

Terry Willis, Lee Napier, Kahle Jennings, Dave Rountry, Patrick Wiltzus, Brian Peck, and Glenn Connelly were present.

Napier corrected the agenda. The first item would be a report on the groundwater pilot project.

### **Groundwater Pilot Project**

Jennings reminded the group that this project was designed to gather more information about the area. Ecology agreed to sponsor a pilot program to examine the groundwater in a portion of the Chehalis Basin. To date, they have identified about 40 private wells that were sampled for a series of chemical and physical parameters. The project also includes: placement of pizameters in the river, which is forthcoming, and development of monitoring wells.

The well monitoring for this year is complete. There will be another sampling period (May and Fall of each project year) and then a report summarizing the data related to groundwater and surface water interaction.

Peck asked how do you differentiate ground and surface waters? Jennings will ask Charles Pitz for the answer to this question. Does this include the hatchery well? Jennings doesn't believe it includes that well.

### **Draft Implementation Plan**

Jennings reminded the group that the Water Quality Committee recommended that the CBP approve the DIP. The CBP considered the document and asked the group to develop a recommendation that includes the concerns/reservations of the CBP members. The CBP members were asked to submit any comments to Kahle before September 8 and/or bring comments to the meeting. He did not receive any comments before the meeting.

The main concerns seem to be the changing water quality standards and their relationship to the TMDLs and DIP, how the state collects, interprets, and applies the data. The nonpoint sources appear to not be addressed, due to a lack of regulatory control authority. The DIP relies on existing regulatory controls. Will the point sources be forced to make up the difference for pollutants potentially provided from nonpoint sources?

Wiltzius pointed out on page A-49, (D) Compliance Monitoring, may be an area that should be included in the "reservation" list. Rountry would like to see concerns stated and then turned into a recommendation to approve the DIP.

Jennings and Rountry will draft a response for consideration by the CBP during the next meeting.

## **Coordinated Water Quality Monitoring (Draft QAPP)**

Jennings shared the Draft Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) with the group. This was developed based on the Chehalis River Council's QAPP. One of the challenges he ran into was developing a QAPP for a project that doesn't current exist. QAPPs are developed to address specific projects.

The CBP, and other monitoring entities, could benefit from the inclusion of items that are not typical protocol for a QAPP. This would include: track implementation of activities, dissemination of the collected information, and identification of cause/source of pollutant. This could help to align the DIP, Coordinated Monitoring Plan and the QAPP. There is a need for a coordination component between all monitoring entities and a clearinghouse for the information.

## **Scope of Work for Water Quality Program**

This scope should address the following:

- Describing a point of coordination to help synthesis monitoring work and to help parties stay informed regarding that work.
- Supplement monitoring activities to fill data gaps.
- TMDL effectiveness monitoring.
- Help fragmented work tie together into a regional picture of cause and effect and better determine where the priorities are located.
- This coordination effort could take the form of a pilot study where a small portion of the basin could apply this approach.

## **Agenda for Next Meeting**

Topics for next meetings agenda: review work proposal scope of work, review progress from QAPP, report on status of groundwater pilot project and a round table session of sharing water quality projects in their areas. There was interest in hearing a status report regarding the Weyerhauser Pulp Mill.

The next meeting is October 14, 2004.