

FLATHEAD BASIN COMMISSION

CSKT Tribal Complex (42483 5th Ave E. Pablo, MT)

June 26, 2019

AGENDA

10:30 AM	Welcome & Introductions	Rich Janssen, CSKT (Chair)
10:40 AM	Discussion/approval of March 20th <i>DRAFT</i> Minutes	Kate Wilson, FBC staff
10:50 AM	Staff update: activities/events; projects; financials/budget/grants status; annual report	Kate Wilson
11:15 AM	Agency, Budget and Legislative Updates	Mark Bostrom, DNRC
11:30 AM	Septic Leachate Updates/Path Forward	Mike Koopal, Whitefish Lake Institute; Rich Janssen
11:45 AM	Communication Networks of Five Columbia River Basins Research Overview	Karen Trebitz, University of Idaho Doctorate Student
12:00 PM	LUNCH (<i>provided</i>)	
12:45 PM	ACTION ITEM: Non-Point Source Pollution: Addressing Storm Water Runoff in the Flathead Basin	Casey Lewis, City of Kalispell; Mike Koopal
1:15 PM	CSKT Natural Resources Department Overview	Rich Janssen
1:45 PM	Aquatic Invasive Species Program Update	Russ Hartzell, FWP
2:15 PM	BREAK	
2:35 PM	Harmful Algal Blooms	Hannah Riedl, DEQ
3:05 PM	Discussion: Upcoming agenda items; emerging issues	All
3:20 PM	Public comment	Rich Janssen
3:30 PM	Wrap up	Rich Janssen; Kate Wilson

Next Meeting: September 26, Location TBD

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting/ Project Name:	Flathead Basin Commission		
Date of Meeting:	June 26, 2019	Time:	10:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Minutes Prepared By:	Kate Wilson	Location:	CSKT Tribal Council Chambers (Pablo, MT)
1. Welcome and Introductions			
Rich Janssen	Welcome. Rich opened the meeting and conducted a roll call. Quorum confirmed.		
Introductions (Roundtable)	Each participant introduced themselves including name, location and organization/interest that they are representing. Confirmed quorum present for voting matters (8 voting Commissioners required).		
2. Attendees			
Commissioners/staff: <u>Rich Janssen</u> (CSKT), <u>Mike Koopal</u> (Whitefish Lake Institute/Upper Columbia Conservation Commission), <u>Steve Frye</u> (Governor-appointed member), <u>Randy Brodehl</u> (Flathead County Commission), <u>Dean Sirucek</u> (Flathead Conservation District), Mark Bostrom (DNRC Helena), <u>Jack Potter</u> (Governor-appointed member), Myla Kelly (DEQ – for Tim Davis), <u>Mark Rellar</u> (Bonneville Power Administration), Kate Wilson (DNRC/FBC & UC ³ Commission Administrator) *Voting members underlined			
Public/Other: Bernie Azure (Char-Koosta News), Dennis Clairmont (CSKT), Casey Lewis (City of Kalispell), Lamont Kinkaid (Association of Realtors, Water Subcommittee), Steve Rosso (Flathead Lakers), Onno Wieringa, Sarah Ganter (Upper Columbia Conservation Commission Big Sky Watershed Corps), Connlan Whyte (Flathead Lake Biological Station), Paula Webster (CSKT), Karen Trebitz (University of Idaho)			
3. Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues			
Presenter	Topic/Discussion		
Kate Wilson, DNRC	Discussion & approval of draft Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 20, 2018 (Whitefish): Quorum and notetaker; official minutes). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amendment: Kathy Olsen not present at meeting (remove) ○ <u>Motion</u> to approve as official minutes as amended (Dean S). 2nd (Dave S). All in favor. None opposed. <i>Motion Passes.</i> 		
Kate Wilson	Staff Update work plan, website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff update/report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Previous meeting follow-up/planning for next meeting ○ Executive Committee planning/meetings (bi-weekly) ○ Monitoring Flathead Basin natural resource issues ○ Aquatic invasive species media/outreach augmentation ○ Meetings/conferences: Western Regional Panel (Tacoma, WA); Lakes Commission (Sandpoint, ID); Upper Columbia Conservation Commission, NRCS Kalispell partner meeting (Kathy); TECK selenium dinner (Mike/Rich) ○ Septic leachate ○ Legislative tracking/support (water quality, AIS, DNRC) • Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transitioning from flatheadbasincommission.org to flatheadbasincommission.mt.gov (using vendor to assist with design, layout, content and navigation). For the interim, while 		

new site is being designed, working with contractor to remove all pages on all site and replace with a single landing page – meeting information, reports, etc.

- Project delayed due to complications with other website (invasivespecies.mt.gov) which is a higher priority to launch
- Old website being shut down but new one will be stood up (www.flatheadbasincommission.mt.gov). RFP process resulted in vendor selection (Windfall, Missoula-based firm). Will be ready to launch new full website this summer.
- **Need bios from: Dean Sirucek, Chip Weber, Tim Davis, Jason Gildea**
- DNRC/FBC staff to maintain content once designed and launched with help of Windfall.

ACTION: Kate to request assistance with populating and structuring site when the time comes – and have contractor come present at meeting.

Mark Bostrom,
DNRC

Kate Wilson

Agency, Budget and Legislative Updates

- Current Balance FY19 3/19: **\$3,966/\$20,175** (operating)
 - Approved budget (October 2018 meeting): \$10,000
 - Member travel/Meetings \$1,212/\$4,200
 - Website \$3,229/\$4,500
 - Display/materials \$1,000
 - 2017-2018 annual report \$753/\$300
 - MT Lakes Conference sponsorship \$1,000/\$1,000
- In order to zero out by June 30, consider putting balance (less meeting expenses from today) into personnel
- Motion: Use balance of remaining FY19 funds to pay for staff time (Jim S). 2nd (Jack) All in favor. None opposed. *Motion Passes.*
- FY20 Budget: \$20,175 carried over, \$20,000 in addition as a result from requesting amendment agency funding bill – \$40,175 base for operations. Additional \$77,000 secured for personnel.
- Suggested allocation of FY20 operating budget:

AMOUNT	CATEGORY	NOTES
\$6,000	Member travel and meetings	Includes facility fees and refreshments for meetings
\$12,000	Website and materials	Contractor currently on contract with DNRC/FBC for this purpose
\$15,000	NPS Pollution/Stormwater Project	City of Kalispell/FBC Joint Project. \$12,250 for BSWC member, rest for travel reimbursement and location costs
\$3,000	Annual Report	Design/layout/printing
\$3,000	Conference/meeting sponsorships	Transboundary CRB Conference, NAISMA, PNWER, etc. Exec Comm can prioritize
\$1,175	Other projects/contingency	
\$40,175	TOTAL	

- Update: DNRC AIS Grant \$900/\$5,000
 - AIS guides (missed deadline, incomplete)
 - Launch AIS PSAs (\$3,100, completed)
 - Protect Our Waters Stickers (\$1,900, in progress)
- Other opportunities

- Watershed Planning Grant: BSWC Member?

Personnel Discussion:

- Kate in dual role with UC³ and FBC.
- Modified position requested from Gov's Office (by DNRC). Could have some admin support/assistant to do. Kate could focus on higher level work.
- Mark: Are you comfortable with split of Kate in two Commissions? Same conversation happens in both. Could split a variety of ways. Has been a long-standing issue with FBC – level of personnel services has been ongoing. Permanent position back but need for assistance (both Commissions)
- Could structure so that 50% of each Commission for Kate as Commission Administrator and the other 50% for admin/programmatic support
- Discussion:
 - Mark R: Cross pollination of both Commissions. Keep her in place. Jack P: Task Exec Comm to discuss with UC³ (split/amounts). Who would do the hiring, etc.? Come up with monetary formula. Mike and Dennis on UC³. Could you speak to arrangement? Mike K: Advocate that we accept proposal of some sort so that UC³ can vote on next time. Could have Exec Comm decide. Can build in an annual review. Dave S: Helps if one group has motion in place already. Kate would supervise position. **Consider drafting a statement of intent between Lori (UC³) and Rich (FBC) that would outline agreement.**
- Motion: Split support/administrative position 50/50 with UC³ with an annual review required (Mike K). 2nd (Dave S.) All in favor. None opposed. *Motion Passes.*
- **Kate to draft position description and run by executive committee.**

Legislative Updates:

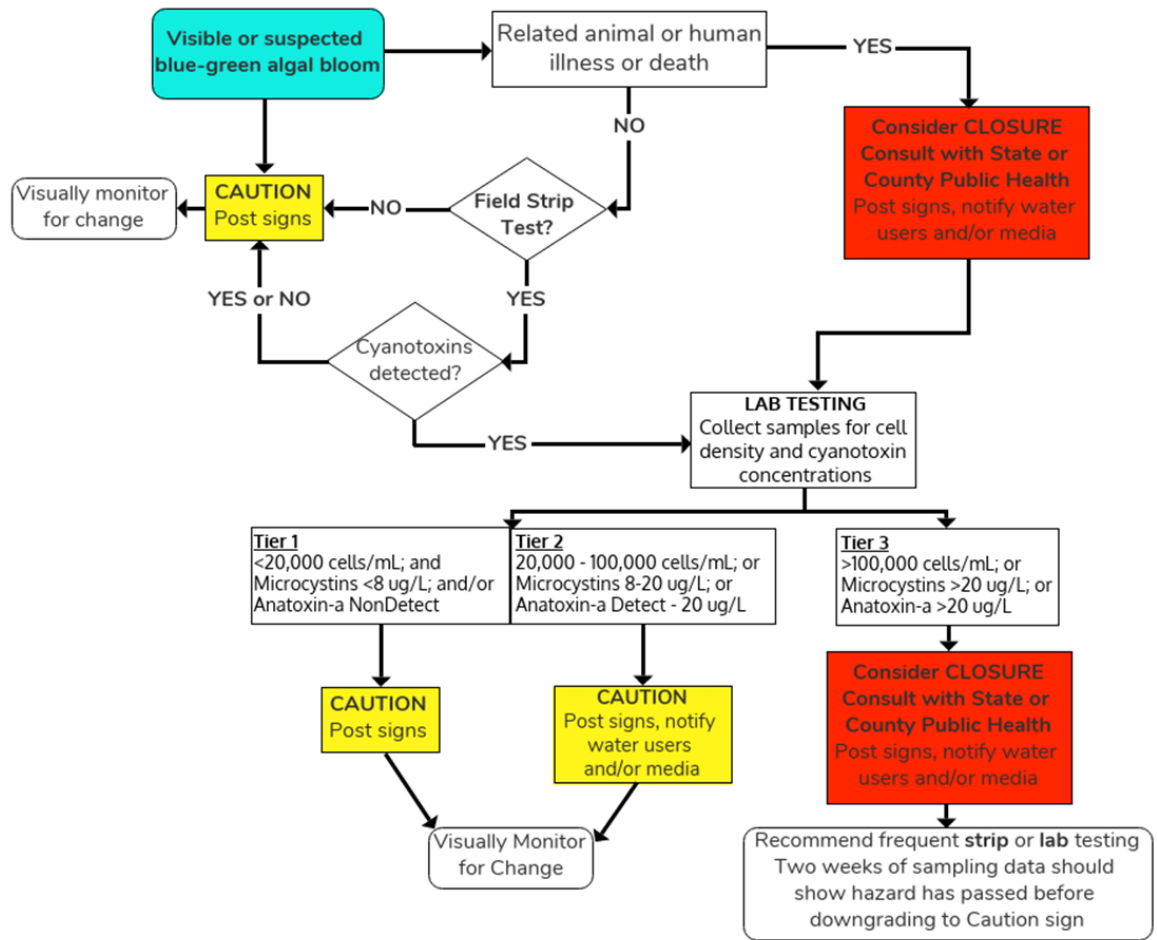
- *SB257*: UC³ recruiting for new members to represent other geographic areas of the Upper Columbia Basin. Currently all voting members (besides FWP staff) reside in the Flathead Basin. Seeking a representative from: The Upper/Middle Clark Fork River basin; the Bitterroot River Basin; the Swan/Blackfoot River Basins; the Kootenai River Basin; and the Lower Clark Fork River Basin. Four new legislators have been appointed to serve in an ex-officio manner as well (2 from the House/2 from Senate representing both parties).
- *HB 6 and 7 Infrastructure Bill*: RRGL grants, conservation district projects (water and sewer). Done through bonding in *HB652*.
- *HB56*: Revise and clarify voluntary clean-up laws and extend groundwater cleanup time.
- *HB324*: New areas opt in to districts. Might be important in context of septic systems. Extension to deadline to appeal 310 permits (30 days)
- *Good Neighbor Authority*: Allows state/local entities to manage forests on federal lands. Gained a lot of traction during the session as well. It was a big win for the agency – passed almost unanimously.
- *Conservation Districts (CDs)*: Did well in the session. Previous session came out \$400k short but made up for that plus about \$1M this session. Re-engage the 310 reimbursement fund. And additional money for the 223 grants. For the end of the session had discussions with Directors at FWP and DNRC + Gov's Office regarding AIS trust fund (\$100M). Took some of spending authority to contract with McCone CD to run inspection stations and augment them, particularly in the east. Really key now that North and South Dakotas have infested lakes. One time only funding, could be for this year and into next.
- *HB411*: Aquatic invasive species program funding for state of Montana. Includes non-resident motorized (\$30) and non-motorized (\$10) annual fee; angler prevention pass (\$2 resident/\$7.50 non-resident); hydropower fees; bed tax; and general fund. Estimated to raise \$5.3M annually. DNRC receives \$650k out of these funds for the AIS grant program, the Montana Invasive Species

	Council, the UC ³ and program staff.
Mike Koopal, WLI	<p>Septic Leachate Updates/Path Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background/legislative session update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Realized that Sen. Thomas has a septic study bill already (SJ3) so worked to get FBC language added to existing bill. Ultimately this was not successful – Rep. Noland originally committed to assisting but did not advocate for changes in language when committee voted on bill. • Local Government Interim Committee charged with completed study bill. They meet July 23 in Helena (Ed and Mike attending). Hopeful that committee will take on additional job duties in study bill – provide more actionable results. Ed has been working the angles a bit – Rep Dave Fern and chair of the committee are receptive to including FBC proposed language. • WHEREAS language added since FBC approved initial study bill concept. • Discussion: Mark B: SJ3 appears to be recommended changes to DEQ’s standards. Targeting DEQ standards (circular 4), non-point source, TMDLs. Not going to a more stringent technology – looking like a way around currently approved system. Steve F: Any ideas on how/where we could more effectively present our case? Mark B: Thomas just said he didn’t want the amendments and it was approved that way. Water policy interim committee probably the right place for this to have gone, but now given to Local Government committee. Maybe counties could take on? Probably why local government was chosen. MACO will be there for sure. What about CDs? Water and sewer districts will be there. Dean S: As far as current criteria are concerned – evaluate current state of systems. Historical septic systems in subdivisions that were permitted in the 60s-70s. If all this group looks at is current regulations, they don’t get a picture of what it was like before. Steve F: Many systems not permitted at all. Look at history as concern. Kate W: Do you want to be a formal septic leachate committee? Hold off on formal committee until July committee meeting. Mark B: Anything that would come from Committee would have to work through DEQ to change circular 4 process. Would seem that it would be important to have DEQ at the table. Could make suggestion. ACTION: Consider writing letter to committee and/or partners.
Karen Trebitz, University of Idaho Doctorate Student	<p>Communication Networks of Five Columbia River Basins Research Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Network weaving’ to solve difficult natural resource issues • Objective: examine communication network structures in 5 Columbia River basins. Social Network Analysis. Nexus between legislature (laws) and on the ground work. • Survey – wide view because must apply to five lake basins across Columbia River. Libby Dam: enough concrete to build a hwy from here to DC. Lake Chelan, Lake Roosevelt, Lake Koocanusa, Flathead Lake. LPO is 28th deepest lake in US. At least one tribe in each basin – usually two. Lake Chelan is the only basin that still has a salmon run. Dams owned by private and public entities. • Management concepts influencing interactions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Different management systems: command and control, CERCLA, ESA, FERC, CRT, BPA mitigation, etc. 2) Collaborative management 3) Adaptive co-management – sustainability, resilience • Competing needs for water resources. Fisheries and water quality focus of study. • Would need to partner with a tribe to look at cultural use/values • Study: Lake health indicators, networks, qualitative responses (likert scale), social and core-periphery networks (structures) • Lake Koocanusa – might have to model as two lakes due to international status (lack of communication across the line)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why does it matter? Has application on management level. Depending on player, could improve participation. NGOs – how/where to engage? Feds – how best to engage public in decision making and deliberation? More and more encouragement of public/private partnerships happening. Also helps fill gaps in individual basins and regional areas. • 1-2 hours of outreach required per survey. FBC and Flathead Lakers have filled out survey already.
<p>Casey Lewis, City of Kalispell – Public Works</p> <p>Mike Koopal</p>	<p>Stormwater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This non-point source pollution issue fits well within the focus/strategic direction of the FBC – should really consider becoming more involved with mitigation efforts • Stormwater issues for City of Kalispell. How to address all over basin? Complicated question. Need to start with evaluation of stormwater needs and issues. While I work on the issue, it’s just for the city – need to address at larger level. • Many impaired waterbodies within the basin – need to clean these up but also protect non-impaired waterbodies • Numerous regulated small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) in MT – permitted by DEQ (Kalispell, Missoula, Great Falls, Helena, Billings). Required to create a stormwater management plan that addresses outreach, illicit discharge, construction site management, municipal operations, etc. Kalispell only MS4 in Flathead Basin. • Stormwater mitigation: flood reduction, reducing pollutants. Many mitigation measures require maintenance. • Infrastructure inventory needed. FBC Subcommittee meeting since last FBC meeting. Discussed and updated proposal. • <u>Updated project proposal</u> – multi-year project. Create inventory for basin, identify stormwater needs and issues in the basin. Year 1: prioritize metropolitan areas within basin. Expand to other valley areas if time/funding allows. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Desktop analyses: compile data out there already 2. Develop GIS stormwater layer for FB 3. Pilot dry-weather inspection of outfalls (state in Kalispell) 4. Education & outreach: support Flathead Rain Garden Initiative (new! In development currently) 5. Prioritization and report • City of Kalispell commit to: Supervise/host BSWC member; provide office, computer, telephone and internet, and vehicle for work within Kalispell • Flathead Conservation District commit to: Assist with vehicle and/or funding for mileage; co-sponsor for project/study • Flathead Basin Commission commit to: Provide \$12,250 BSWC member (plus travel, professional development); assist with vehicle and/or funding for mileage, co-sponsor for project/study • Must also consider: affordable housing in the Kalispell area • Discussion: How do big landowners/operations get regulated? Depends where you are. Hutton Ranch example. Casey L: Moving into new process where city will permit. Dean: When subdivision is proposed, must go through DEQ’s review. Perennial and intermittent streams aren’t really identified. Dean: FBC was the lead on a DNRC grant to develop an inventory of sewer treatment facilities in the basin. Flathead County could assist with GIS. Scope of study? Do we want to incorporate Lake County in this as well? Whole basin or limit to specific areas? Steve F: Proof of concept approach? Kasey: BSWC member only 9 months, so want a realistic timeframe and scope given that program. Dave S: City of Polson has major issues with their systems. Karen: Is that a legislative issue? Dave: Legislature here is focused on city and county management of services/resources.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mike K: This brings a framework to the FBC, but still needs to be scoped once project gets moving. I don't think we know the result/product yet, but I think this is a good vehicle to do this. ➤ Mark B: MCC just got rejected on the national application for the Big Sky Watershed Corps because they couldn't demonstrate that the BSWC members were meeting all the three tenets of AmeriCorps – community, volunteer generation, education & outreach. How is application going to be viewed given that the three tenets need to be met individually? Need to strengthen all those elements. Tammy Swinney City of Bozeman – similar project (stormwater with BSWC). Follow up to discuss lessons learned. ➤ Mark: DNRC planning grant has funds that can be used for BSWC or could be used to fund staff of another kind (e.g. part time, intern, etc.). Contractor would probably be way more expensive than BSWC member. Development of a broader strategy. Hannah: DEQ volunteer monitoring grants. 319 options as well. ➤ Timeframe: Sept 13 for BSWC applications (due date). ACTION: Casey and Kate to work on application together. • Potential partners: other cities, Flathead County, MDT, others • <u>Motion</u> (Dean S): The FBC goes forward to tentatively provide funding for Big Sky Watershed Corps to develop a stormwater inventory in the Upper Flathead Basin; Kate is advised to continue to seek additional funding for project. Seconded (Jack P). All in favor. None opposed. <i>Motion Passes.</i>
Rich Janssen, CSKT	<p>CSKT Natural Resources Department Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NR Department employs 222/1200 CSKT employees, 100/222 live on reservation • Divisions: Environmental Protection (air quality, Brownfield, solid waste, non-point source pollution, pesticides, shoreline protection, water quality, wetlands conservation, and underground storage tanks programs); Fish, Wildlife, Recreation & Conservation (AIS, fisheries, conservation, wildland recreation, information & education, wildlife programs); Engineering & Water Resources (GIS, roads, safety of dams, water management and dam monitoring programs) • Major changes in land use/development since reservation established in 1855 • Class I Airshed (same as Glacier) • 150 shoreline permits/\$174k in dock fees and permits • Fisheries: No hatcheries here, though CSKT requests some stocking for alpine mountain lakes. MAC days, aggressive lake trout removal efforts • Hunting/fishing permits required on reservation • Water Compact: Need all three Montana congressional representatives to support water compact to move forward in congress. • Reservation population: 30,000. 1 million acres in reservation/Lake County • See video link ('In the Spirit of Atatices'): https://youtu.be/m0i8iw-2MSQ
Tom Woolf, FWP	<p>Aquatic Invasive Species Program Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montana AIS Program funding allocation (HB411): \$4.6M FWP; \$650k DNRC • Non-resident boating fees will likely come into effect next season; still working on how it will be implemented • Ballast boats: mandatory decontamination for all boats destined for MT waters that are: entering the state or crossing the Continental Divide (to the west). Previously this only applied to ballast boats that had been in infested waters/states. It will be more work/time for inspectors to decontaminate these boats on site. Sometimes it cannot be completed, and the boat must be locked to the trailer for follow up. • Considering system where private vendors could assist with decontaminations potentially.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to program in 2019: Improve efficiency/efficacy; move stations to address risk as needed; expand partner participation in inspections, monitoring and outreach; updated data systems (e.g. electronic data tablets at stations); FWP lead for aquatic plant issues – taking over Beaver Lake Eurasian watermilfoil project. • Flathead Basin ‘Inspection Before Launch’ rule: Must be renewed. FWP currently has this out for public comment (closes July 2019) • AIS rules in Montana are quite complicated. Can always use more help getting the word out on Clean Drain Dry campaign and clarifying rules. • Current stats: 26,000 inspections; 30 inspection stations; 11 fouled boats; 200 employees/partner staff • Treat all fouled boats as if the zebra/quagga mussels are live specimens (difficult to determine on the spot of they are dead or alive) • Monitoring: State uses plankton tows as primary monitoring tool. Open to other methods at specific locations, such as at Tiber there is an eDNA project with University of Montana (track hits to see if they can find source). Western states have had difficulty incorporating eDNA into monitoring programs due to detections of larvae (veligers) that have never led to adult populations or verification by plankton tows (e.g. no bodies). • New AIS detections in 2019: Eurasian watermilfoil in Beaver Lake; curlyleaf pondweed near Billings; Asian clams at Lake Elmo (non-motorized; connected to Yellowstone River). • AIS Advisory Group formed – provide information and get feedback on AIS Program. Planning summit for this fall/winter. • Discussion: Dave S: cross country/commercial truck route – Wilboux and Broadus stations very important. Steve F: Your budget is \$5.3M but was closer to \$6M in 2017. Is this because some of the costs are one time only? Tom: Yes, we have been able to make some capital/equipment purchases that aren’t annual costs.
<p>Hannah Riedl, DEQ</p>	<p>Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 things you should know about HABs: 1) a HAB is a mass of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae); 2) cyanobacteria are common (native); 3) cyanobacteria can be toxic; 4) climate change effects HAB growth; 5) human activities are responsible for the increase in HABs (waste, agriculture, runoff, etc.); 6) there are currently no EPA standards cyanotoxins; 7) you can’t tell toxicity by just looking (samples required); 8) no human deaths have been attributed to HABs (but pets, livestock and wildlife deaths reported); 9) stay away from harmful algal blooms. • Coordination between DPHHS, DEQ, and FWP • Launched July 2017- Online HAB reporting system • Public participation in reporting HABs through visual identification • Developing effective communication with Federal, County, and City Agencies • Monitoring: Can be local Health Boards, local water user organizations, state and federal agencies, and private landowners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Passively monitor (“eyes on the ground” monitoring approach) for HABs within jurisdictions and report to HAB.MT.gov ➢ Responsible to monitor, test, issue advisories, and notify media ➢ Extensive blooms affecting multiple jurisdictions should coordinate with the State HAB Team to issue a unified message • Monitoring/testing: Not mandated but recommended – visual. Test kits and laboratory assistance is available at no cost on a limited basis. Then must send in for laboratory Analysis (EPA). • All monitoring and testing results report to the state HAB team: HAB@mt.gov • Decision chart for monitoring HABs:



- In 2018, only 'caution' signs posted. Counties/local health boards have the authority to close waterbodies or limit access. 'Managing jurisdiction' responsible for monitoring, testing, issuing advisory and notifying the media.
- Reports come in from all over the state, but the vast majority are from the Lake Helena Valley area. Also using aerial satellite imaging for monitoring now (every 2-4 weeks).
- 2018 Challenges: Staying up-to-date on toxin levels requires frequent and large scale quantitative testing; communicating to the public without creating a big scare; acting quickly; determining who is responsible.
- Next steps: Continual public outreach; posting signs early at known HAB locations; continue to refine public map of verified HAB locations; nutrient criteria and monitoring
- Discussion: Jason G: Recommend that the FBC follow this issue closely. Lots of potential projects on the horizon. Do County health departments have kits? Hannah: No, but DEQ, DPPHS and FWP regional fisheries biologists (7 regions) have them currently. Would be great to get some to counties in the Flathead Basin.

Next Steps

- Next meeting: Set for Sept 26 though there are some potential conflicts to settle. Need location.
- Selenium/headwaters issue gaining steam. Elected officials in MT, ID, WA, OR writing letters to BC government (re: mining/tailings). Follow up with Erin Sexton (FLBS) and Jason G. on legal side of transboundary issues.
- Future meeting topic suggestions: State of the Lake presentation from FLBS (part 2). 5th anniversary of the Headwaters TMDL – presentation from implementation team (Flathead Lakers?). BPA mitigation in Flathead Valley/EIA on Columbia River System Operations (Hungry Horse implications. Mark, CSKT and FWP), southern BC development (CanFor in Flathead, Wild

	Site for opposite view – debate in Canada about env review process. Follow up with Chip for contacts (Kerry Becker Smith, John Bergenske). <u>Oil train group</u> and <u>Matt Jones BNSF</u> update. <u>Project 'FreeFlow'</u> (high school science club – recreational site inventory for camping along the North Fork – March meeting. Edu opportunity). Follow up on <u>TMDL modeling/standards</u> . <u>Monitoring Committee</u> (re-establish?). <u>Aluminum facility</u> , CFAC (Columbia Falls Superfund Site). <u>Watershed group partners</u> . Executive Committee to discuss.
Rich Janssen	Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim S: Conservation Districts Area Meeting Sept 24 or 25 in Bitterroot (Hamilton) • Crown of the Continent Roundtable Conference Sept 24-26 in Polson (KwaTuqNuk) • Transboundary Columbia River Basin Conference Sept 12-14 (Kimberley, BC) • Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species Oct 9-11 (Missoula, MT)
Wrap up	• <u>Motion</u> to adjourn (Dean), 2 nd (Jasmine). All in favor, <i>motion passes</i> . Adjourned at 3:40 pm.

4. Action Items				
Action		Assigned	Due Date	Status
1	Send out draft minutes and updates	Kate Wilson	7/30/19	Completed
2	Next meeting date (doodle poll), location and logistics – late June, late Sept	Kate Wilson & Executive Committee	7/30/19	Completed
3	Need bios from: Dean Sirucek, Chip Weber, Tim Davis, Jason Gildea	Kate Wilson, FBC members	8/30/19	In progress
4	Draft a position description for administrative/programmatic support position	Kate Wilson, Executive Committee	9/15/19	Completed
5	Consider drafting a statement of intent between Lori (UC ³) and Rich (FBC) that would outline staff agreement	Executive Committee	9/15/19	To be discussed at next exec comm mtg
6	Consider formal letter to Local Gov Interim Committee depending on July 23 meeting outcomes	Executive Committee	8/15/19	In progress
7	Write and submit application for Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) member for stormwater project	Casey Lewis, Kate Wilson, Mike Koopal	9/13/19 deadline for submissions	Completed
8	Seek additional funding for BSWC member and stormwater project	Kate Wilson, all	On-going	Completed (EPA grant)
Existing Actions from past meetings				
9	Consider letter to support to increase allocation for private grants (e.g. DNRC) to support reduction of NPS pollution if needed	Kate Wilson	On-going	Discuss need for this at future meeting
10	Request more information for future meeting on sewer capacity issue	Kate Wilson	Dep. on mtg topics	
11	Follow up with USFS (Chip Weber, Craig Kendall) on fire video – promote at/from FBC			In progress
12	Draft joint UC ³ letter on AIS importance/partnerships. Exec Comm to approve before submitting to local papers.	Kate Wilson	2020 season	In progress

13	DEQ presentation to FBC when models are complete	Myla Kelly/Tim Davis	Sept 2019 meeting	Completed
14	Work with watershed staff on looking at opportunities that may work for state/federal partnerships	Chip Weber	On-going	
15	Reach out to other groups in basin for discussion on priority issues and potential partnerships	Kate Wilson	On-going	
16	Check with EPA and Lake/Flathead Conservation Districts (have watershed restoration plans to address TMDLs)	Kate Wilson		In Progress
17	Invite MT/CSKT reps in Columbia River Treaty to update on process/MT position	Kate Wilson	consider for future mtg topic	Attended 3/20 town hall meeting
18	Request assistance with populating and structuring site when the time comes – Windfall to present potentially	Kate Wilson	On-going	In progress
19	Address vacancies and reappointments on FBC – one citizen (gov-appointed voting member); BC rep (ex-officio); Jack Potter & Jasmine Courville-Brown reappointments	Kate Wilson	On-going	Completed with exception of BC

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