

International Elk-Kootenai/y Watershed Study Board
Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2024
13:30-15:00 MST

Meeting Attendance

Study Board Co-chairs: Oliver Brandes and Tom Bansak

Study Board Members: Kelly Munkittrick, Clayton Matt, Jill Frankforter, Richard Di Guilio, Stella Swanson and Violet Birdstone

Study Management Team: Jason Gildea, John Kilpatrick, Erin Sexton, Jeffrey Lemieux, Patrick Williston and Heather McMahon

IJC Staff: Mark Colosimo, Glenn Benoy, Jo Werba, Ed Virden, Christina Chiasson and Lyne Sabourin

Meeting Guests in attendance: None

1. Agenda

Elk-Kootenai/y Study Board approved agenda.

2. Minutes

Study Board approved November 20-21 Meeting Notes.

3. Advisory Groups

The Study Board discussed the role of the Advisory Groups in providing advice on key deliverables including the Plan of Study, Interim Report, and Final Report, and recognized the need for parity of representatives. *Action Item: Study Board reviewed Advisory Groups and provide feedback to the IJC.*

4. Science Questions for “Water Quality and Quantity” theme

Study Board had a discussion based on a whiteboard with a questions related to water quality and quantity. The Study Board considered approaches to prioritizing potential study questions as a way to generate two or three objectives that would provide focus for a Technical Working Group.

5. Meeting Schedule

Study Board decided to extend the weekly meetings to two hours in recognition of the urgent deliverables and short timelines. The Study Board discussed the potential for an in-person meeting to review input from the public and the Advisory Groups on the Plan of Study.

6. IJC Update

Commissioners provided guidance the Study Board through the IJC staff about looking at the science of mitigation. Study Board should investigate the science but not recommend specific mitigation technologies.