



# IWAC

## Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative

December 11, 2012, 1:30 – 3:05 PM  
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## AGENDA

### Old Business

- November 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.
- The 12/11/12 Agenda was reordered placing the Spokane River Forum Conference Information first.

### New Business

#### Spokane River Forum Conference – Andy Dunau

The Spokane River Forum Conference will be held on March 26-27, 2013. A draft, not for distribution, agenda was presented for discussion and feedback. The 2013 Conference will include plenary and breakout sessions. Day One topics include: the interface between research, management and policy, focused on roles of local organizations, universities, elected officials and agencies. Day two will focus on system dynamics, the WISDM grant and the role of universities in the needs of local collaborative organizations. The SRF Conference intends to provide the opportunity for transparency. The goal is to get the facts out to all interested parties, eliminate rumors, ask the hard questions and look for appropriate next steps

Proposed topics for break-out sessions were discussed and IWAC members were asked for feedback on the topics and recommendations for presenters and panel participants.

- Ecology In-stream Flow Rule-making for the Spokane River and the impact on water purveyors in WA and ID
  - Issues to consider:
    - Idaho's in-stream flow regulations from Post Falls to Stateline and the FERC relicensing requirements for Avista to maintain Lake CDA storage levels and release water to the Spokane River.
    - Prior in time and subsequent water rights
    - Olympia's prior experience with setting in-stream flow regulations in WA rivers
    - Uncertain public support or funding
    - Reliability of the research used to set flow levels
    - What is the value of the water in the river?
- Fish Consumption rates, recent changes, position of Tribes, variations between ID and WA. Including the UCUT "Upper Columbia United Tribes" and the "Affiliated Tribes of North West Indians" vice-chair as speakers or panel members was recommended.
- IWAC members made some recommendations and comments regarding the Conference break-out sessions:
  - Create conference strands across break-out time slots so someone interested in a specific topic can attend all sessions related to that topic.
  - Is one hour enough time to get into depth on a topic? Consider quality vs. quantity.
  - A conference strand of interest to water purveyors might include discussion of city development e.g., economics/growth/future resource needs. This focus could bring another audience to this conference that hasn't been present before.

- Possible break-out session with local collaborative groups who are interested in actually working on something. (e.g., IWAC: How does this collaborative want to build on groundwater flow improvement model, etc.?)
- The controversial topics will lead to lots of questions. Is the conference ready for significant discussion of issues?

### Legal Entity Update and Draft Bylaws

Susan Weeks provided draft IWAC bylaws and despite some lingering uncertainty about 501 (c)(3) memberships by ID government entities, it appears, at this point, that IWAC has a reasonable path forward.

IWAC members will review the draft bylaws and suggest areas of revision. An organizational subcommittee comprised of Alan Miller, Ty Wick, Mike Galante, Jim Markley, Henry Allen and Tonilee Hanson will meet January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 at 2:00 pm in the LLSWD Small conference room. The subcommittee will use the IWAC Organizing agreements, previously written by consensus of the members, to inform the bylaws.

### Updates around Table

No updates were shared.

### Point to Consider

How will IWAC define "Regional" which is used in the purpose and goals? This is something to take into consideration as specifics are approached. Programs, outreach, conservation efforts will be based on the region taken into consideration. It needs to be defined, but "broadness" will avoid limitations. At the moment, the "region" appears to be the Valley floor. What are the boundaries? How far out does IWAC want to go?

### January 8, 2013 Meeting Agenda

- **WSU WISDM Grant - Allyson Beal, Co-PI, (on phone) and Todd Norton (in-person)**
- **IWAC draft bylaws (region/regional definition)**
- **Updates Around the Table**
- **Develop 2/12/13 Agenda**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.**

### Handouts:

IWAC Agenda

11/13/12 Meeting Minutes

SRF Draft Conference Agenda (not for distribution)

IWAC Organizing Agreements (12/11/12 draft)

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