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Subject: Which one of you is tracking the work on SE in Lake Koocanusa?
Attachments: Decision_Points_SeTSC_Roadmap_forDiscussion.docx; 2015_16DEQ_FWP_LK_Se_Burbot_Muscle.docx

Karen and Joe – I'm writing to both of you as I'm not sure who is the HQ person tracking some of the work R8 is doing on selenium and burbot.

I reached out to Jason Gildea in R8 this morning to get an update, but have not yet heard back from him. In some of the materials he had sent me last fall I found some burbot muscle data and I'm interested in trying to figure out whether or not burbot are more or less sensitive to selenium than sturgeon.

Here are a couple of documents that I dug up. I thought if you had the time you could take a look at the burbot muscle data. The Decision Points document had a link in it that took me to a website where I could download the burbot muscle document.

I understood that R8 was going to do some more monitoring/sampling work (maybe this year? Or maybe it was last year, not sure) but the EPA Manchester Lab here in R10 had agreed to do the analysis. Unfortunately, I don't know who to contact to get an update on that. I was hoping it was Jason in R8.
Let me know if you can give me some sense of what this limited burbot muscle data might indicate w/ respect to more or less sensitive than sturgeon.. or maybe we just don't know yet.
Thanks for any help you can provide.
My Division Director Dan Opalski had asked me what was going on and whether EPA had any sense of burbot sensitivity to Selenium. I told him this morning I would look into that and get back to him today. YIKES! What was I thinking.

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