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Subject: RE: FW: Request for EPA model runs

Hello,

I'm working to get answers to Dave's questions re: funding, timing, implications, etc.

Considering we are at a critical point and recommendations are being asked of me on how to proceed, I suggest we revert back to using natural conditions as stated in our water quality criteria and defined per our WAC. I realize it's a recent policy decision to include the Idaho point source dischargers in our estimate of natural conditions, and that this will result in lower nonpoint source load allocations for the tributaries (resulting in increased potential for pollutant trading). However, continuing with this approach can only be problematic to Ecology because: it is inconsistent with our water quality criteria and our definition of natural conditions per our WAC; is not likely to be scientifically defensible; it will not change the reality of the amount of nonpoint source reduction that is necessary to meet the target in the lake; and it will damage Ecology's credibility.

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