



Coeur d'Alene Lake Advisory Committee

November 17, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Key Meeting Participants

Commissioner Chris Fillios (Chair)	DEQ Staff
Jack Riggs, Public at Large (Vice Chair)	Jess Byrne, Director DEQ
Shelley Austin, Kootenai Env. Alliance	Dan McCracken, Regional Administrator CRO
Craig Brosenne, Hagadone Marine Group	Bob Steed, DEQ CRO Surface Water Manager
Bruce Cyr, Lakeshore Property Owner	Craig Cooper, DEQ CRO Limnologist
Hemene James, Coeur d'Alene Tribe	Craig Nelson, DEQ CRO Water Quality Analyst
Mayor Steve Widmyer, City of Coeur d'Alene	Jamie Brunner, DEQ CRO Lake Mgmt. Coord.
Jacob Garringer, Office of the Governor	

Introductions

Commissioner Chris Fillios started the Coeur d'Alene Lake Advisory Committee meeting at 9:03 a.m. Introductions of the committee members and key speakers were made. The minutes from the October 20th, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Bruce Cyr motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Shelley Austin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Project Location Map

Craig Nelson – DEQ Water Quality Analyst

Craig presented an interactive story map, which shows a geographic display of the 40 project application sites. The size of the circle location dot is based on the technical overall score; the larger the score, the larger the dot size is. The composition of the scores were defined in the second CLAC meeting.

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/8cd69d7bbca2435680c0266a45bf1929>

Due to additional information submitted for projects 16a, 26, & 05, the ranking scores have changed since the last CLAC meeting. The ranking list now reflects a total of 22 eligible projects. Jack Riggs motioned to approve the updated ranking list reflecting 22 projects; Bruce Cyr seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Sticky Dot Exercise – CLAC Discussion

Bob Steed – Surface Water Manager DEQ Coeur d'Alene

This was a pre-ranking exercise designed to promote discussion about the projects before the official project vote took place. Posters of all 22 approved projects were placed around the room. All members received 14 sticker dots in which they could place all or some on the project/s they favored the most.

Discussion took place after the dot exercise; a ballot with all 22 projects was given to each CLAC member. All 22 projects were ranked despite the grand total exceeding the \$2 million-dollar budget. Additional match funds may be available, so the full ranking on all 22 approved projects was required.

Hemene James brought up the concern that bank stabilization projects might be counterproductive if the EPA follows with a dredging project. Dan McCracken of DEQ agrees and thinks each agency's projects could be coordinated to be complementary.

Hemene James noted that apart from the CLAC's ranking on the top projects selected to move forward, the smaller projects lower on the ranking list, particularly the municipalities are very important and deserve a second look should more funding become available. The dischargers in the small towns contribute nutrients constantly into the streams and ultimately into the lake. Bruce Cyr reinforced; more importantly, there is now a project list established defining key projects and entities that wish to be funded for improvements, which would decrease the nutrients and phosphorus going into the lake.

Public Input

Bob Steed – Surface Water Manager DEQ Coeur d'Alene

Bob Steed answered the public's questions regarding projects on the St. Joe, total phosphorus loads, extra funding for projects, and Brownfield contaminated ground water.

Ranking Sheet Introduction

Bob Steed – Surface Water Manager DEQ Coeur d'Alene

Jamie Brunner – DEQ Lake Management Plan Supervisor, Water Quality

All 22 projects will be ranked. The top projects will move forward fitting into the \$2 million-dollar financial objective, leaving the remaining projects requiring additional funding for later consideration. The final ranking will be presented to the Panhandle Basin Advisory Group for their approval on November 19, 2021.

The ranking sheet lists projects in order of Technical Score (highest to lowest). The members will rank projects with a number, 1 representing the highest ranked project, 2 representing the second highest ranked project and so on. If a project is not ranked (left blank), it will receive a score of 23.

Ranking Results and Final Recommendation for the BAG and DEQ Director

Bob Steed – Surface Water Manager DEQ Coeur d'Alene

Jamie Brunner – DEQ Lake Management Plan Supervisor, Water Quality

The projects were ranked in this order. #1 being the highest ranked project:

1. 18A	9. 07	17. 27D
2. 27B	10. 27C	18. 16B
3. 18D	11. 01	19. 27A
4. 27E	12. 16A	20. 24C
5. 24A	13. 26	21. 24B
6. 03	14. 05	22. 27F
7. 09	15. 29	
8. 18B	16. 18C	

Projects ranked 1-11 reach just under the financial goal at approximately \$1.9 million; adding the 12th project would bring the total over \$2 million. Now that the approved projects have been ranked, should any of the projects fall through, the next available project that falls within the budgetary allowance will be selected. The alternate project/s selected will be based on their ranking and the remaining funds.

A motion was made to adopt the ranking by Vice Chairman Riggs. Craig Brosenne seconded the motion; motion passed.

Link to project applications: <https://cloud.deq.idaho.gov/s/JiyXCw2ckbJcmEH>

Adjourn

Bruce Cyr motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Riggs seconded the motion; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.