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**Subject:** Last night's Portland Meeting

FYI, report on this week's Portland CAG meeting. Staffing remains an issue and a concern for PRP's.

Last night I attended the Portland Harbor CAG meeting where the EPA discussed the December agreement with the Pre-RD Group and took questions from the community members in attendance. There were over 100 attendees, including EPA staff, DEQ staff, a staffer for Rep. Schrader, representatives from the Port of Portland, and other industry and community representatives. The presentation was led by EPA staff Sean Shel Drake, Laura Knudsen and Karl Gustavson, the EPA Contaminated Sediments Lead, who flew out from D.C. to present to the group.

The presentation included a brief site overview from Sean before Karl walked the group through the goals of the agreement reached by the EPA and the 4 PRPs in December. Karl discussed each type of sampling that will take place under the agreement, highlighting the differences between the EPA's original plan and the December agreement. Each type of sampling is described in the attached handouts. He highlighted many positive changes in the agreement, such as additional surface water sampling, a new and improved surface sediment sampling pattern, and the addition of the fish acoustic tracking study and porewater sampling.

Sean also talked about three Early Action Priority Sites: Gasco/Siltronic, River Mile 11 East, and Terminal 4. He mentioned that the EPA is working closely with NW Natural, Siltronic and the DEQ to design the cleanup plan for that site, which is expected to take 2-3 years.

During the Q&A period, there was a lot of concern about the new plan's decision to only sample smallmouth bass instead of multiple fish species as the original EPA plan had requested. There was also concern about a lack of community input into the December agreement and the plans for the Early Action Priority Sites. Sean emphasized that the December agreement is only the first step of sampling and additional work will be done in the future. He also said that the 4 PRPs in the agreement are not liable only for the costs outlined in the agreement and could be on the hook for future costs, as are the other PRPs not in this agreement.

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