

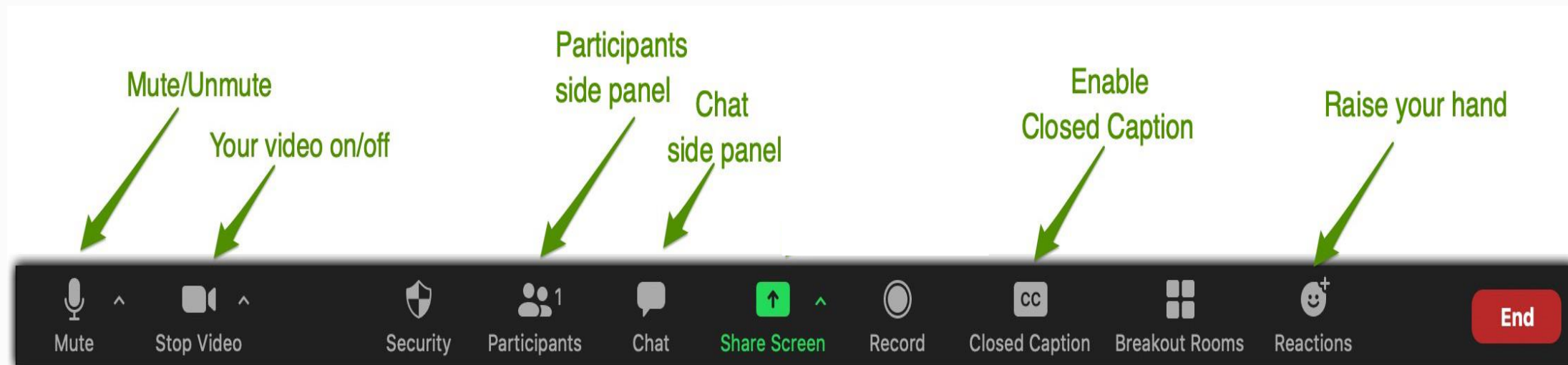


Spokane River Toxics Advisory Committee Meeting

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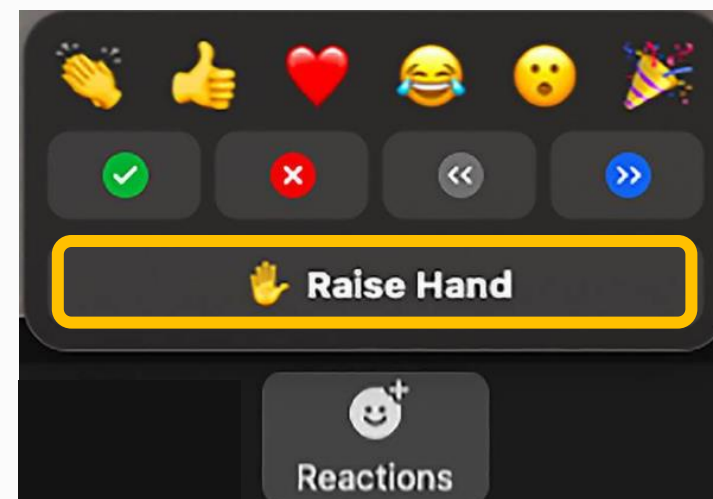


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Meeting Agenda

8-8:30 am: Coffee and Social Time

8:30-9:30 am: Introductions/Rules of Engagement

- *Introductions for those present*
- *Toxics in Water Quality Intro*
- *Discuss rules of engagement*

9:30-10 am: Ruckelshaus Assessment Highlights

- *Digital copy of report provided*


10-10:10 am: 10 Minute Break

10:10-10:40 am: Workplan/Group Structure

- *Workplan presentation*
- *Possible group discussions to discuss structure*

10:40-11:20 am: Priority Projects Discussion

- *What makes a priority Project?*



Toxics and Water Quality

Spokane river toxics
advisory committee

Why Toxics are Special

- Human health risks with multiple exposure routes
- Attention goes to “chemical of the month”
- Exposures at low concentrations
- Bioaccumulation/bioavailability
- Difficult and costly to measure
- Large, diverse, variable set of chemicals
- Multiple pathways to water, multiple media interact
- Clean Water Act lags behind the science
- Regulatory inconsistencies
- Treatment can’t do it all



Requires togetherness



Just recycle it!

The model says
99% reduction is
needed

According the
data we'll get to
clean water in
only 100 years

Is this cleanup
project is the
problem or a
solution?

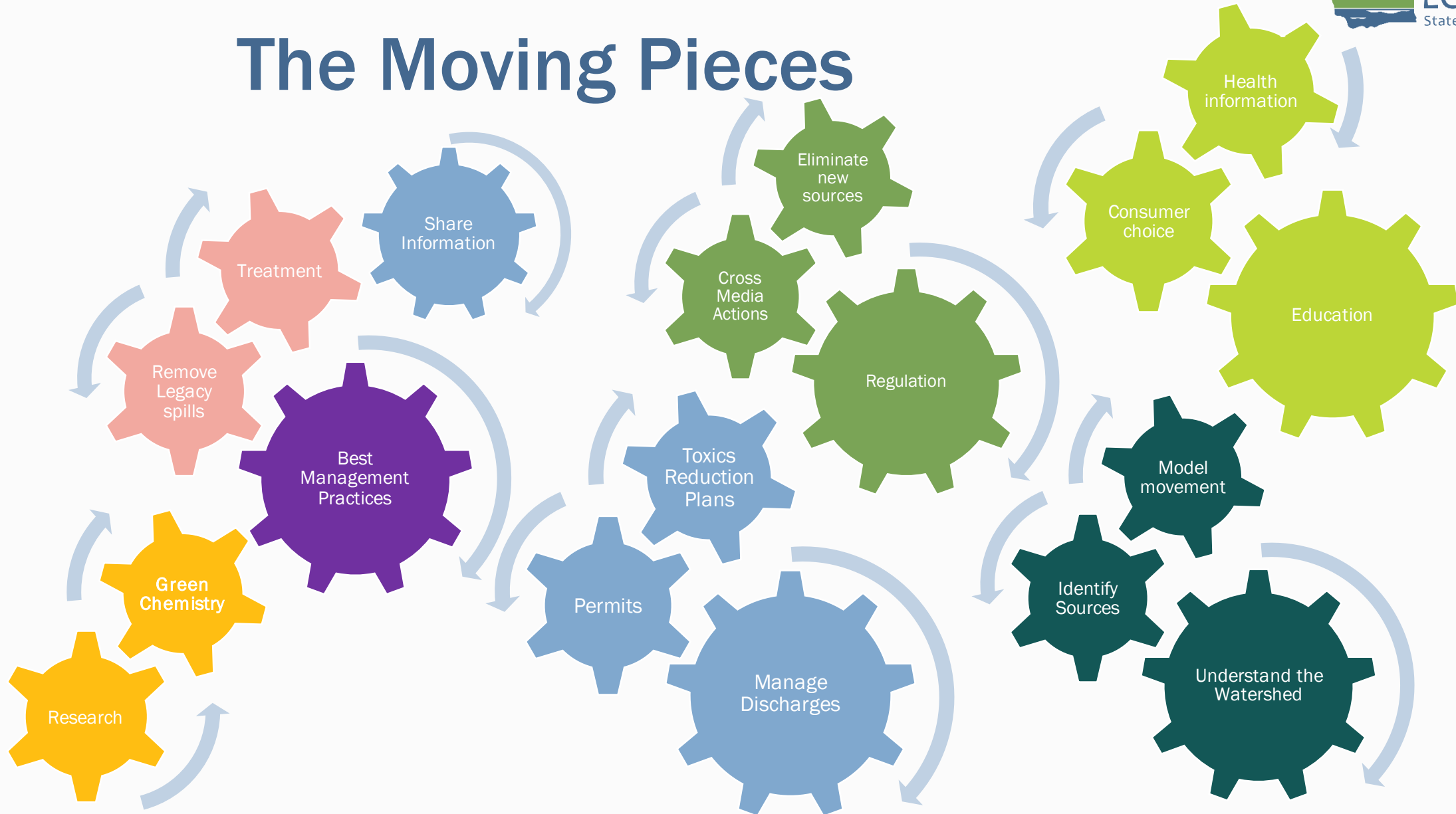
What about my
concerns?

We need a TMDL

I get to
implement the
TMDL

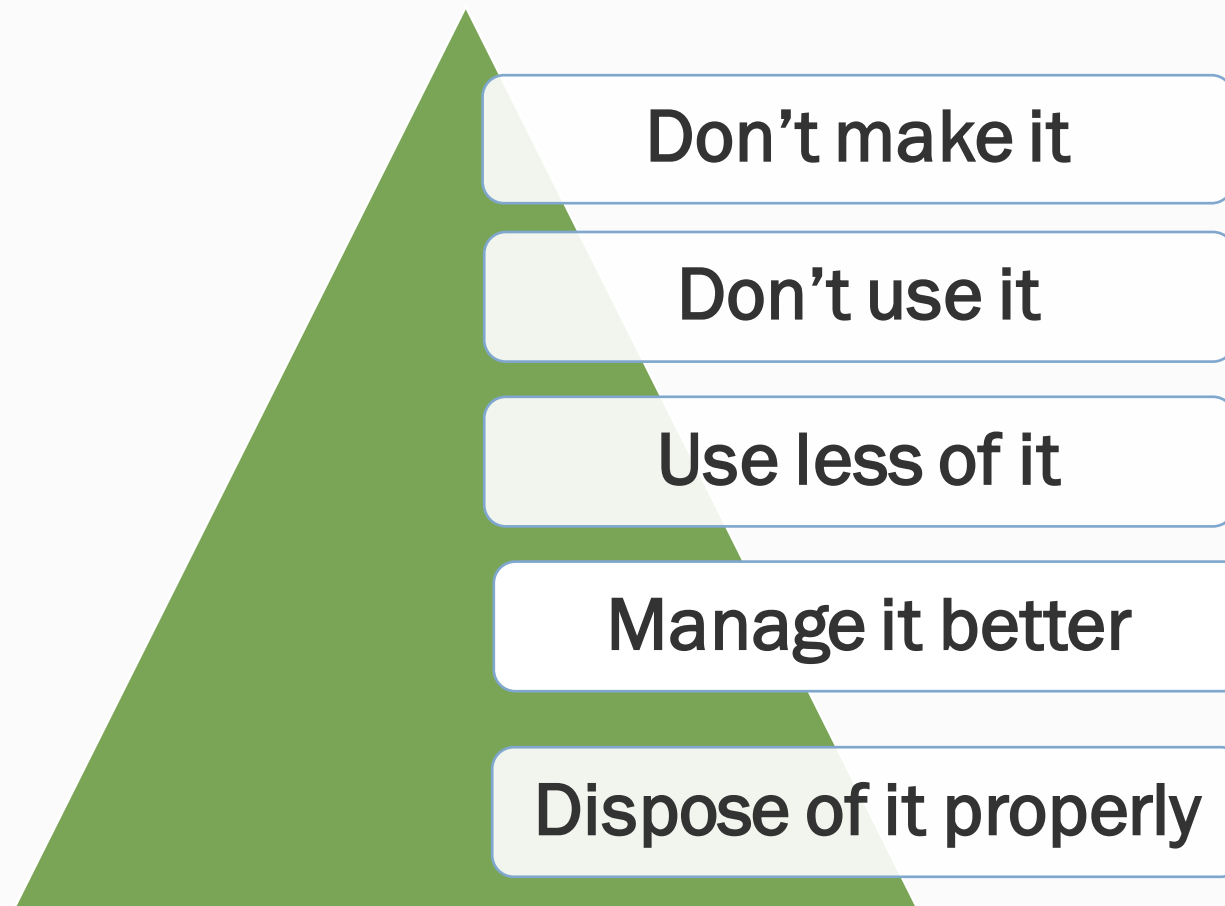
Let's find out
where this comes
from!

The Moving Pieces



Pollution Prevention Triangle

All source reduction activities fall within this prioritized framework.



What can we do better?

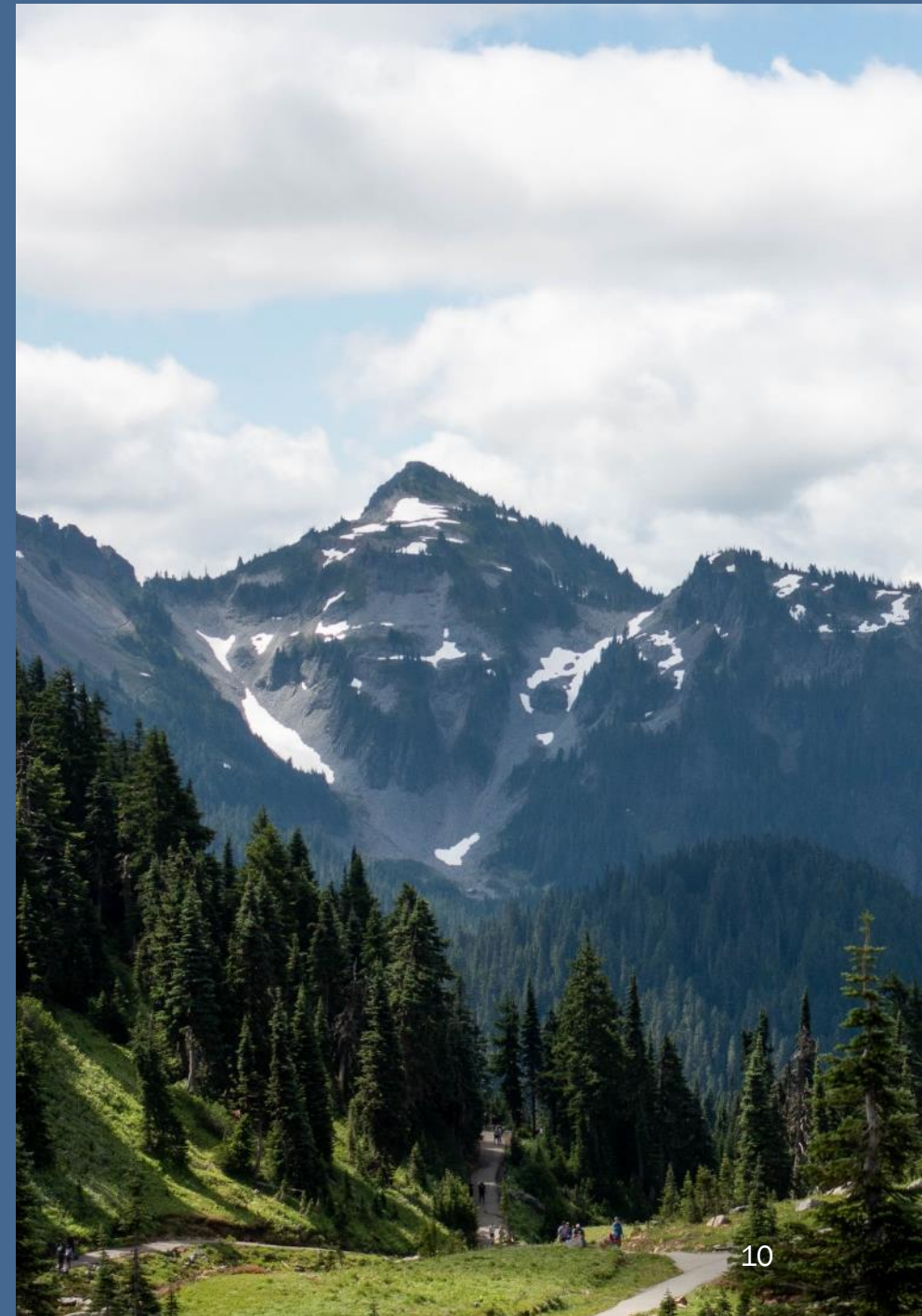
- Engage the Pollution Prevention Framework
- Be more affirmative in support of collaborative efforts
- Identify clean water strategies
- Manage and clean up pollution
- Establish guidelines and expectations around environmental justice
- Be flexible as the situation changes





Groundrules

For effective communication and collaboration.



Groundrules

1. Be Respectful

- *Listen when others are speaking.*
- *Do not interrupt and do not participate in side conversations.*
- *Recognize the legitimacy of the concerns and interests of others, whether or not you agree with them.*
- *Present your views succinctly.*
- *Silence phones*

2. Be Constructive

- *Ask for clarification if you are uncertain of what another person is saying*
- *Participate in the spirit of giving the same priority to solving the problems of others as you do to solving your own problems.*
- *Share comments that are solution focused.*

Groundrules continued...

3. Be Productive

- *Adhere to the agenda*
- *Ask questions rather than make assumptions.*
- *Respect time constraints and focus on the topic being discussed.*

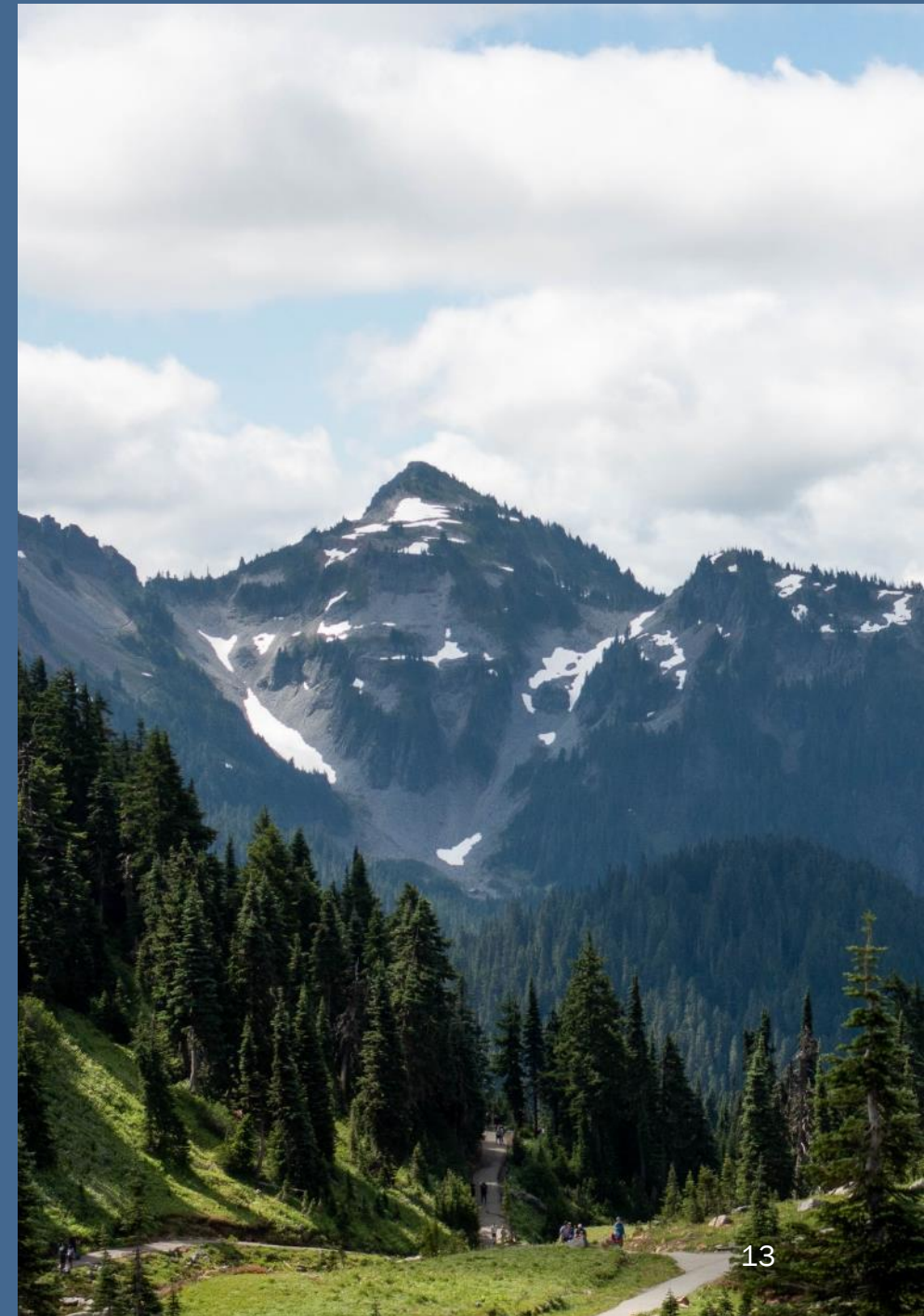
4. Bring a Sense of Humor and Have Fun!

- *We're all here to work towards a common goal= Improved Water Quality in the Spokane River!*



Ruckelshaus Assessment

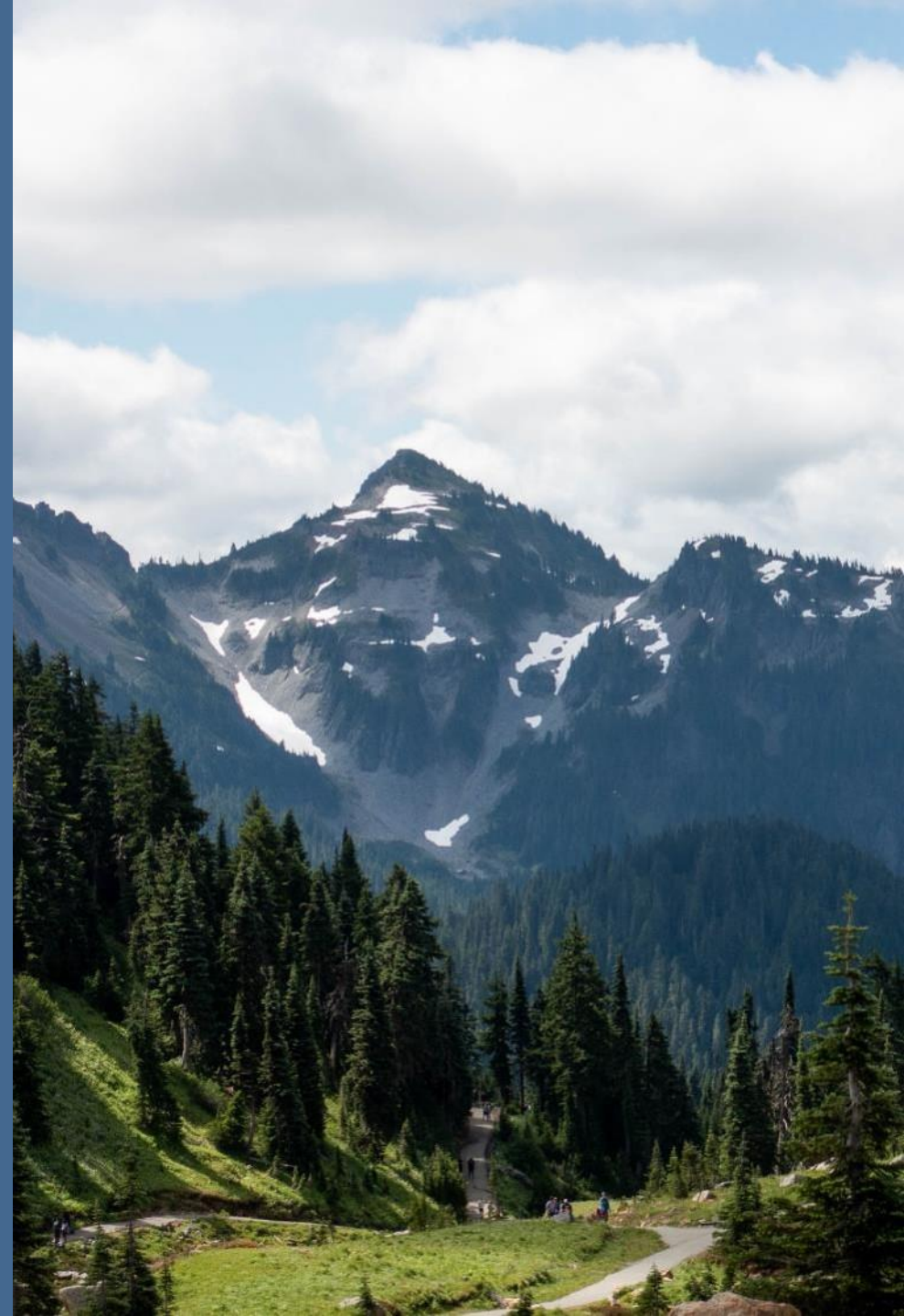
Highlights



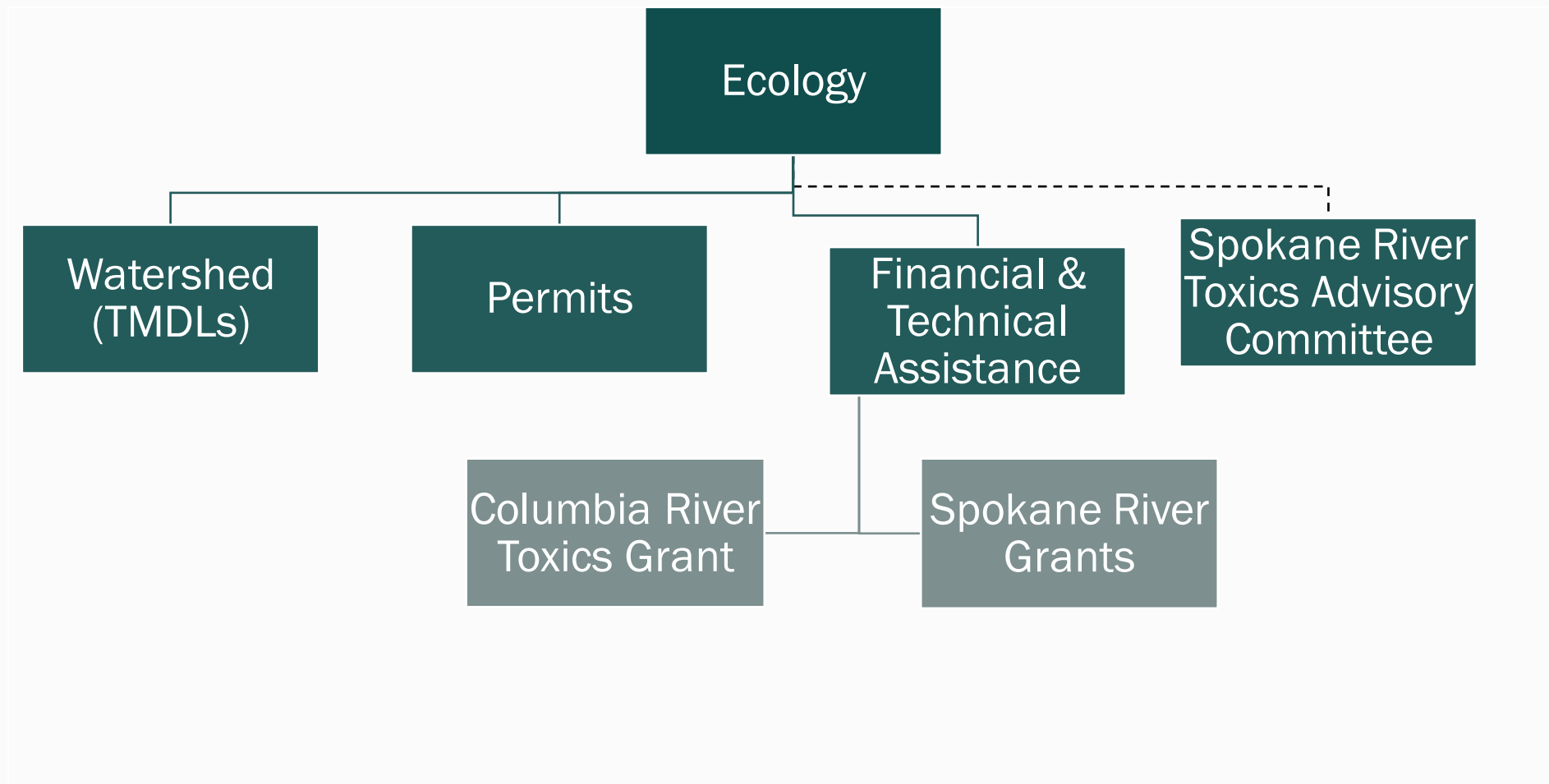
Ruckelshaus Assessment Highlights

- Lessons Learned from The Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force.
- Scope: Geography & Toxics of Concern
- Challenges, Opportunities and Recommendations for Broad and Diverse Community Engagement on Toxics Reduction
- Prospects for Collaboration on Toxics Reduction in the River.

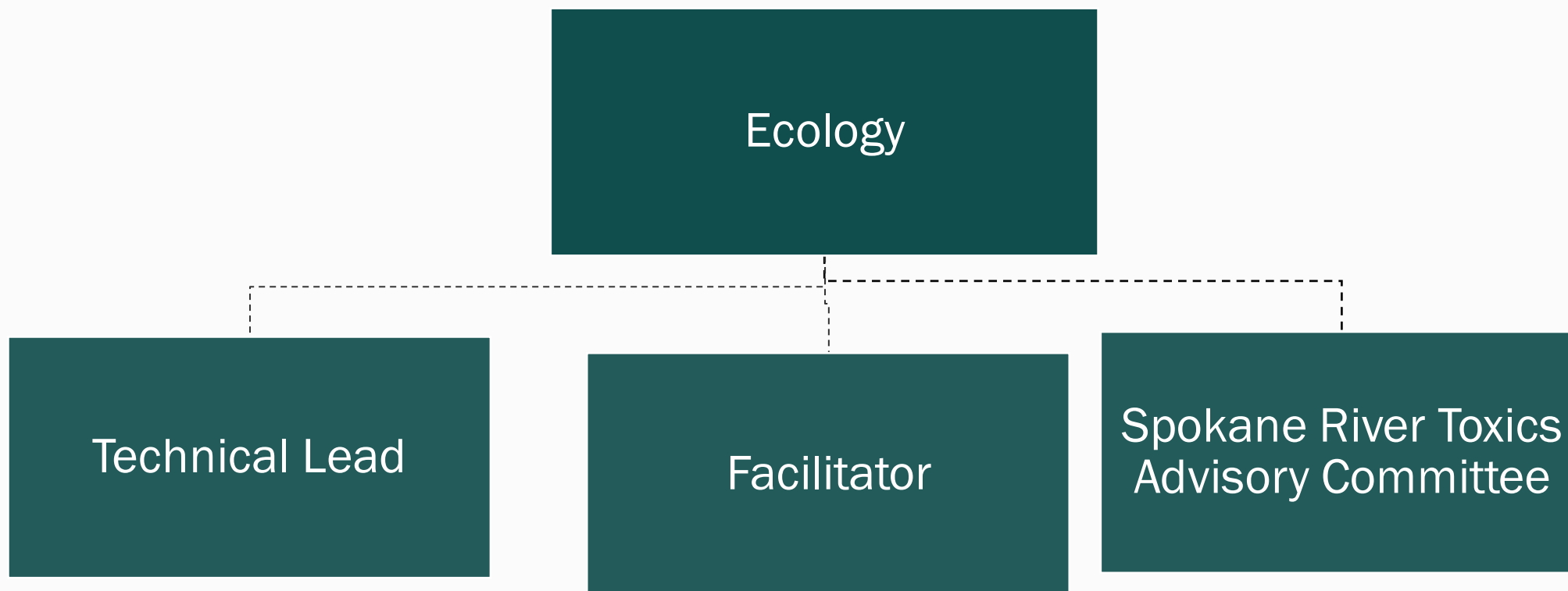
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Advisory Committee's Role for Ecology



Advisory Committee Structure



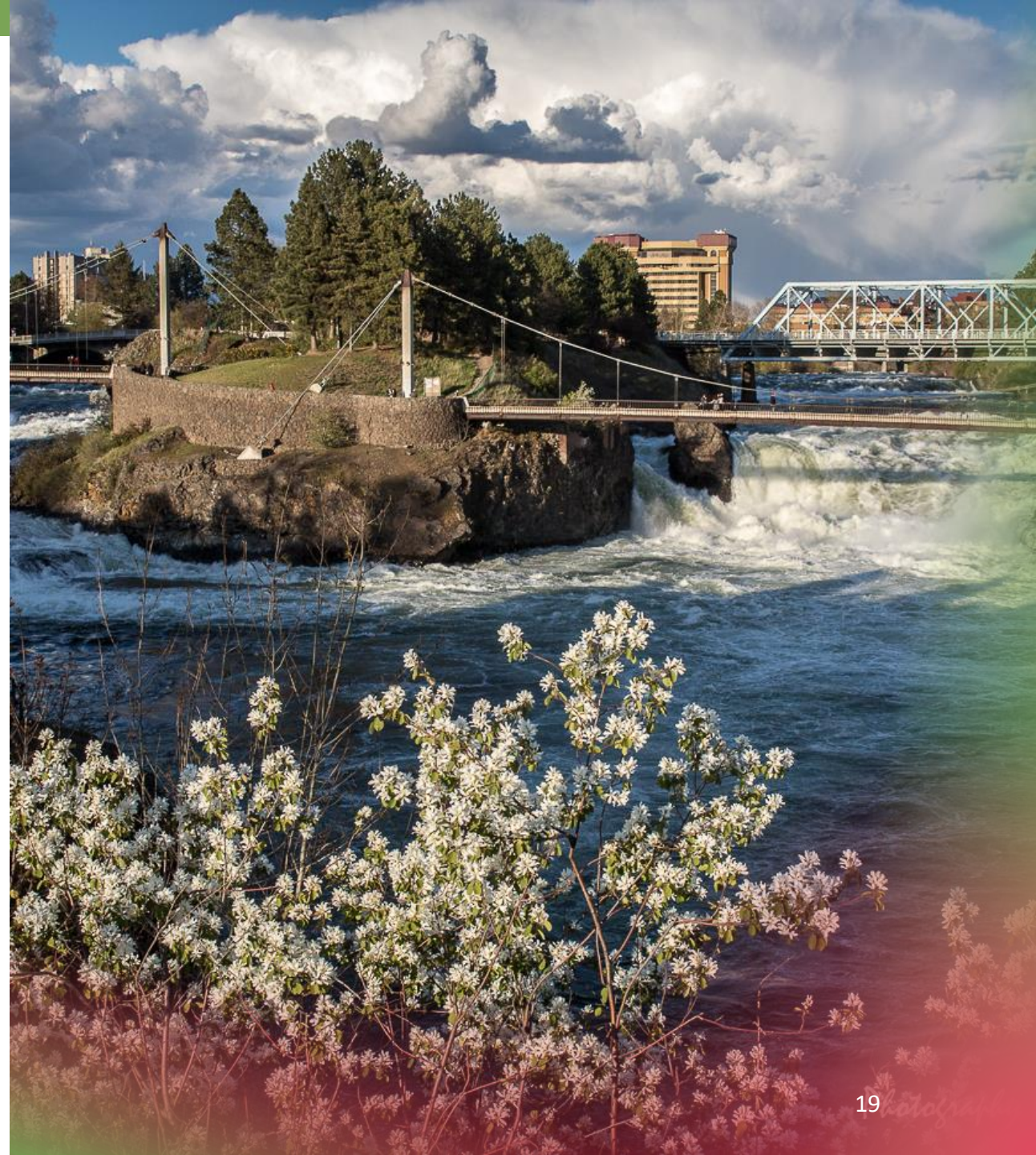
Thoughts on Group Structure

- Who's not here?
- Outreach outside of our regular meeting structure?
- Workgroups?
- Environmental Justice: how to engage with disadvantaged communities?
- Ecology efforts and effective communication.



Priority Projects: What makes a priority project?

- Types of projects-SRRTTF projects and new projects
- Toxics of Concern
- Education & Outreach
- Environmental Justice





Thank you!!

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