

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

### Draft Meeting Notes

May 21, 2015

1:00 – 3:00 pm

US Forest Service Bldg., Smelterville, ID

**Next meeting:** June 25, 2015 1:00-3:00 pm

**Please visit the WAG website:**

<http://www.deq.idaho.gov/north-fork-cda-river-subbasin-wag>

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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.

- Introductions, review agenda, & distribute previous meeting notes
- North Idaho Fly Casters – The 2015 Conservation Festival will be Saturday **June 13<sup>th</sup>**. It will include a tree planting at a USFS restoration site in the Moose Drool Project Area (headwaters of the Little North Fork Coeur d'Alene watershed), and there will be a demonstration from Jim Ekins (UI Extension) for the IdaH2O stream monitoring program. Details are in the attached flyer. If you plan to participate, please RSVP to Ed so the NIFC will know how much food to prepare for lunch. Also, recommend bringing a chair.
- Moose Drool Watershed Restoration Tour – Please mark your calendar! We set a date for a tour of the Moose Drool Watershed Restoration Project with the Forest Service. The selected date is **July 23**, not the 16<sup>th</sup> as previously discussed. Details TBA. At the June meeting, we will have an overview presentation of the project in preparation for the field trip.
- Graham Creek Shade Monitoring – Since the temperature TMDLs were developed, the WAG has wanted to carry out shade monitoring on Graham Creek. We believe that the stream has an excellent chance of meeting or exceeding shade targets in the TMDL and would like to investigate whether it can be delisted. One of the challenges has been lack of a Field Sampling Plan and Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) to meet the data quality requirements of DEQ. Kajsa shared a draft sampling plan and QAPP that we can hopefully finalize this summer and implement before the leaves come off this fall.

- TMDL Implementation Plan – We had excellent work session about the North Fork CdA River Subbasin TMDL Implementation Plan. As a group, we reviewed the goal statement and plan guidelines (what the plan will and will not include) discussed at the April meeting. A slightly revised version was developed (will be distributed to WAG with these notes). We also drafted an outline for the document (will be distributed to WAG with these notes) and discussed a goal for completion (winter 2015/2016). We also discussed a suggestion to host an evening meeting prior to or during the public comment on the draft implementation plan.

**At the June meeting, we hope to:**

- Discuss Respect the River projects and 2015 River Cleanup
- Review and discuss shade monitoring for Graham Creek
- Review the draft outline and TMDL Implementation plan info developed at previous meetings
- Discuss the Bottom Canyon Project and any WAG comments (if the draft EA is ready for public review at that time)
- Have a presentation about the Moose Drool Watershed Restoration Project in preparation for the July 23 tour

**In July, we will:**

- Have a Moose Drool Watershed Restoration Project field tour with the Forest Service (7/23).

**In August, we might:**

- Schedule our Respect the River Cleanup? 8/29?