

DEQ LBR TP TMDL - LBWC Update

May 8, 2014

LBWC & TAC

- ❖ April 15 and April 30, 2014 – DEQ held the first two Model-Techno-Policy (MTP) workgroup meetings. This group is working to apply the AQUATOX model, in a weight of evidence approach, to help identify TP allocations designed to meet the 150 mg/m² periphyton target.
 - Current discussions have focused on refining duration, location, and frequency for modeling purposes:
 - A mean value for each Assessment Unit during each season
 - A not-to-exceed frequency (e.g. 1 in 3 years vs. 1 in 5 years, etc.)
 - Defining appropriate seasons

- ❖ April 24, 2014 – DEQ presented and discussed results from April 15 MTP workgroup meeting.

- ❖ Timing and content of next TMDL draft are dependent upon:
 - Analyses to meet May-Sept SR-HC TMDL 0.07 mg/L TP target
 - DEQ working with Erica, Lee, and others to quantify stormwater loads
 - DEQ anticipating comments from municipalities
 - Analyses to meet periphyton 150 mg/m² target
 - Being developed through MTP workgroup and TAC

- ❖ All DEQ information related to the LBWC/TAC/Workgroups and TMDL development are posted on the DEQ LBR webpage: <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/regional-offices-issues/boise/basin-watershed-advisory-groups/lower-boise-river-wag.aspx>

Upcoming Meetings

- ❖ Model-Techno-Policy Workgroup Meetings
 - May 14, 10 am – Noon at DEQ
 - May 28, 10 am – Noon at DEQ

- ❖ May 22, TAC meeting (*need to change the date due to Reuse Conference??*)
 - 9 – 11 am in Meridian

- ❖ June 12, LBWC meeting
 - 7 pm in Caldwell

Please contact me if you would like to further discuss any LBR TP TMDL-related items

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