

Dave Peeler phone message to Rick Eichstaedt, September 4, 2008

Hi Rick, this is Dave Peeler at Ecology. Rick I just wanted to let you know that EPA has indeed determined to reverse course on the allocation of loading between Idaho and Washington. Obviously, partly spurred by the letter that Bonne [Beavers] sent to Linda Boornazian back in June. Anyway, we met with them yesterday and talked it through and EPA is going to do a press availability conference call late this afternoon to inform people about this, I'll be part of that, as will Grant Pfeifer. Rick, what we'd like to do is set up a meeting with you guys, maybe Mike Petersen [The Lands Council Executive Director] some time late next week or the following week when I'm going to be over there. And we're also going to set up a meeting with the dischargers to sort of explain it to them. And try to have not the public meeting but just an opportunity to talk about how this decision came about and what it might mean and how do we go from here and just get some ideas about how to proceed. As you probably can guess, we're going to have to remodel the Washington TMDL after somehow agreeing with EPA and Idaho about how to split the allocations between Washington and Idaho. Then remodel it, and see where that turns out. So this is something like a return to the 2004 model, but of course we've made refinements to that model since then so it's a little bit unknown as to what the actual outcomes are. Anyway, wanted to let you know about that. I'm up at Seattle today at a climate change forum. [Provides cell phone number] Thanks Rick.