



# Preliminary Findings of State Based Water Rights in Basin 95 Part 2

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# Meeting Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Brief history of the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication (CSRBA)**
- **Why Adjudicate Water Rights and What is the Process**
- **How the CSRBA Process Affects You**
- **Water Right Queries on the Internet**
- **Today's Meeting Procedures**
- **Question/Answer Period**



# Introduction IDWR Staff

## IDWR Northern Region Adjudication Unit

- **Evan Roda** – Supervisor
- **Linda Werner** – Sr. Water Resource Agent
- **Kaila Savage** – Water Resource Agent
- **Dawn Lenon** – Technical Records Specialist 1

# Introduction IDWR Staff

## Attorney General's Office

- **Andrea Courtney**– Deputy Attorney General
- **Suzy Cooley-Denney** – Paralegal

## IDWR State Office Administrative & Technical Support

- **Carter Fritschle** – Adjudication Section Manager
- **Craig Saxton** – Adjudication Technical Analyst
- **Lori Harris** – Technical Records Specialist 2

## Introduction CSRBA Court

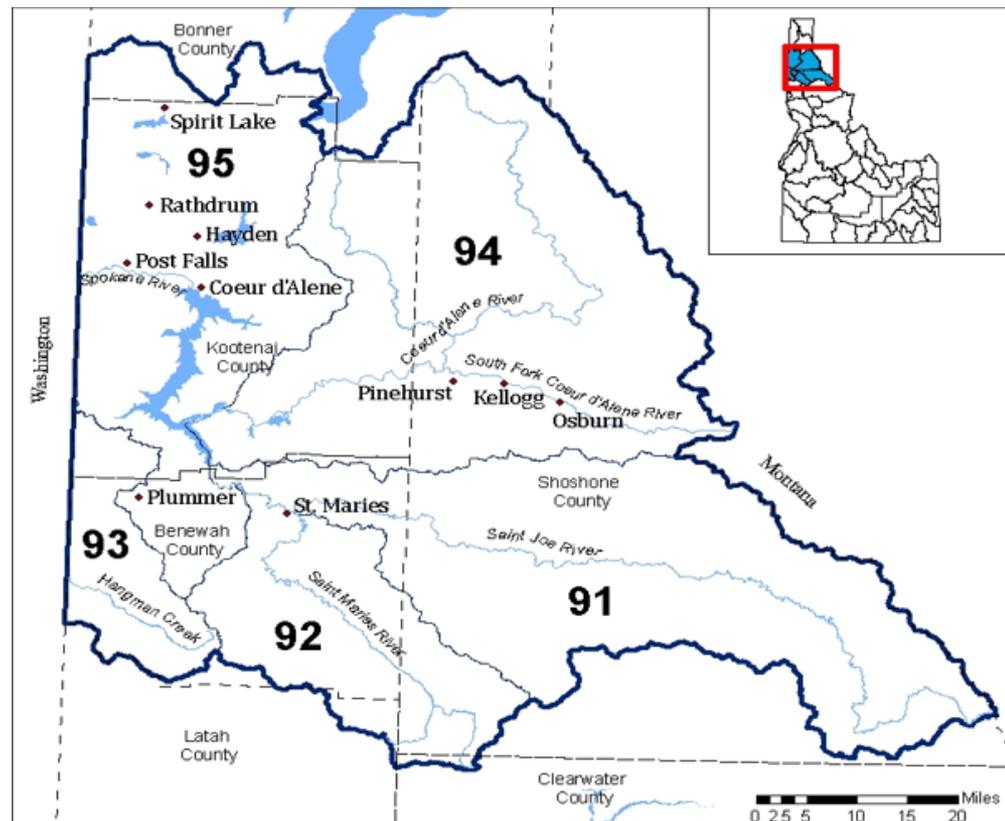
- **Honorable Eric Wildman** – CSRBA Presiding Judge
- **Paul Harrington** – CSRBA Court Staff Attorney



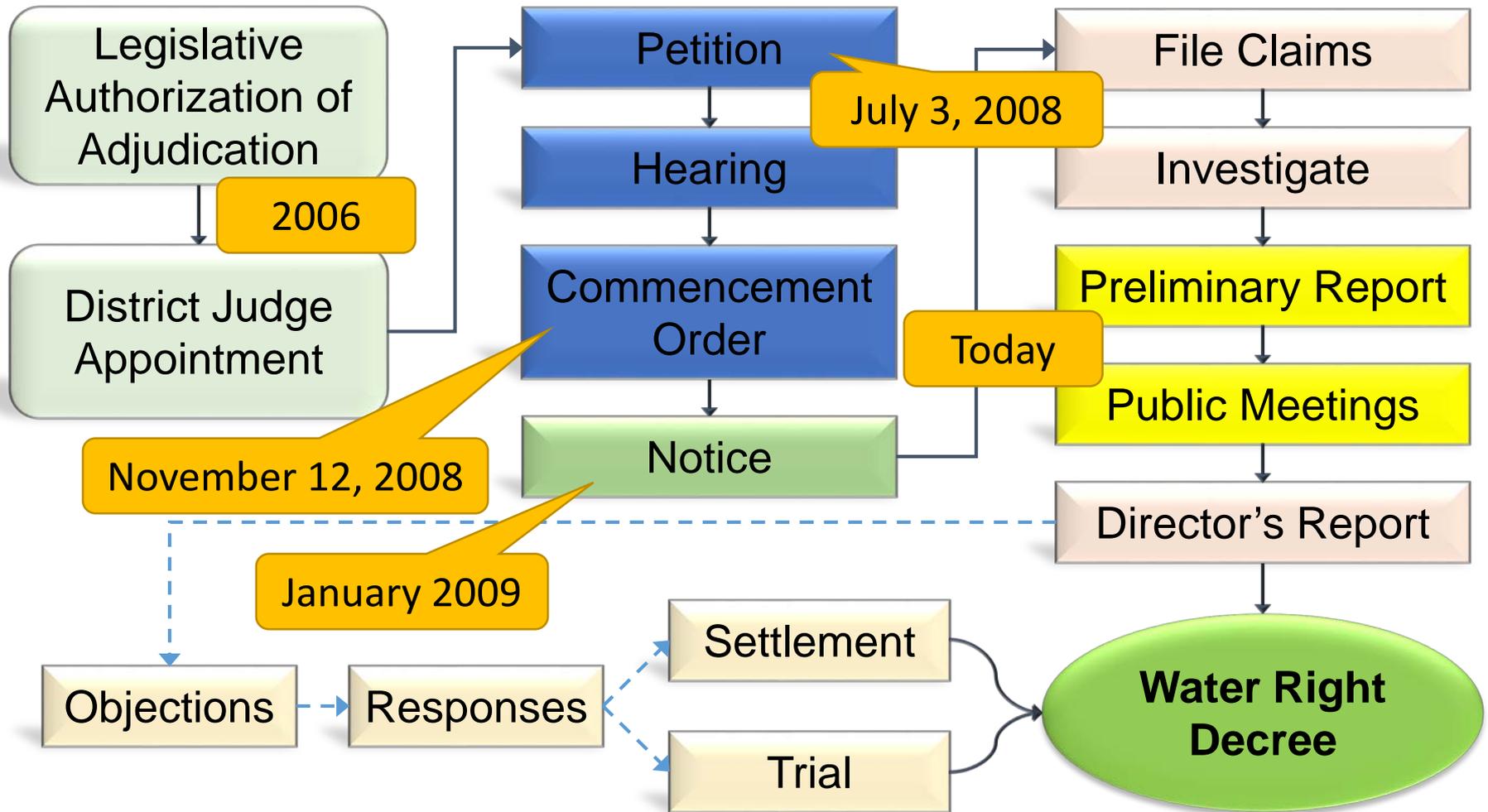
# History of CSRBA

- **July 3, 2008** – The Attorney General filed the petition for a general adjudication of water rights within the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River drainage
- **November 12, 2008** – The order commencing the CSRBA was signed
- **January 2009** – Began mailing commencement notices to property owners within the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River drainage

## Coeur d'Alene – Spokane River Basin



# CSRBA Adjudication Process/History



# Why Adjudicate Water Rights?

*(Why is it important to record and verify existing water rights?)*

- **Water is a valuable resource in Idaho**
- **Supplies are not always sufficient to meet demands**
- **The adjudication process is the only way to preserve old priority dates for beneficial use (“grandfather”) rights**
- **Changed water rights must be clarified**



# Property Values

- **Water rights can affect property values**
- **Quantification is needed for:**
  - **buyers & sellers**
  - **future planning**
- **The ownership of many water rights in the basin is not current.**



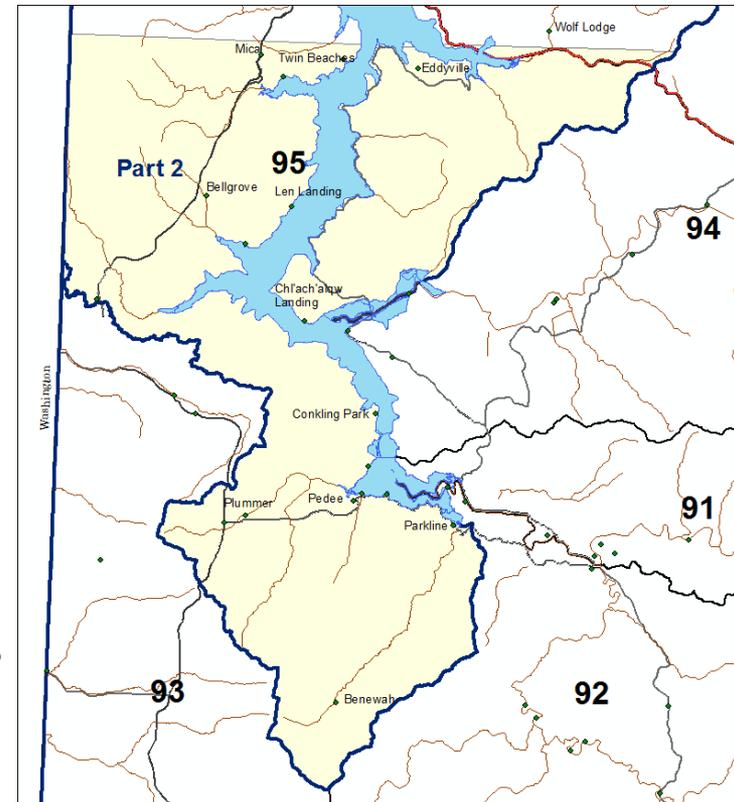
# Water Management

- **Proper Management Requires Resource Quantification**
  - Sources used?
  - Rate of flow?
  - Volume limit?
  - Extent of water use (acres irrigated, municipal, recreation, etc.)
- **Delivery of water (when or if required) will be based on your partial decree**
- **Possible interstate issues**



## Timeline for Basin 95 Part 2

- **October 23 & 24, 2018 – Public meetings**
- **November 16, 2018 – Notice of Error due**
- **January or February 2019 – Director’s Report**
- **Objection period – Not less than 120 days**
- **Response period – Not less than 60 days**

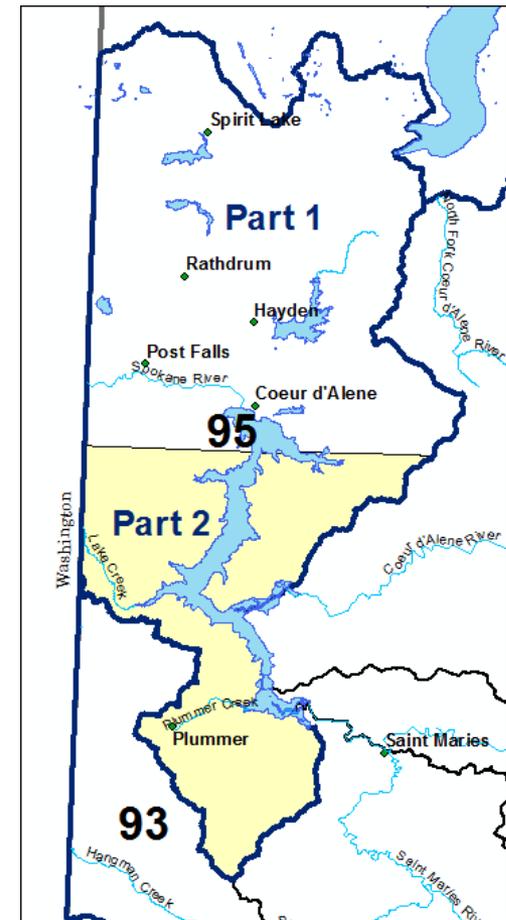


**Note: Basin 95 Part 1 consists of Township 50 North through 55 North and Basin 95 Part 2 consists of Townships 44 North through 49 North**

# How the CSRBA Affects You

- Claims for small domestic and/or stockwater use may be deferred, but filing a claim now is strongly recommended
- All other water rights must be claimed in the CSRBA
- Each claim that appears in the Director's Report will be issued a "partial decree" by the CSRBA Court
- Delivery of water (when or if required) will be based on your partial decree.

Basin 95 Parts



# Internet Access

- **IDWR**

- [www.idwr.idaho.gov](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov)



The screenshot shows the 'Adjudication' section of a website. At the top, the word 'Adjudication' is written in a green serif font. Below it is a horizontal navigation bar with several buttons: 'Overview' (pink), 'NIA' (blue), 'SRBA' (light blue), 'BRBA' (light blue), 'Forms' (light blue), 'Research & Maps' (light blue), 'Contacts' (light blue), and 'Adjudication Court' (light blue with an external link icon). Below this bar is another row of buttons: 'NIA Overview' (pink), 'CSRBA (Phase 1)' (grey), 'PRBA (Phase 2)' (pink), 'CFPRBA (Phase 3)' (light blue), 'FAQs' (light blue), 'Map' (light blue), 'Legislation' (light blue), and 'File a Claim' (pink). At the bottom of the screenshot, the text 'COEUR D'ALENE-SPOKANE RIVER BASIN ADJUDICATION (CSRBA)' is displayed.

- **CSRBA Court**

- [www.csrba.idaho.gov](http://www.csrba.idaho.gov)



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# Meeting Procedures - Today

- Review your preliminary finding with respect to your expectation – is the finding correct?
- Check spelling and subdivision lot information
- All irrigation recommendations should include a GIS layout with an aerial photo map
- If all is satisfactory, please submit the reply page
- If you have questions or concerns, please talk to us

## How do I talk to IDWR?

- **We will be assisting water users today at this location. However, complex questions specific to your claim may need to be answered at IDWR's Northern Region office located at 7600 N Mineral Drive, Suite 100.**
- **Participants will be called by number, in order of your arrival/sign up today**
- **Appointments can be made for office visits in Coeur d'Alene or Boise if we cannot address all of your concerns at this meeting**

## **Questions to ask yourself:**

- 1. Are you represented by an attorney?**
- 2. Have you worked with someone specific at IDWR?**
- 3. Do you want to file additional claims?**

**And now we will hear from Judge Wildman  
and Paul Harrington**

**Following their presentations we will be  
taking questions**