

# Spokane River Forum Conference 2009

Thursday January 22

8:00 to 8:30

## Continental Breakfast & Welcome

8:30 to 10:00

## How The System Works

### Our water balance

*Bob Haynes, Idaho Department of Water Resources;  
Guy Gregory, Washington Department of Ecology*

An overview of how and when water flows in and out of the aquifer and river.

### How the river operates

*Tim Vore, Avista*

An overview of how, when and why Spokane River flows are affected by dam operations.

### How the water supply system gets us our water

*Steve Skipworth, Vera Water & Power; Ty Wick,  
Spokane County Water District #3*

An overview of how water districts satisfy demands for water through withdrawal.

10:00 to 10:20 - Break

10:30 to 12:00pm

## Water Use Demands & Challenges

### Water right adjudication in WA and ID

*Dave Tuthill, ID Department of Water Resources; Jay Manning, Washington Department of Ecology*

Status of water right adjudication in WA and ID. Expectations for regional water collaboration.

### Requirements for fish flows

*Hal Beecher, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife*

Recommended and required in-stream and spawning flows to meet fishery needs.

### Municipal, business, agricultural and tribal needs

*Lloyd Brewer, City of Spokane; Art Macomber, Attorney;  
Phil Cerner, Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Indians*

Current and future demands for water from multiple stakeholders.

12:00 to 1:15 - Lunch

## Keynote Address: Creating Regional Water Use Decisions

*Dr. Piotr Jankowski, San Diego State University;  
Timothy Nyerges, University of Washington*

A unique collaborative decision making model that may be used to address regional water use for the Spokane River and Spokane Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer.

1:15 to 1:45

## River Recreation as a Community Resource

*Mike Edwards, President and CEO of Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership*

1:45 to 3:15

## Benefits and Challenges of Increasing River Access & Use

### Perspectives from recreational groups, outfitters and community development specialists

*Stann Grater, Professional Guide; Paul Delaney, NW Whitewater Association; Robbi Castleberry, Spokane Canoe and Kayak Club; Steve Faust, Friends of the Falls; Kaye Turner, Friends of Centennial Trail; Jeanna Hofmeister, Visitor and Convention Center*

The benefits and challenges faced by different groups interested in increasing and enhancing recreational experiences along the Spokane River.

### Perspectives from management authorities

*Mike Aho, Spokane Parks and Recreation; Rene Wiley, Riverside State Park; Debbie Bird, National Park Service; John Bottelli, Spokane County Parks and Recreation; Speed Fitzhugh, Avista*

Perspectives of management authorities responsible for increasing and enhancing recreational experiences along the Spokane River.

### Upriver fishery dynamics

*Jason McLellan, WDFW; Chip Corsi, Idaho Department of Fish and Game*

Status of red band trout, other fisheries and management priorities for the upper Spokane River.

3:15 to 3:35 - Break

3:35 to 4:30

## Creating New Opportunities

### Spokane River Recreation and Access Coalition

*Judy Kaufman, Spokane Fly Fishers; Stann Grater, Professional Guide; Tim Reed, Citizen Activist*

A proposal for interested groups to identify access points that can be developed, modified or improved to meet Spokane River recreation needs.

### Greenway River District

*Steve Faust, Friends of the Falls*

Should we adopt a regional approach to planning, development and maintenance of recreational amenities along the Spokane River? A metropolitan parks district may be the answer.

Friday **January 23**

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## Spokane River Water Quality

### Priority concerns

*Rick Eichstaedt, Center for Justice; Bob Steed, ID Department of Environmental Quality; Dave Moore, WA Department of Ecology; Brian Crossley, Spokane Tribe of Indians*

Overview of sources, pathways and possible effects of dissolved oxygen and contaminants of concern (metals, mercury, PCBs, PBDEs, Dioxins-Furans, PPCPs).

### Human health concerns

*Mike LaScuola, Spokane Regional Health District*

Review of fish consumption and other possible human health effects stemming from contaminants of concern.

### Regulatory drivers

*Ron Lavigne, WA Office of Attorney General*

Review of federal and state regulations affecting water quality policy actions, including relicensing, 401 water quality certifications, TMDLs and permits.

**10:00 to 10:20 - Break**

**10:30 to 12:30pm**

## What's Being Done and Considered

### Federal

*Don Martin, EPA*

River characterization and modeling dissolved oxygen in the Spokane River.

### Idaho

*Paul Klatt, JUB Engineering; John Tindall, ID Department of Environmental Quality; City of Post Falls; HARSB*

Review of land application, treatment and other investments being considered.

### Washington

*Dave Moss, Spokane County; Dale Arnold, City of Spokane; Doug Krapas, Inland Empire Paper; Meghan Leunney, Avista; Dave George, WA Department of Ecology; Brian Crossley, Spokane Tribe of Indians; Ted Hamlin, WA Department of Ecology*

Review of treatment, delta elimination, aeration, non-point sources, clean-up actions and other investments being considered.

**12:30 to 1:45 - Lunch**

## Keynote Address: Creating a Successful Regional Strategy

*Steve Fleischli, President, Waterkeeper Alliance*

**1:45 to 3:45**

## Looking Forward

### What's at stake?

*Mayor Clay Larkin, Post Falls; Ted Knight, Spokane Tribe of Indians; Amy Johnson, Greater Spokane Incorporated; Bruce Rawls, Spokane County; Rick Eichstaedt, Center for Justice; Inland Empire Paper; Dan Redline, ID Dept. of Water Quality*

Moderated discussion to consider possible affects of Spokane River water supply, water quality and recreation on community growth, future cost of services, community image and environmental health.

### Can we tango?

*Mayor Mary Verner, City of Spokane; Mayor Clay Larkin, Post Falls; Commissioner Todd Mielke, Spokane County; Mike Peterson, The Lands Council; Breean Beggs, Center for Justice; Rudy Peone, Spokane Tribe of Indians; Bruce Howard, Avista; Grant Pfeiffer, WA Department of Ecology; Dan Redline, ID Dept. of Environmental Quality*

Moderated discussion to consider current state of collaborative efforts and what's needed or proposed moving into the future.



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