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Subject: FW: ID and OR Open Houses

FYI - good to know Marti's perspective, as a contrast to Ecology's approach which is buckle down on their HH rulemakings and postpone an open house on this water quality trading project until Nov.

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Idaho and EPAR10 have also been sued over the HH criteria by NWEA/ICL on a variety of toxics, and in fact, nearly all our water quality standards approvals by EPA including natural conditions and natural background, some variances, temperature site specific criteria etc. as relates to "failure to consult and obtain decisions" from NFMS and USFWS on ESA listed species. Since those issues are just getting started and will be a long time in being resolved, we intend to move forward regardless. Certain publics in Idaho, including members of our legislature and even federal congressional leaders are clamoring for trading, though I'm reasonably certain they have no idea of the difficulty, or limitations/opportunities for its use in many watersheds. The goal of achieving water quality standards has been lost/absent from the discussions and understanding of trading.

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Hi Helen and Melissa,

Thanks again for the call last week on WA communications related to the JRA process. I am writing to provide you an update on the calls with ID and OR.

Both states decided an open house would be an appropriate way to engage external stakeholders to provide an update on the process, intended outcomes, next steps, etc.

The dates are now set.

OR - Friday Aug 16th at OR DEQ from 10-12 - Portland

ID - Thursday Aug 22nd at ID DEQ from 4-6 pm – Boise

Please note that the ID open house will be held on the afternoon of the last day of workshop 3 in Boise. You are both very welcome to stay for the event as well as join for the open house in Portland the week before.

Both ID and OR DEQ will be “co-hosting” the events with the Willamette Partnership. We are jointly developing an invite list for each state, however the event will be open to the public. We will have a draft invitation ready by the end of the week and intend to post/send around along with the JRA 2-pager once that is posted to the WP website.

In face of the Human Health Criteria rule making, I think it’s fine for WA to have a slightly different approach at this point, I just wanted to make sure everyone is up to speed on the 3-state strategies.

Please feel free to be in touch if you have any questions or feedback.

Thanks,

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