

Update

Tribal Governments in Idaho

Fish Consumption Surveys

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Update: ID Tribal Fish Consumption Surveys

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- Review General Background of Work Effort
- Tribal Survey Design Team Site Visits
- EPA Tribal Government Site Visits
- Draft Tribal Fish Consumption Survey Designs
- Tribal/EPA Understanding Fish Consumption Workshop – 12/4/2013
- Implementation Sub-Contract
- Next Steps

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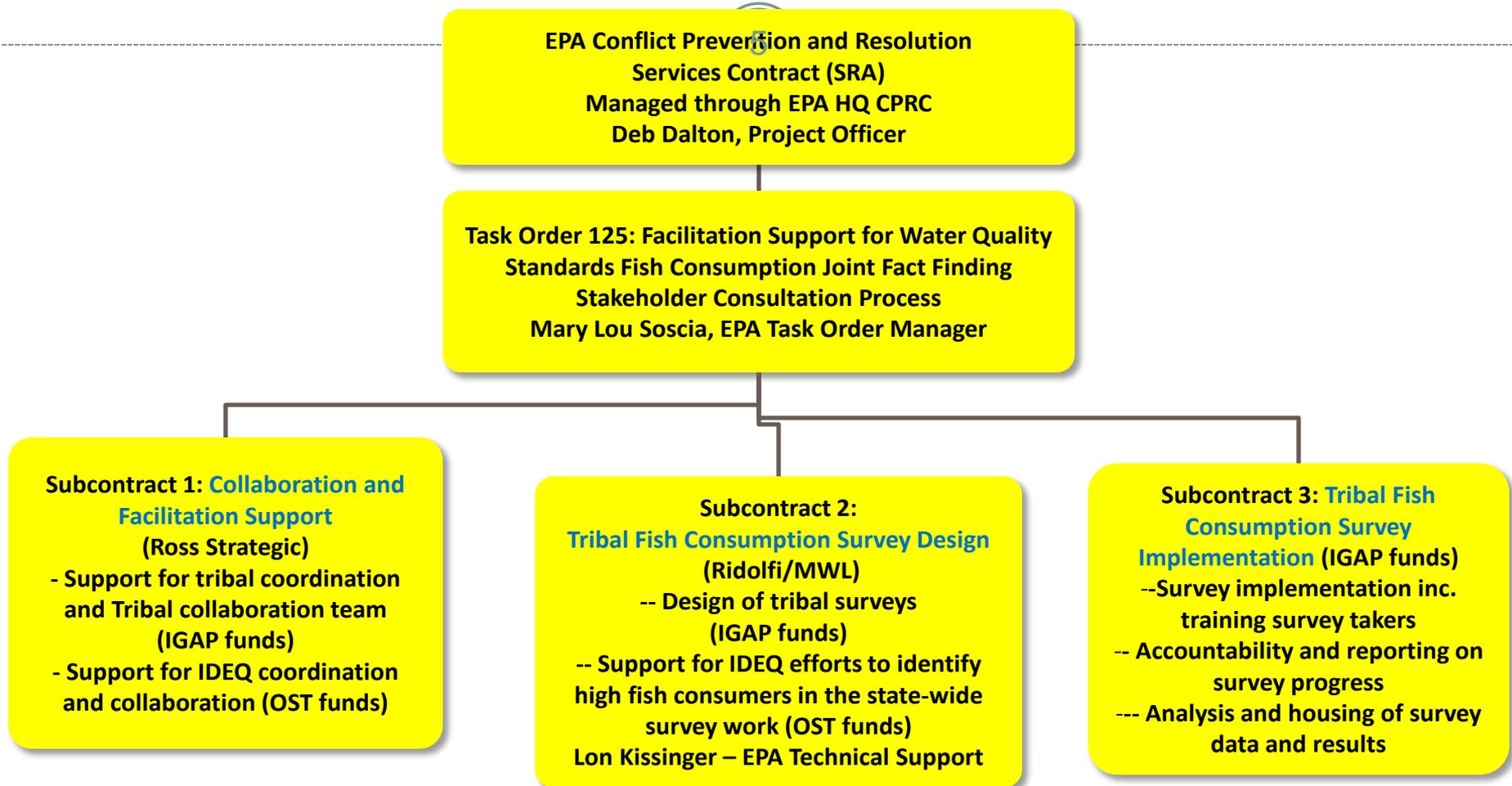
Understanding Tribal Fish Consumption

General Background

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- Five Tribal Governments in ID are working with EPA to plan a 2014 survey on types and amounts of fish consumed by tribal people
- Support provided through EPA Indian General Assistance Program funds, administered through an EPA contract
- Process will build tribal capacity and results will inform future tribal/EPA WQS decisions
- Ongoing EPA commitment to share information on Tribal work @ ID DEQ Negotiated Rulemaking Meetings

EPA Contract Organizational Chart



Tribal Government/EPA/ID DEQ Collaboration

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- **Monthly Conference Calls w/ Tribal Govts & Consortia (Upper Columbia United Tribes, Upper Snake River Foundation, & Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission) to coordinate work efforts**
- **Technical Design Team has been convened to develop survey design, bi-monthly phone calls; working w/ID DEQ (Boise State Team)**
- **EPA & Tribes are limited by lack of travel funds, all meetings must be done by phone/webinar**

Tribal Survey Design Team Site Visits

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The Ridolfi/Mountain Whisper Light Survey Design team has conducted site-visits to each of the five Idaho Tribes to understand tribal perspectives and gather information for the purpose of designing the tribal fish consumption surveys.

- **July: Kootenai Tribe**
- **August : Coeur d'Alene Tribe**
- **August : Shoshone-Bannock Tribe**
- **September : Nez Perce Tribe**
- **November: Shoshone Paiute Tribe**

EPA Tribal Government Meetings

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- Tribal/EPA Executive Meeting – **Aug 2013**
- Site Visits
 - **Aug 2013** : Coeur d'Alene
 - **Aug 2013** : Shoshone-Bannock
 - **Sept 10**: Shoshone-Paiute
 - **TBD**: Kootenai
 - **TBD**: Nez Perce

Tribal Survey Designs

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- Draft survey designs provided to Coeur d'Alene, Shoshone Bannock, Nez Perce and Kootenai for Tribal government review on Sept 30: – Shoshone Paiute after first of year
- Tribes currently working on review of Draft Designs
- Tribal Govts will decide when it is appropriate to publicly share final designs

Tribal/EPA Understanding Fish Consumption Webinar/Workshop – Dec 2013

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- ID Tribal Governments, EPA and regional experts participated in webinar/workshop to discuss fish consumption suppression/heritage rates to help in design of fish consumption surveys
- Discussion topics included heritage fish consumption rates, discussion of reasons for reduced fish consumption rates, fish restoration work efforts, discussion of methods for understanding near-term and future rates and future policy implications
- EPA and ID Tribal Govts will continue discussions

Tribal Fish Consumption Survey Implementation Sub-Contract

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- Tribal Governments/EPA worked collaboratively on a RFQ for an entity to manage the implementation of the 5 Tribal Fish Consumption Surveys. RFQ issued Oct 2013.
- Tribes/EPA currently doing analysis of submittals to provide recommendation to SRA
- SRA expects to have contractor on board in January 2014

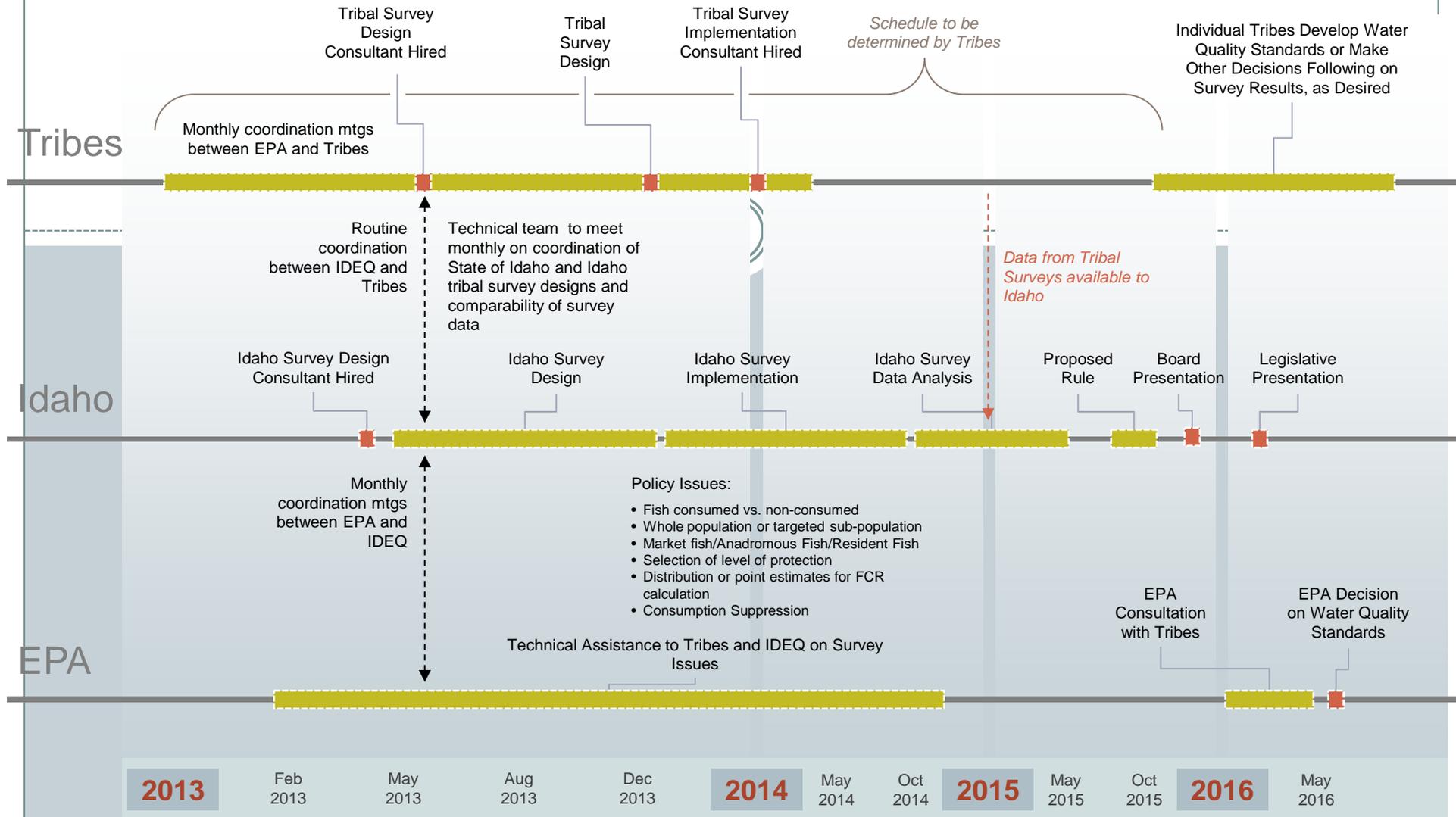
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- **Tasks include:**

- ✓ accountability/personnel management
- ✓ coordination w/ Tribal survey design subcontractor
- ✓ identification & selection of respondent pools
- ✓ hiring & training Tribal staff to implement surveys
- ✓ survey implementation: survey testing & interviews
- ✓ statistical analyses
 - ❑ administration and reporting of data
 - ❑ ensuring data quality
- ✓ development of report w/ 5 separate sections discussing each tribe individually (summary information/technical supporting information)
- ✓ managing peer review process

Draft 12/5/13: Timeline for Idaho Tribal Fish Consumption Work Effort



Next Steps

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- Continue monthly conference calls with Tribal Govts/Consortia /EPA to coordinate work efforts
- Finalize fish consumption survey designs, develop draft and final survey design for Shoshone Paiute
- Get implementation sub-contractor on board EPA contract and begin work effort to hire and train survey staff based on design framework
- Continue sharing information
- Look for opportunities to support ID DEQ work efforts – ID DEQ collaboration/information sharing/technical support