

## NOTICE OF COEUR D'ALENE TRIBAL NEGOTIATIONS

On May 7, 2015 a preliminary settlement conference was held "for the purpose of gauging the parties' interest in exploring settlement. ... The general consensus of the parties in attendance [was] that settlement opportunities should be fully explored." *Settlement Moderator's Report* (May 14, 2015). Representatives of the Northern Idaho Legislative Delegation, the State of Idaho, the United States, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, and objectors met over the course of the summer and developed a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") setting forth a proposed "framework" for pursuing settlement discussions regarding the "Tribal Claims." This MOA was lodged with the CSRBA District Court on August 10, 2015 and is available for review at <http://www.csrba.idaho.gov/Forms/91-7755%20MOA.pdf>.

The MOA proposed that a scheduling committee be formed "to coordinate the negotiation meetings." The scheduling committee is to be composed of "a representative from each of the following entities or groups: the United States; the Coeur d'Alene Tribe; the State of Idaho; Avista; objectors in Consolidated Subcase 91-7755; claimant non-objectors who are not a party to Consolidated Subcase 91-7755; and a State of Idaho legislator from District 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7. The claimant non-objector will be selected by the Idaho Legislators from District 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7." The aforementioned entities or groups with the exception of claimant non-objectors have designated individuals to serve on the scheduling committee. The process for designating the claimant non-objector will be discussed at the next settlement conference.

The Scheduling Committee, with the exception of the claimant non-objector representative, met by conference call on August 17, 2015, and agreed to the following schedule of settlement meetings: September 24, 2015; October 28, 2015; November 13, 2015; December 16, 2015; and January 6, 2016. The settlement conferences will begin at 9:30 AM and are scheduled to end at 1:30 PM. The September 24, 2015 settlement conference will be held at the Coeur d'Alene Inn in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and the other settlement conferences will be held at the Red Lion Templin's Hotel in Post Falls, Idaho.

Settlement conferences are part of a judicial proceeding and therefore are limited to persons filing claims in the Coeur d'Alene Spokane River Basin Adjudication ("CSRBA"). You are receiving this notice because you are listed as a claimant in the CSRBA. If you do not intend to participate in the settlement conferences, you may disregard this notice. If you are a claimant but not an objector to the tribal claims but nonetheless desire to participate in the settlement discussions you will be asked to sign a document acknowledging that you have reviewed the MOA and agree to be bound by its terms.

No further mailed notices will be provided. Participants in the settlement discussions will be expected to monitor the CSRBA webpage, <http://www.csrba.idaho.gov/CSRBA1.htm>, for future notices.

Special Master Theodore Booth,  
CSRBA Settlement Moderator