

Attendees: Jim McGarry, Brian Eden, Joan Jurkowich, Rich DePaulo, Liz Moran, Linda Wagenet, Hilary Lambert, Jeff Myers, Dooley Kiefer

### 1. Review where we stand on data submissions.

- Roxy will submit data next week.
- IAWWTF submitted: Data from Jose for plant effluent to 2000 DMR data, and SRP 2005-2011. Both effluent and in-lake monitoring
- CSI: no separate transmittal but all is on the website
- CHWWTP: DMR through 2011
- AES data – not much is digitized (DMR data). Last 4 yrs are on EPA website.
- Are we collecting any stormwater data? Question of whether or not there is actual data in MS4 reports. Jeff Myers will look into it. If so, there is interest in collecting it electronically.
- Bouldin: has lots of data on e-commons, has gathered it and talked about conceptual interpretations with other project partners
- Bob Johnson: Ecology may be able to help Bob get older data digitized.

### 2. Review posted data - questions, clarifications, formatting suggestions to help with interpretation 15 minutes

- Liz Moran reviewed the graphs.
- Data will be posted as it becomes available.
- Expect to see temp and chl a changes.
- Beam attenuation is another measure of turbidity; the amount of absorbance and scatter of light through the water column. Liz will find out the strengths and weaknesses of BAC versus Turbidity. UFI prefers BAC.

### 3. Discuss public meeting for Modeling Project 15 minutes

- June 12, 7 pm.
- Location Ithaca high school or Boynton middle school. High school set up for testing so may not work well. Auditorium may be too formal.
- Jeff working on the agenda
  - recap of comments on the permit
  - schedule moving forward
  - key dates and public meetings around those dates
  - may include some monitoring updates
  - outreach topics 3 main prongs
    - Monthly participation in MP calls
    - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
    - Periodic public meetings
- DEC still working on specific charge and make up of TAC, will include folks with particular expertise related to study including DEC, EPA, Cornell, and representatives from inside and outside the watershed. Likely to meet via teleconference and carry over to the TMDL process.
- DEC and CU reps will prepare a press release or basic information for a press release.
- Hilary will share the press release with the Network list serv and media list.
- Roxy will forward info to Kathy Wilsea for posting by Tompkins County to their media list and e-mail lists.

- Rich asked about outreach in the northern portion of the watershed. DEC recognizes that this work is important lake wide but does think the focus is more on developing a TMDL for the south end of the lake and that DEC can only participate in a limited number of meetings.
- Hilary will use the NS teleconferences to ask if Seneca or Cayuga County would be interested in a meeting.
- Liz will see if the June public meeting (and future meetings) can be simulcast or otherwise shared.

#### 4. Updates from DEC re website, list serv, pathogen de-listing discussions with CSI? 15 minutes

##### *Website discussion:*

- Jeff developed the DEC project website and tried to capture issues that have been raised by the public.
- An outline of the general outreach plan was recently added.
- Most of the language focuses on contact recreation which the local health department and most scientists do not support as an appropriate use of the water body.
- Todd reported on Stewart Park revitalization efforts that may increase the pressure to swim. He stressed the importance of being clear about the management and engineering requirements that would be necessary to create a swimming area.
- Rich supported focusing on designated uses and narrative standards.
- Other MP members are concerned that DEC is focusing on designated uses and narrative standards, not the ecology of the lake.
- MP members questioned the comments about algae and weeds and wondered if the current monitoring/modeling effort would directly address these perception issues. The model will focus on phosphorus and track algal biomass using chl a.
- Jeff mentioned photographs of algae as support for the long running concern over weeds.
- Todd supposed Bob (not in attendance) would say we have a natural and balanced population of plants typical of mesotrophic waters with zebra mussels and that plant density is lower than in the 80's. The only nuisance area is in se corner of the lake where wind piles up plants.
- Jeff commented that weeds are healthy until they're not and this is always a conflicting use issue.

##### *CSI and de-listing:*

- CSI data around Stewart Park may show impairment while off shore sites are well below the criteria. Need to determine the appropriate way to look at that data – how does it best represent the water body segment?
- EPA is very hesitant to approve de-listings that aren't crystal clear.
- DEC will take up this issue over the course of the end of the summer through the middle of next year.
- Roxy wanted to know if extra samples or DNA testing would be helpful.
- Jeff needs lat/longs information first, Roxy follow up with Steve on both lat/long data and DNA testing.

#### 5. Process issues - meeting notices and minutes. 5 minutes

- Meeting times/location is available on the County's website
- Hilary will advertise our meetings in an article in the newsletter
- We will announce the meetings at the public meeting
- Posting notices in the newspaper was discussed

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