

**Draft Meeting Summary**  
**WRIA 54 & 57 Instream Flow Recommendation Work Group**  
Wednesday, May 28, 2008  
1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Ecology Eastern Regional Office (N. 4601 Monroe) 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room

**Meeting Purpose:** The purpose of the meeting was to:

- Review, Discuss, Revise if Necessary, and Approve Work Group Technical Memorandum for submission to the WRIA 54 and WRIA 55/57 Planning Units and for use at the elected officials meeting
- Discuss and Prepare for the Elected Officials meeting scheduled for June 26, 2008
- Discuss Future of Work Group

**Action Items**

- Work Group members were invited to attend a planning meeting for the elected officials meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 2 at the Spokane County offices.
- A copy of the Final Technical Memorandum will be distributed to Work Group members and attending elected officials prior to the June 26, elected officials meeting.
- Work Group members are encouraged to attend the June 26 elected officials meeting that will be held at the Spokane Convention Center Room 101A.

**Welcome, Agenda Review and Meeting Summary Review**

Bob Wheeler welcomed the Work Group and reviewed the purpose of the meeting, the agenda, and the materials provided at the meeting for discussion. The Work Group reviewed and accepted the February 26, 2008 meeting summary.

**Considerations Worksheet and Instream Flow Proposals**

Work Group members provided some perspectives and inquiries into the instream flow proposals presented in the previous two meetings.

**Review, Discuss, Revise as Necessary, and Approve Technical Memorandum**

The Work Group reviewed the latest version of the *Instream Flow Recommendations Memorandum for WRIA Planning Units 54 & 55/57* (Technical Memorandum). The changes to the Technical Memorandum are directly reflected in the final version. Some highlights from the conversation follow:

- Ecology staff noted that there will be future work to examine the interactions of groundwater to the Spokane River.
- The Work Group reviewed the latest attachment from the state caucus that included text formerly suggested by the caucus for inclusion in the Technical Memorandum. Suggestions for input was taken and considered.
- The Work Group clarified what a consensus approval of the Technical Memorandum implied. It was noted that approving the document did not mean that all parties supported the multiple proposals included, but instead consensus in this context indicated approval of the document as an informational document to inform the two Planning Units of instream flow issues.
- The Work Group added more content in the Technical Memorandum by augmenting the subsection now titled, “Legal Availability of Water.”
- The Work Group added clarifications to the section titled, “Water reserves.”

- The Work Group reached consensus for the Technical Memo to be finalized and sent on to the Planning Units and used at the elected officials meeting on June 26, 2008.

### **Discuss and Prepare for the Elected Officials Meeting Scheduled for June 26, 2008**

Work Group members discussed the purpose of providing information for the elected officials meeting. It was noted that the Technical Memorandum would be distributed to elected officials prior to the June 26 meeting.

Mike Hermanson noted that a planning meeting for the elected officials meeting was scheduled for at Spokane County offices on Monday, June 2 at 1:30 p.m.

### **Discuss Future of Work Group and Meeting Close**

The Work Group noted that it will disband after preparing the Technical Memorandum. Future recommendations for instream flows will be conducted by the WRIA 54 and 55/57 Planning Units.

Bob Wheeler thanked the Work Group for their time, their hard work and efforts at preparing this Technical Memorandum, and adjourned the meeting at about 4:45 p.m.

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### **Meeting Attendance**

**Work Group members and guests recorded on the sign-in sheet were:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Arielle Anderson	<i>Center for Environmental Law and Policy</i>
Bart Haggin	<i>The Lands Council</i>
Bob Wheeler	<i>Triangle Associates</i>
Brad Caldwell	<i>Department of Ecology</i>
Cynthia Carlstad	<i>TetraTech</i>
Hal Beecher	<i>Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife</i>
Kristine Graf	<i>City of Spokane</i>
Lloyd Brewer	<i>City of Spokane</i>
Mark Wachtel	<i>Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife</i>
Mike Hermanson	<i>Spokane County</i>
Rachael Osborn	<i>Center for Environmental Law and Policy</i>
Rob Lindsay	<i>Spokane County</i>
Sara Hunt	<i>Department of Ecology</i>
Stan Miller	<i>Consultant to Spokane County</i>
Steve Skipworth	<i>Vera Water and Power</i>
Tim Vore	<i>Avista Corporation</i>
Ty Wick	<i>Spokane Aquifer Joint Board</i>