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Cc: Urban, Eric; Suplee, Mike; Mathieus, George
Subject: RE: March 24 call in numbers

Hi all:

I spoke with George Mathieus earlier today, and George wanted to let folks know that DEQ understands the concerns raised by the Flathead Monitoring Committee.

At the nutrient standards hearing on March 24, DEQ will open by stating that the data is insufficient to support the standards being proposed. DEQ wanted to let folks know that this would be their position, so that stakeholders did not spend an undue amount of time on comments related to this particular issue.

Thank you all.

Caryn

From: Miske, Caryn
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Subject: March 24 call in numbers

Hi all:

Mike Supple forwarded me a call in number for the nutrient standards hearing on March 24th :

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Please mute your lines during the call to minimize interference. Otherwise the hearing officer will no doubt be unhappy.

When I obtain additional info from DEQ, I will be sure the pass it along as well.

Best --

Caryn

From: Miske, Caryn
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2014 5:52 PM
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Cc: Urban, Eric; Suplee, Mike
Subject: summary of monitoring committee call

Summary of 3/2/14 Monitoring Committee Call

Discussion regarding DEQ Proposed Nutrient Standards for Flathead Lake

Attendees: Mark Reller, BPA/FBC; Chuck Sufin, Flathead Lakers; Robin Steinkraus, Flathead Lakers; Jack Potter, FBC; Brian Sugden, Plum Creek; Craig Kendall, USFS; Mark Lorenzen; Julie Dalsoglio, EPA; Jason Gildea, EPA; Tina Laidlaw, EPA; Bonnie Ellis, FLBS; Erik Urban, DEQ and Caryn Miske, FBC.

Recommendation: The Monitoring Committee requested that DEQ provide addtional data in advance of the March 24, 2014 hearing in order for agencies/individuals to submit well informed comments. Given the tight timeframes, it was determined that FBC individuals/agencies (rather than the FBC as an overall entity) should comment on propsed standards by 3/24/14, once DEQ forwards additional information requested (see next steps below).

Timeframe: March 24, 2014 DEQ hearings -- 2 separate rule making hearings on nutrient standards and variances. The hearings will be held back to back on the same day, and DEQ will respond to all comments received on the Marhc 24th and/or in writing by April 1, 2014. E. Urban to ascertain if the hearing can be accessed remotely. DEQ will not provide formal presentations at the hearings, rather will provided comments, similar to all other stakeholders. DEQ will provide a summary of comments and response to comments on behalf of the Board after the April 1st comment period closes.

Next Steps:

- DEQ to forward data to more fully support proposed standard. It was suggested that the technical memo recently provided by DEQ be supplemented with actual data used to support the standard, along with graphics outlining trends pre- and post mysis. In addition, the rationale for removing primary productivity, periphyton, etc., should be included with

the supplemental data. If possible, DEQ should also attempt to answer the following quesitons:

- What level of water quality is DEQ trying to maintain -- water quality based on data from the 1980s or based on data from the last 14 years?
- Will the standards fully support the TMDL targets?
- How will the proposed standards impact tribs?

- The monitoring committee will reconvene on March 27 at 3:00 pm to determine what, if any, additional comments should be provided to DEQ in relation to the proposed regs in light of the forthcoming information to be provided by DEQ and information released during the course of the hearing on March 24, 2014.
  - The call in numbers for the mtg are listed below:
    - [redacted]
    - [redacted]

Thank you all for your participation today. If anyone has any additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact me --

Best -

Caryn

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