed, and good access to the floodplain. Kid creek will be a high priority of BURP if DEQ gets burp funding. Kid creek may be a good example of successful TMDL implementation. IDEQ would like to go back and collect more quantitative data this summer.

Latour Creek: An erosion survey was done by IDEQ in 2008. Latour creek has excessive bed load problem which negatively affects beneficial uses. There was debate on whether the majority of the sediment on Latour creek was natural stream process of erosion and sediment deposition or man-made impacts. IDEQ recommended further study upstream. The discussion ended, but it was noted Latour Creek could be discussed again at the next meeting.

Next meeting the WAG will discuss Wolf Lodge Creek. The 5yr review and TMDL links will be posted on the website.

Denna Grangaard passed out information on Construction Site Erosion-Sediment Control Training classes by SEEP. (Stormwater and Erosion Education Program) If interested in attending please call: Nelle Coler, PAC (208)772-0584 ext.3012 for more information.  
[www.panhandleSEEP.org](http://www.panhandleSEEP.org)

**Next Meeting is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 10 AM – 12PM Place To Be Determined.**