

Idaho Rapid Watershed Assessments (RWA)

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Idaho Soil Conservation Commission

Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts

Idaho's
84 HUCs

RWAs to be completed NRCS

- 84 eight-digit HUCs in Idaho
- Three-year time frame for completion
- Provide a comprehensive snapshot in time
- Provide a platform for project development and implementation

Idaho Soil Conservation Commission

- Received Cooperative Conservation Partnership Improvement (CCPI) Grant -- \$200,000
- Develop five Rapid Watershed Assessments (RWAs) for NRCS
- All five watersheds provide key fishery habitat, and require the preparation of the agricultural and grazing components of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

Targeted HUC Locations



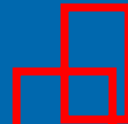
1. 17060306

- Lower Clearwater



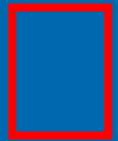
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- Priest River Basin



3. 17060210

- Little Salmon River



4. 17050124

- Weiser River

5. 17040214

- Beaver/Camas Watershed

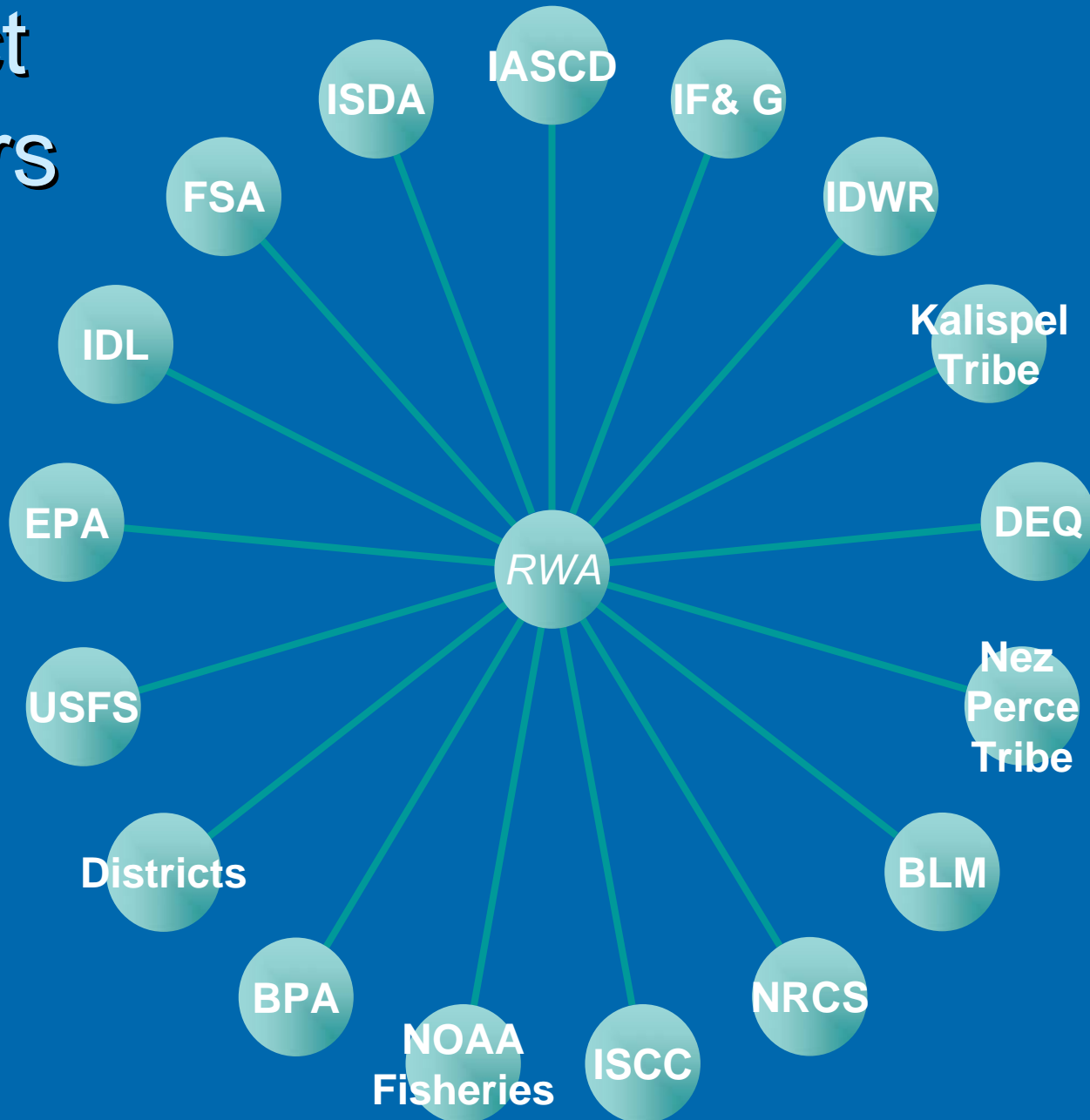
Project Objectives and Scope

- Comprehensive plan of the agricultural and grazing component for TMDL implementation
- Complement other watershed efforts in restoring beneficial uses for 303 (d)-listed stream segments
- Protect and enhance salmonid and wildlife habitat within these watersheds, including ESA fish and wildlife
- Develop Implementation Plans outlining:
 - Adaptive Management
 - BMP and RMS implementation to meet TMDL and stakeholder requirements and needs
 - The long-term stability of agricultural lands
 - Improve drinking water
 - Protect historical and cultural resources

Summary of Work

- Locate and use the most current reports, databases, GIS coverages, latest photo imagery and interpretations, watershed projects, plans, studies, and assessments
- Literature search of studies and reports, assessments, investigations, completed project reports, etc.
- Develop needed GIS coverages
- Evaluate and use all available information
- Coordinate all activities locally
- Work with all stakeholders to develop priorities and alternatives
- Identify funding sources

Project Partners



Project Participation

Project Duration (SCC)

Planning Phase (six weeks per watershed)	July 1, 2006 to July 1, 2007
Implementation Phase (three years)	August 11, 2006 to August 2009

Project Costs

Planning Phase	\$509,400 \$200,000 from CCPI \$309,000 matching funds
Implementation Phase	\$15,000,000

Where are we now?

- Completed the largest project (Lower Clearwater) in 5-6 weeks
 - Staff
- Key staff moving on to next HUCs
- Plans completed to enable implementation

Additional HUCs

1. 16010102
 - Central Bear
2. 16010201
 - Bear Lake
3. 16010202
 - Middle Bear
4. 16010203
 - Little Bear / Logan
5. 17050101
 - CJ Strike Reservoir



Partnership Discussion Topics

- Two weeks may be too short
- Six weeks may be too long
- Cross-check data
- Compare methods
- Analyze reasons why

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