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Subject: AGENDA for the Upper Snake BAG Video Conference: January 20, 2016 (10:00-12:00)
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Time: 10:00-12:00
Media: Video Conferencing from TFRO, IFRO and PRO
Invited: Matt Woodard, Trout Unlimited (Chairman)
Roger Blew – Representative-at-Large
Brian Olmstead – Irrigated Agriculture (Vice Chairman)
Hunter Osborne – Sho-Ban Tribes
Richard Savage – Livestock
Gary Marquardt Non-Municipal Permittee
Justin Hays – Recreation
Ralph Myers – Hydropower [Will not be attending]
Greg Shenton – Local Government
Kathleen Bergholm – Mining
Laurie Stone - Forestry

- I. WBAG III – Any questions, concerns, discussion from the Upper Snake BAG about providing comments to the DEQ State Office (Jason Pappani) on the 3rd Edition of the WBAG document.
- II. Discussion about the DEQ process for replacing BAG members on the Upper Snake BAG. (Sonny Buhidar)

BAG and WAG Appointments: Process for Appointing Members

Follow these procedures for appointing members to Basin and Watershed Advisory Groups:

1. Regional water quality manager contacts EMI division administrator to develop a news release soliciting interest in a BAG/WAG position (new or vacancy). Provide title of the open position (at-large, hydropower, etc.) and the date by which you want applicants to apply.
2. EMI division administrator drafts news release with the regional water quality manager as the media contact.
3. Regional water quality manager reviews draft news release.
4. Upon approval, EMI division administrator disseminates news release to news media and posts to DEQ website.
5. The regional water quality manager informs the BAG/WAG of results and qualifications of potential appointees.
6. The BAG/WAG makes a formal recommendation to the DEQ director on the BAG/WAG's letterhead.
 - > [BAG/WAG Recommendation Form Letter](#)
7. The director writes a letter to the individual and the BAG/WAG approving

his/her appointment.

- > [Director BAG Appointment Letter Template](#)
- > [Director WAG Appointment Letter Template](#)

- III. Discussion about what 319 projects got funded for 2016. (TFRO, IFRO & PRO)
- IV. Possible discussion about the Super BAG and its necessity. (BAG Discussion)
- V. Updates from the DEQ regional offices on TMDLs & 5-Year Reviews that will be finalized in 2016. (TFRO, IFRO & PRO)

TFRO: (Sonny Buhidar)

- Camas Creek Five-Year Review (due 2016)
- Little Wood River Five-Year Review (due 2016)
- Big Wood River Five-Year Review (due 2016)
- Mud Creek / Cedar Draw Temperature TMDL (due 2016)
- Bruneau River Temperature TMDL (due 2016)

PRO: (Lynn Vanevery)

IFRO: (Troy Saffle)

- VI. DEQ Activity Updates (Sonny Buhidar):
 - o IPDES Guidance Meetings
 - o The 26th Annual Water Quality Monitoring Workshop will be held February 2-4, 2016, at Boise State University, Student Union Building, Jordan D Ballroom.
 - o 2016 Integrated Report – DEQ is seeking scientific data. The deadline for submitting data is February 1, 2016.
 - o WOTUS – Oct 09, 2015 - A divided panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit issued a nationwide stay against the enforcement of a regulation issued by the EPA and the USACOE defining the scope of the “waters of the United States” subject to federal regulatory jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act (CWA). In January 2016 the Court has to determine if it has jurisdiction to make a determination on the WOTUS stay; and a host of broader procedural and substantive issues must be resolved under the rubric of whether the final rule passes legal muster. These issues should all be resolved in 2016, but that does not mean that this will bring an end to any part of the disputations process. Congress has begun to nibble at the edge of these issues; and Congress will likely return to the issues again to change the law after the courts have decided the meaning of the current law.

VII. Next Meeting: _____

VIII. Adjourn