

Update

Tribal Governments in Idaho

Fish Consumption Surveys

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Update IGAP Funding ID Tribal Fish Consumption Surveys

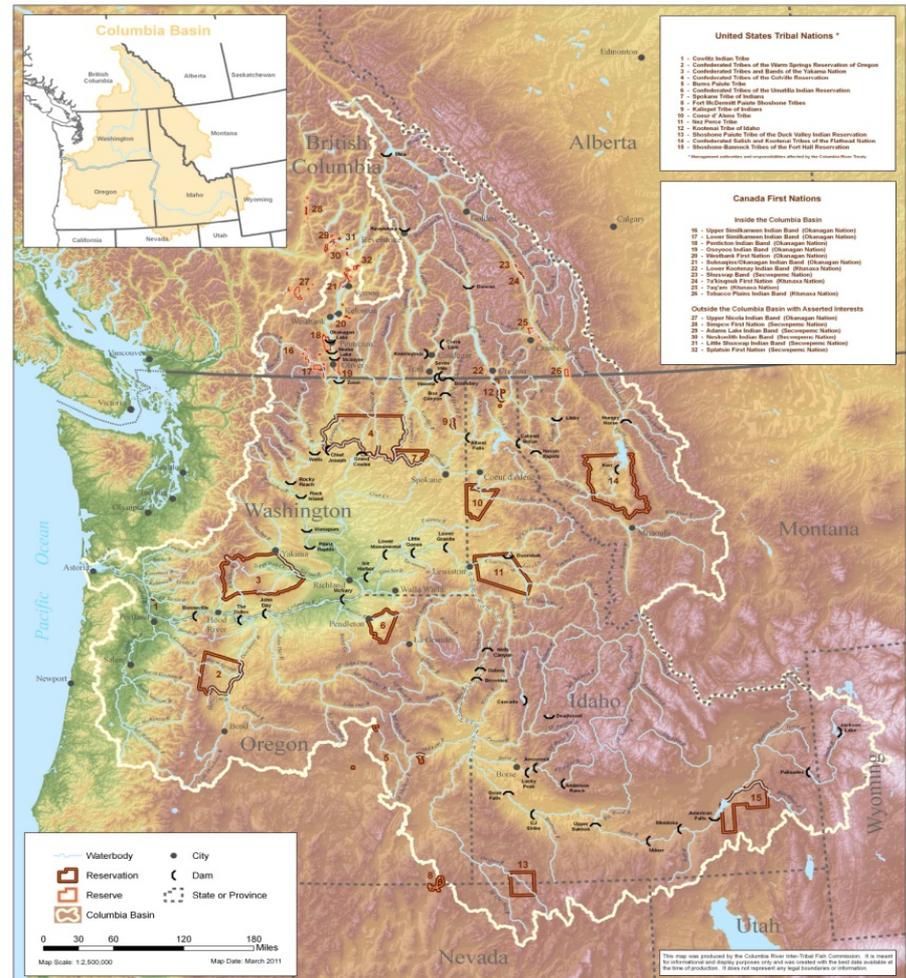
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- **Background**
- **Description of Current Work Efforts & EPA SRA Contract**
- **Collaboration with Tribes and ID DEQ**
- **Schedule**
- **Next Steps**

Tribal Governments in Idaho

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- Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribe
- Coeur d'Alene Tribe
- Nez Perce Tribe
- Shoshone Paiute Tribe



Background

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- EPA action on ID HHC in May 2012 – recognition of lack of Tribal fish consumption information
- EPA heard from ID Tribes about need for Tribal fish consumption information
- EPA commitment to collaboration with ID DEQ, Tribal Govts in ID & EPA
- EPA R10 Exec decision - commit 2012 end of year Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP) funds to support collection of tribal fish consumption information

Background (continued)

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- 5 Tribal Governments sent letters to EPA approving use of IGAP funds in an EPA contract to support collection of tribal fish consumption information for tribal environmental capacity building
- EPA intends this work effort to be parallel to ID DEQ work effort
- EPA committed to participate in ID Negotiated Rulemaking – high respect for State’s process

The Path We're On

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Track 1 – IGAP funding

- Support to ID Tribes for tribal environmental capacity building , specifically to support tribal water quality standards and other work efforts
- Understanding tribal fish consumption in Idaho – collaboration, technical support, implementation support

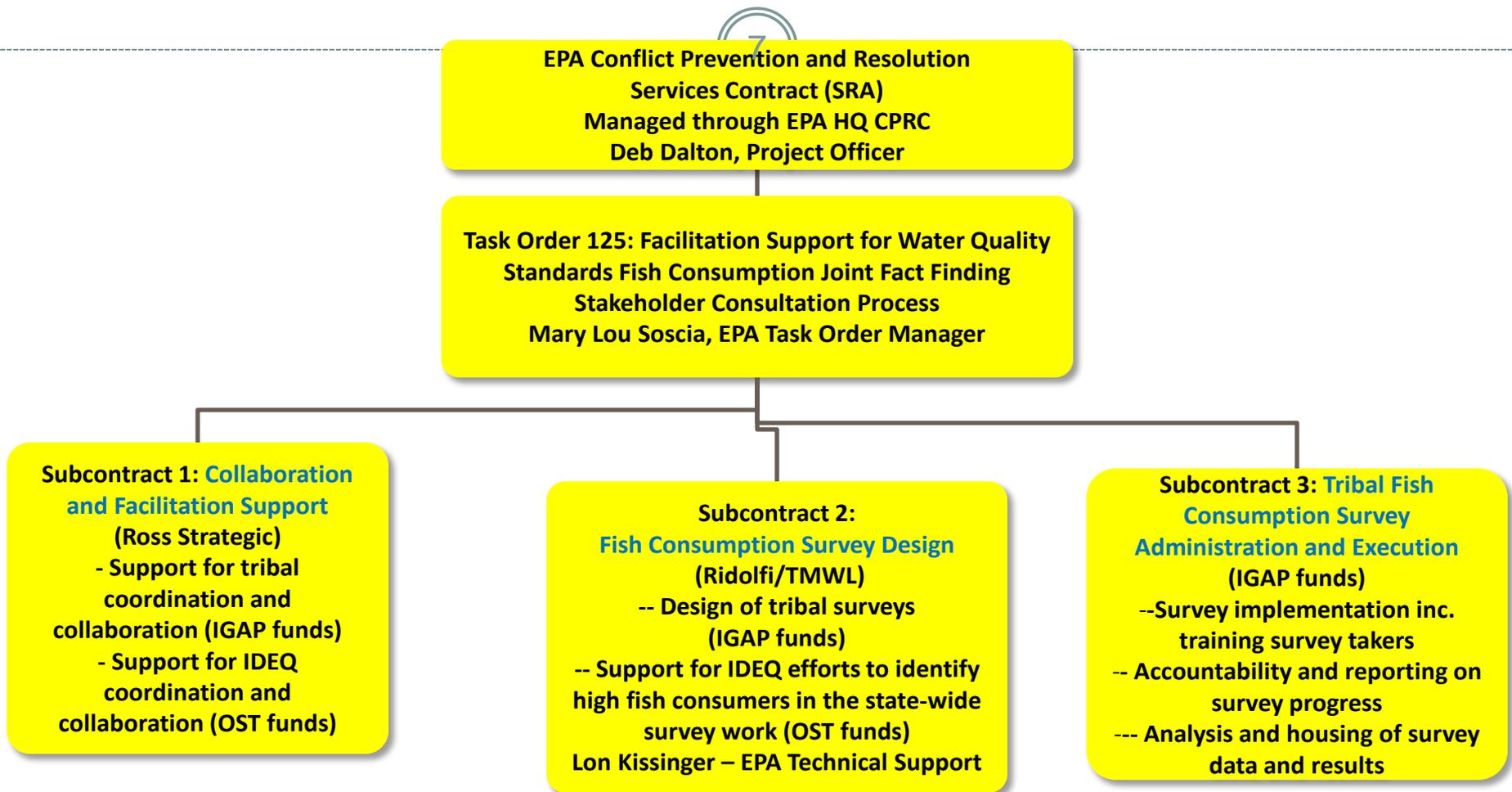
Track 2 – Office of Science and Technology funding

- Collaboration – EPA, ID DEQ, ID Tribal Governments
- Support to high fish consumer component of ID general pop survey

Shared Goals:

- Increased tribal capacity through use of IGAP funds – information for tribal Water Quality Standards
- Accurate FCRs for the 5 tribes and an acceptable state FCR protective of high fish consumers
- Protective, approvable state WQS

EPA SRA Contract Dimensions



Understanding Tribal Fish Consumption

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- Five tribes, each will conduct a survey on types and amounts of fish consumed by tribal people
- Support provided through IGAP funds, administered through an EPA contract
- Process will build tribal capacity and results will inform tribal decisions about WQS
- EPA Information sharing on Tribal work @ ID DEQ Negotiated Rulemaking Meetings

Tribal Government Collaboration

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- **Monthly Conference Calls with Tribal Governments and Consortia (Upper Columbia United Tribes, Upper Snake River Foundation, and Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission) to coordinate work efforts**
- **Technical Design Team has been convened to develop survey design, bi-monthly phone calls**
- **EPA and Tribes are limited by travel, most all meetings must be done by phone**
- **Tribal / EPA leadership meeting (August 14th)**

IDEQ Collaboration

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- EPA desired outcome is an approvable set of WQS for the state
- Comparable survey results between tribal fish consumption survey results & IDEQ state-wide survey work
- Technical support for state survey design – reaching the hard to reach
- Coordination and collaboration support

Tribal Fish Consumption Survey Design

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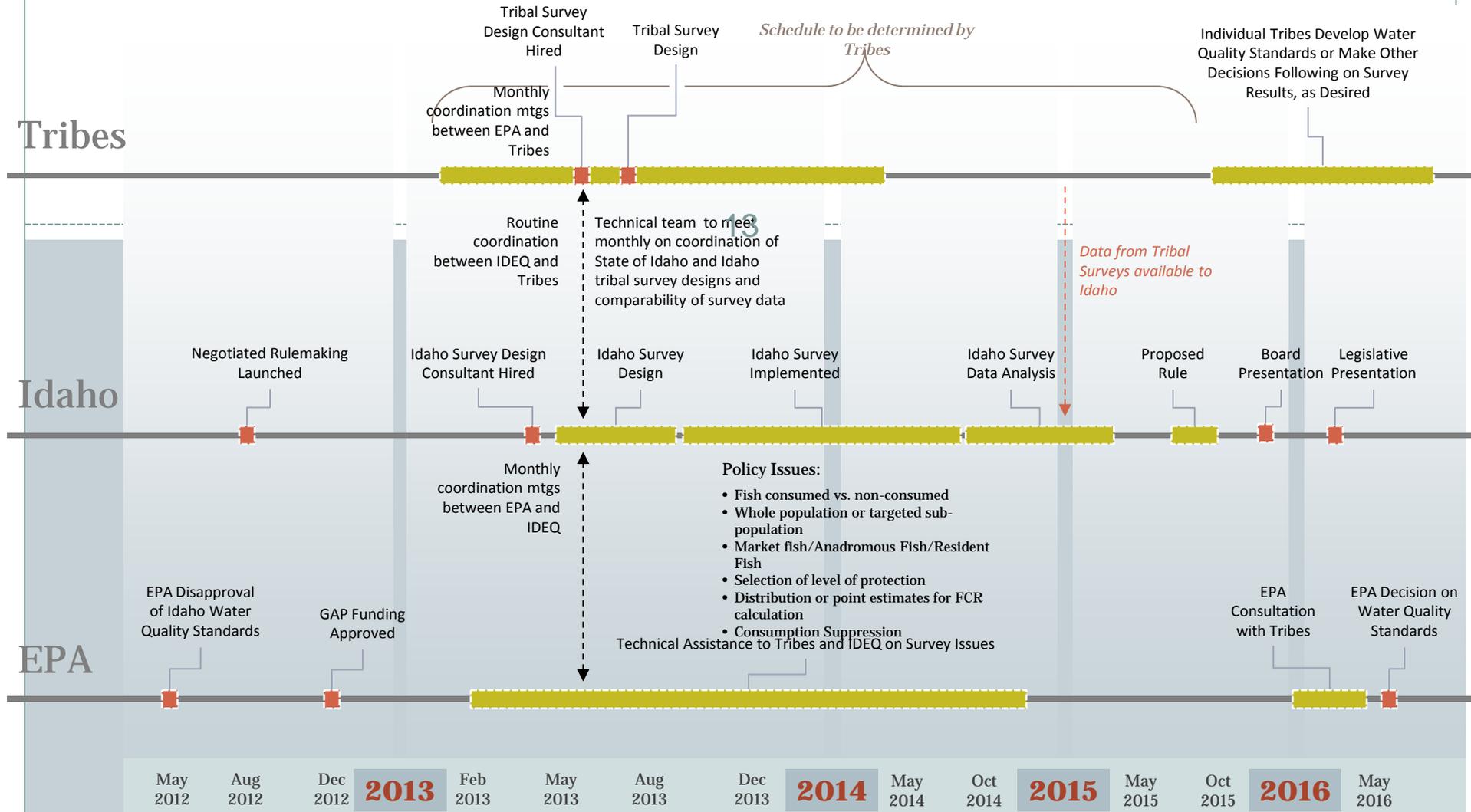
- **Ridolfi/Mountain Whisper Light selected through a RFQ process**
- **R/MWL now meeting with five tribal governments**
- **Survey Design will be expected in Sept/Oct**
- **R/MWL expected to work with Implementation Sub-Contractor to support training and initiation of survey implementation work effort in late 2013/early 2014**

Tribal Fish Consumption Survey Implementation

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- Tribal Govts working on RFQ for EPA contract
- Focus on skills in working with Tribal people, training, survey implementation, accountability,
- Agree on RFQ by end of August
- Contractor on board by September/October
- Survey administered through 2014
- Peer review and final surveys by early 2015

Timeline for Idaho Tribal Fish Consumption Work Effort



Key Progress to Date

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- Tribes are convened, working well together, and making good progress on survey design
- ID DEQ and Tribes are collaborating and have identified some shared goals for the surveys
- Technical support is on board and is exemplary
- Subcontract for tribal survey implementation should be in place by Fall – a draft RFQ has been developed and is being circulated by Tribes

Next Steps

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- Visits by design team to each tribe (August/Sept)
- Survey designs complete this fall (Sept/Oct)
- Issue tribal survey implementation subcontract (Sept)
- Implement surveys! (2014)