



Focus on Mid-Columbia River and Lake Roosevelt

from EPA's Office of Water/Watershed Restoration Unit

Ecology and EPA are jointly sponsoring presentations and hearings on the following dates:

March 10, 2004

6:30 PM
Eastern WA University
Spokane Campus
705 W. 1st Ave., corner
of 1st & Wall
RM 432
Spokane

March 11, 2004

6:30 PM
Chelan County
Auditorium
400 Douglas, corner of
Washington & Douglas
Wenatchee

Written comments must be received by March 18. Please mail to

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Copies of the proposed TMDL are available at www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0403002/html

or can be obtained from Ecology by calling (360) 407-6480

Mid-Columbia River and Lake Roosevelt TMDL

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public comment on a proposed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) being developed by EPA and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) for controlling total dissolved gas (TDG) in the mid-Columbia River and Lake Roosevelt region. EPA is proposing to issue a TMDL for State and Tribal waters in the Columbia River above Grand Coulee Dam, including Lake Roosevelt, and for Tribal waters in the Columbia River downstream of Grand Coulee Dam. Ecology is proposing a TMDL for state waters of the Columbia downstream of Grand Coulee Dam.

Saturation of water with dissolved gases may result from either natural or human caused conditions. High concentrations of TDG negatively impact the health and survival of fish and other aquatic life. The primary source of elevated dissolved gas in the Mid-Columbia/Lake Roosevelt is from water spilled at seven dams - Priest Rapids, Wanapum, Rock Island, Rocky Reach, Wells, Chief Joseph, and Grand Coulee - and from sources in Canada and the United States upstream of Lake Roosevelt.

Public Comment Period

EPA, Ecology and the Spokane Tribe will review and consider all relevant comments that are received during the public comment period. Following this review, the TMDL and implementation plan may be modified. When complete, EPA will issue the TMDL for State and Tribal waters in the Columbia River above Grand Coulee Dam and for Tribal waters in the Columbia River downstream of Grand Coulee Dam; and Ecology will submit the TMDL and implementation plan for state waters of the Columbia downstream of Grand Coulee Dam to EPA for review. You will be notified of the final decision if you present either oral or written comments during the comment period. If you do not comment but wish to receive notification of EPA issuance of the TMDL, please call or write Helen Rueda at the address on the front of this mailing.

The public comment period on the proposed plan goes until March 18, 2004. Written comments on the proposed Total Maximum Daily Load must be received by 5 p.m. on March 18, 2004.

The TMDL is available for examination and copying at Ecology's headquarters at 300 Desmond Drive, SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Documents are also available on Ecology's Web site at: www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0403002/html

Alternative formats available upon request. Please call Helen Rueda at (503) 326-3280 to request reasonable accommodation. TTY: 1-800-877-8339



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