

St. Joe/St. Maries Watershed Advisory Group Meeting

June 17, 2011
St. Maries Fire Station



Agenda

- Introductions
- TMDL Progress Update
 - Bacteria
 - Temperature
- Sediment TMDL 5-year Review
- Future WAG Meetings

TMDL Progress Update

- Bacteria TMDL – Tyson and Renfro Creeks
 - Posted to WAG webpage
 - Comments to DEQ by July 15th
 - Conducting monitoring this summer?

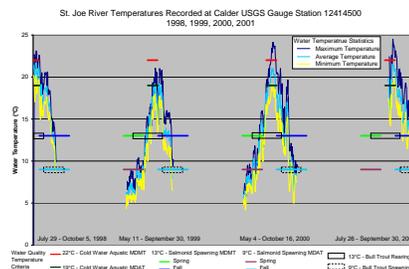
TMDL Progress Update

- DRAFT Temperature TMDL
 - Reviewed by DEQ state office
 - Reviewed by WAG
- Added mainstem St. Joe River...

St. Joe River Mainstem

- Temperature listing
 - AU ID17010304PN027_05 – river from North Fork St. Joe to St. Maries River
 - Integrated Report 2010, 2008, and 2002
 - Data collected at USGS gauging station at Calder
 - Summers of 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001

St. Joe River Mainstem



St. Joe River Mainstem



Delta Shade - St. Joe River from Big Creek to St. Joe City

St. Joe River Mainstem

- Lower Reach
 - Water level is impacted by operation of Post Falls Dam
 - Altering river width and near stream vegetation
 - Dam operation is precluding the attainment of applicable WQS - IDAPA 58.01.02.206.01.6.iv or move to category 3 – Unassessed Waters

Temperature TMDL

- Next Steps
 1. Public Comment Period
 2. Document submitted to EPA
 3. Implementation

Sediment TMDL 5-year Review

- WAG comments...
- Next Steps
 1. Finish incorporating comments
 2. Submit to DEQ State Office

Implementation

- 319 Projects
 - St. Maries River Road continuation
 - Santa Creek bank stabilization
- Implementation Plan Review
- WAG priorities
 - Watersheds
 - Projects
 - Etc



Watershed Activities

- Shadowy St. Joe River Wetland Project
 - Avista Funded
 - Restore wetlands adjacent to river



Watershed Activities

- Marble Creek Splash Dam Removal
 - Avista Funded
 - Restore fish passage



Lower Splash Dam



Upper Splash Dam

Next Meeting

- July 15th
 - St. Maries Fire Station, 9-11am
- WAG webpage:
 - http://www.deq.idaho.gov/about/regions/st_joe_st_maries_river_wag/index.cfm