

Summary Notes from 2020 CRB Advisory Committee Meeting February 17 2020

Committee Members in Attendance

Alex Reed	south central Idaho grower
Erik Olson	north Idaho grower
Mary Anderson	Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Adam Young	eastern Idaho grower
Mike McGown	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Lester Higgins (remote)	Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Andrea Boyer (remote)	Nez Perce Tribe
Thomas Turco	BSU - Health professional

Committee Members Absent

Carol Kriebs	Kootenai Tribe
Sherman Takatori	Idaho Department of Agriculture
Justin McLeod	central Idaho Grower

Scheduling conflicts precluded these members from attending this year's meeting.

Others in Attendance

Tiffany Floyd	DEQ
Tami Aslett	DEQ
Mark Boyle (remote)	DEQ
Brian Himes	DEQ
Kimi Smith	DEQ
Jason Brunk (remote)	DEQ
Melissa Gibbs (remote)	DEQ
Clay Woods (remote)	DEQ
No members of the public were in attendance	

Chair, Vice Chair, and Member Appointments

Andrea Boyer served as Chair for this meeting. Alex Reed was elected as vice chair for the 2020 season. Alex will take on the Chair position at the commencement of the 2021 meeting.

Several members' appointments will expire in the spring of 2020. Re-appointments and new appointments that occur this year will run from 2020 through July 1, 2024.

- Les Higgins, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, has agreed to continue to serve as a committee member representing the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

- Thomas Turco, Health Professional, proposed that he be replaced by Dr. Luke Montrose, Assistant Professor, College of Health Sciences, BSU. Dr. Montrose was contacted and has confirmed his interest to serve in the Health Professional role. DEQ will publically announce the vacancy and seek applications from Dr. Montrose and other interested parties.
- Erik Olson will work to recruit a replacement for the northern Idaho grower representative position prior to June 30, 2020. Once Mr. Olson identifies a possible replacement and notifies DEQ, the Department will publically announce the vacancy and seek applications from Mr. Olson’s recommendation and other interested parties.
- Carol Kriebs, Environmental Director for Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, has agreed to continue to serve as a committee member representing the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho.
- Mary Anderson, DEQ, and Mike McGown, EPA, will continue serve in their roles representing their agencies. The term of committee members is listed in the table below.

Committee members serve until June 30 of the year their appointment expires or earlier if replacements are confirmed. Newly appointed members will start serving on July 1 or when appointment letter is received. Each appointment is for 4 years.

Current Appointment Terms

Ends 2021 (Appointed 2017)	Ends 2022 (Appointed 2018)	Ends 2024 (Anticipated Appointed 2020)
Andrea Boyer	Alex Reed	Erik Olson (or replacement)
Adam Young		Carol Kriebs
Sherman Takatori		Les Higgins
Justin McLeod		Tom Turco replacement
		Mary Anderson
		Mike McGown

DEQ Presentation

- The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) began the presentation by discussing the need for updates to the New Member Introduction Document. The Committee supports continued use of this document and requests the DEQ update as needed and post on the DEQ website.
- An update on the DEQ’s prescribed fire rulemaking effort was provided to the committee. Most committee members are tracking the progress of this effort.
- Several minor updates to DEQ’s Crop Residue Burning Program Operating Guide were shared. Future updates to this operating guide will be shared with CRB Advisory Committee members for review and approval prior to finalizing the document each year.
- A brief reminder of the fee timing rule change and the first year’s implementation successes were shared with the committee. Invoices were sent out in January 2020. The committee

suggested DEQ send a follow-up invoice with reminders about the consequences of non-payment to any outstanding account holder.

- Next, DEQ presented a review of 2019 program performance which included the topics; acreage registered and burned totals, occurrences and causes of program concentration exceedances, complaint investigations, and burn day analysis efforts. The presentation portion of the meeting concluded with DEQ sharing the Spot and Bale Permit reporting options of the new software application.

Public Comments

- There were no members of the public present at this meeting.

Additional Committee Discussions

- Feedback on the new on-line software application was positive; committee members who utilize the application stated that it was well done and easy to use.
- The Committee was informed that recent changes to Oregon's Prescribed Fire Rule uses Idaho's CRB smoke management criteria of 75% of National Ambient Air Quality Standard program criteria for burn approval determination.
- The committee discussed the possibility of providing a CRB Committee Agriculture rep for the prescribed fire advisory committee that is likely to be established in the prescribed fire rulemaking effort. The committee also discussed a reciprocal engagement by inviting a prescribed fire representative to sit on the CRB Advisory Committee. DEQ will pursue this addition to the CRB Advisory Committee this year.
- Committee members were invited to the EPA R10 Annual Smoke Management Conference to be held in Ashland Oregon, March 30-April 1 this year. DEQ will share our Institutions with Sensitive Population (ISP) considerations and procedures to the participants.
- The Advisory Committee chose to schedule the 2021 meeting to again coincide with the Idaho Ag Summit Conference, which is routinely scheduled to occur the week of Presidents Day. Once the Ag Summit meeting is confirmed, DEQ will schedule the 2021 meeting in coordination with the committee chair.
- The meeting concluded at 11:00am.

Advisory Committee Meeting Recommendations and DEQ Commitments

The Committee made no formal recommendations for this coming year. The Committee did make five program requests.

- The Committee would like to see DEQ improve the Spot and Bale Permit description language used on the website to better describe the applicability of the Spot and Bale Permit Program elements to improve grower understanding of this tool option.
 - DEQ will improve the description to update the language on the CRB Application. Committee members will be provided an opportunity to comment on draft language to ensure the final posted message meets the intent of the request.

- The Committee would like DEQ to look for opportunities to provide outreach to cereal grain schools to increase awareness of the program and improve the working relationship with the grower community.
 - DEQ will research opportunities for face to face outreach efforts. DEQ will look to University of Idaho Extension Office for cereal grain school opportunities (and other possible resources) and will work to identify staff resources to participate in these events.

- The Committee requested DEQ to update, and post on the DEQ website, the New Committee Member Introductory document on an annual basis to provide helpful information to new members or current members as needed.
 - DEQ will update this document and target distribution to all committee members by late spring 2020. The document will also be posted on the DEQ website after distributions to committee members.

- The Committee recommended DEQ send hard copy past due invoices to growers with outstanding balances from 2019 burning activity, and include a reminder that burning will not be approved for any field of a grower with an outstanding balance.
 - DEQ will develop an appropriate cover letter and mail past due notices. The past due mailings will likely occur beginning in March 2020.

- The Committee recommended DEQ commit to having an agriculture representative on the prescribed fire advisory committee when it is formed. The Committee also requested DEQ to seek a representative from the prescribed fire community to participate on the CRB Advisory Committee.
 - DEQ will research original CRB agreements and other applicable guidance to determine how to transparently establish a new member category for the CRB Advisory Committee and how that membership could be directly filled. DEQ will then reach out to members of the prescribed fire community to seek involvement in the CRB Advisory Committee. DEQ will include discussions at the next CRB Advisory meeting in February 2021, the commitment to providing an agriculture representative on the prescribed fire advisory committee, if a prescribed fire advisory committee is formed by that time.