

Thorneycroft, Kensie

From: Larry Domingo <bismarkmines@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 10:24 PM
To: Thorneycroft, Kensie
Subject: Re: Subject: Rule Making IDAPA 37.03.07

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Ms. Thorneycroft,

Thank you for staging the April 27 public Zoom meeting.

I tried to state my presence and kept tapping 6 or *6 but did not receive acknowledgment . Please let me know what the correct method is.

I listened until 3:30. The "meeting" seemed to gradually deteriorate and it appeared that the meeting kept dragging-on and became more clouded by the continual and nearly unintelligible mumblings of a few longtime dredgers.

My input would have been that there is a public misperception of the actual moment of suction-action when a dredge nozzle is placed on a creek-bed. Whether the nozzle is two inches or six there is very little material that gets sucked up. The dredger spends most of the time preventing five inches, or whatever width, of sand, gravel, rocks from being pulled into the suction flow. When done efficiently about a tenth of the nozzle dimension is actually pulling, or sipping, up material. Much more than this amount will flood the sluice box then spoil the sluice box eddying process that is necessary for gold separation.

Also, the individual who was so "concerned" about future technology on pump pressures and worried that dredgers might be pulling up big rocks by using their trucks as a winching point demonstrates the need for speakers to participate in a hands-on two-to-three day dredging event before they slow the proceedings by pretending to understand dredging and acting so concerned with things they never imagined before. Please direct that speaker to worry on the topic of the Large Magellanic Galaxy and it's *imminent* collision with our own Milky Way Galaxy. It's all documented with the all-important *science*. That speaker will then have some *real* environmental damage to be concerned about. Unless you're at a boat ramp or a public beach, ninety-nine percent of dredge sites require some tortuous hiking-in to develop a dredge site.

Overall I think the meeting achieved what was intended by presenting a procedure that stands to reduce some onerous language and procedures from the mining permitting process.

Ms, Thorneycroft, thanks again and please include me on future events such as this.

Larry Domingo
Bismark Mines

On Tue, Apr 27, 2021 at 5:16 PM Jann Higdem <jhigdem57@gmail.com> wrote:

Larry,

They ended the meeting at 5:00, and after I called a "point of order" that kinda shocked them. They explained the comments would be from the room, then chat, then the callers. It got stuck in the room & a couple of chats at the beginning. I pointed out that they were ending the meeting without going to the callers who had been politely listening for 3 hours.

He apologized, said they'd try to do better next time, but that we could have jumped in. Right.

They decided there will be a comment period until around May 14th, then another meeting the 1st week of June. I didn't catch the date, but it doesn't matter because all the attendees get an email detailing it all.

So in my mind, if you are still wanting to be in the group, you might want to let them know. Last they heard you couldn't make it and then you couldn't announce your attendance. Just to make sure.

I sent out an email about this meeting to all of the Mining District Presidents that I knew of. I almost cried to hear so many of them were at the meeting. Numbers matter in negotiated rulemaking because consensus rules in this phase. ICL & Trout Unlimited were clearly outnumbered.

Got the programs ordered today. Next I have to inventory and stock the apparel I sell on-site & make colloidal silver for the Sierra Silver Mine Tour's store for a May 1 delivery.

I want you & Birdie to make sure you're taking at least 5,000 iu of vitamin D & some zinc every day. This will boost your immune systems and keep her from catching any bad joo-joo in the hospital.

HB

On Tue, Apr 27, 2021 at 3:26 PM Jann Higdem <jhigdem57@gmail.com> wrote:

I'm hanging on, but very bored.

For today, it looks like we are negotiating with ICL not IDWR. It could be a good thing in that making them as happy as possible could reduce lawsuits and they will own this decision. IDWR makes the ultimate decision in the end.

Thanks!

HB

On Tue, Apr 27, 2021 at 3:21 PM Larry Domingo <bismarkmines@gmail.com> wrote:
I'm out of the call at 3:15.

Not much comment except for noting how the ICG dreamer dreams up his remote concepts to obfuscate things. There needs to be a two day dredging workshop requirement so that anyone connected to rulemaking has a chance to learn some basics and realities.

Appreciate your help preparing the Sunshine Mining Disaster Memorial event.

GR-R-R

On Tue, Apr 27, 2021 at 2:25 PM Larry Domingo <bismarkmines@gmail.com> wrote:
From a dredger,

Unless you're dredging at a public beach you're unlikely to git yer truck close enough to the water.

The rocks being winched are usually 2-3 three feet, maybe a ton, and a hand winch tied to a bigger rock or a log is sufficient.

On Tue, Apr 27, 2021 at 2:12 PM Larry Domingo <bismarkmines@gmail.com> wrote:
Jann, you could read this if you choose from a dredger.

There is an illusion in the minds of those who've never dredged, that a 5" nozzle sucks is stuck in the streambed and continually sucks up 5" of material. Wrong, a dredger places the nozzle on the bed so that it only sips at the material. To suck more causes hose blockages and disrupts the flow of water and material thru the sluice box. The power and nozzle openings are fairly well calibrated to ensure proper separation of the materials.

I'm bangin on *6 but nothing happens.

GR-R-R

On Tue, Apr 27, 2021 at 1:45 PM Jann Higdem <jhigdem57@gmail.com> wrote:
Larry,

I'm on it too. If you are listening, you are "signed in". Did you hit * 6 or just 6? When you hit *6 it says "you are unmuted" When you want to go back to mute, hit *6 again and it'll tell you "you are muted". It's all good. Stay on the meeting and comment if you want to. You can also just listen now, and/or comment later in writing. You'll be able to listen to this again from their website. It's all good, enjoy the ride!
HB

On Tue, Apr 27, 2021 at 1:37 PM Larry Domingo <bismarkmines@gmail.com> wrote:

HB, I've been listening from the beginning but I don't think I'm signed in. I hit six three times and introduced me, "Larry Domingo - Bismark Mines - Wallace Mining District" but I didn't hear any acknowledgement, maybe for the best on this round.

Email me if you can from there.

GR-R-R

On Fri, Apr 23, 2021 at 11:52 AM Larry Domingo <bismarkmines@gmail.com> wrote:
HB,

I had thought that it would be "attendance" helpful if you were to summarize Thornycroft's meeting answers-to-me and send it out to the ordinaries.

Am I the only one to have had these questions rumbling about in my gumball brain?

In the IDEQ Dec 14, Idaho Section Dredge Coverage under IPDES Permit IDG370000 pg 9 under Spokane River Drainage (chart) EF Eagle Creek & Tribs (which would theoretically include Oregon Gulch) are grouped in the Red Sediment box. The legend stipulates "Red (permit not possible). Wanna buy some claims? I'll toss in the dredge! Someone mentioned to me that the "sediment" reference is from lake CDA issues and that dredging is closed down for the year. How handy.

I have trouble understanding how sediment makes it to lake CDA when the creek goes underground in various spots. And what about those poor landlocked migrating fish?

I keep asking myself, as a lone 3-6 hour a week old dredger in a three mile stretch, how much sediment could I dredge up?

I'll be pursuing the "water diversion" angle this year. That is where the sluice box sits on the bank and the tailings go into a flume-like depression on dry land next to the creek. My new mining buddy has it approved for this year and used it last year. He is to get to me a copy of his paperwork.

Wake Up Golart!

Excellent Work HB!

MEEOW!!

Wake up Mr. Golart!

Below is my old mining girl Phyllis underwater. A game chick from NY who thought roughing it meant "no room service"!

On Fri, Apr 23, 2021 at 8:44 AM Jann Higdem <jhigdem57@gmail.com> wrote:
Larry,

But our "group" of leaders are NOT ordinaries. As we remember from being in the Ozone/PM 2.5 negotiated rulemaking, it's not really that difficult. I got them to eliminate the consideration of reducing the PM2.5 by verbosely pointing out there was no science presented to justify further restrictions. The rest was pure fun. I heard from Dir. Tippetts that getting the PM2.5 dropped made the greenies in the group absolutely furious and they all quit the Air Quality Board. He said it with a big smile!

Yesterday, I asked Mr. Golart which state water basin plan Shoshone County was in, because I have them all and the closest one is Priest River & we're not in it. He has yet to respond. I'm having trouble wrapping my head around the history of how we became

regulated under the Stream Channel codes that are a subset of Irrigation & Drainage Ditches/Channels. Why there is a Dredge Mining code which only refers to large capacity dredges and why IDL regulates them. There is no code/law that mentions small-scale suction dredging. The only thing I can find is that it could possibly be just due to making holes & piles. The holes are great for fish habitat & if left would fill in during spring run-off. I need to find the data on how they decided that the larger capacity dredges and not all capacities were covered. There must have been a legislative meeting discussing "legislative intent" at some time. Need to find/watch it.

I'll forward you a thread between myself & IDEQ regarding IPDES permits in areas of ESA habitat & 303d waters. Overall, there is NO charge for dredging in these waters, but they would need to work with us to figure out how to do it, or deny any permits.

Not gardening today. But very soon. I have to dive into a few rabbit holes first!

Glad your Cat's getting some dental work done. Teeth can be very helpful in earth moving adventures!

HB

On Thu, Apr 22, 2021 at 10:23 PM Larry Domingo <bismarkmines@gmail.com> wrote:
HB, I've not heard a word from anyone I've alerted to this.

I think it sets up as being too complicated for the ordinaries to get on board.

Thanks for your input along the way as it is re-assuring and technically helpful to this fading lil' 'ole has-been dredger.

I now have two teeth segments on my new Caterpillar, kinda trippy to actually get something done on him. More to go!

Happy ~~mining~~ er gardening.

MEOW!

On Thu, Apr 22, 2021 at 12:51 PM Jann Higdem <jhigdem57@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Larry,

Great questions. In the land of COVID, these Zoom meetings have become the norm. You can establish a zoom account if you want to see everyone & everyone to be able to see you. Otherwise, you just call the phone number, plug in what they ask for and then listen to everyone. We will be placed on Mute automatically so no one can hear you. When you want to say/ask something you just hit *6 and wait to be acknowledged. I absolutely hate it, but it does make it much easier to "attend" a meeting without having to drive clear down to Boise and try to navigate its overly busy & many one-way streets. (That alone will jack up the blood pressure beyond belief!)

That I know of, I have never been billed for any of these calls and I just call the 1st number on the list. Probably best to use the Tacoma # though.
The meeting is at 1:00 our time. I've missed or been late to several calls because I forgot the time zone difference.

Are you aware of anyone else in our select group contacting IDWR? Pat Reidt emailed to thank me for sending him the email, but did not say he'd participate. Back a few years ago when the "mining districts" were a big thing we set up a now defunct Coalition of Mining Districts in Idaho. I was the secretary & had everyone's contact information. I just remembered them today and sent them out the email with the exception of Steve. There were 7 mining district chairs and 6 GPAA contacts. Hopefully they will try to get all of their memberships to participate. That would significantly increase the dredger appearance. You should know that there will be at least one, but probably several, anti-mining wilderness-loving groups also participating. Negotiated rulemaking can be really nice as you may recall. As long as no laws are being broken, the majority opinion is accepted. If the greenies outnumber us, we'll lose.

I am not sure how involved I want to get in this thing. Especially if only a few dredgers participate. If they don't care, why should I? I've got other things I can be doing...like getting my garden started.

HB

On Thu, Apr 22, 2021 at 12:19 PM Larry Domingo <bismarkmines@gmail.com> wrote:
HB,

Here are some Thorneycroft answers (which for this common man should have been included) to some questions I had after reading her Zoom/Public Meeting notice.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Larry Domingo** <bismarkmines@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 12:50 PM
Subject: Re: Subject: Rule Making IDAPA 37.03.07
To: Thorneycroft, Kensie <Kensie.Thorneycroft@idwr.idaho.gov>

Ms. Thorneycroft,

Thank you for answering my questions regarding the April 27th meeting.

Larry Domingo

On Tue, Apr 20, 2021 at 2:03 PM Thorneycroft, Kensie <Kensie.Thorneycroft@idwr.idaho.gov> wrote:

Mr. Domingo,

Thank you for your response. I will do my best to answer your questions.

First, this is not a national meeting. It is a specific meeting with the Department of Water Resources to talk about the recreational dredging rules.

Zoom is the video tool we will be using so that people can participate by phone or video rather than coming to the office given the current state of things with Covid-19. But this will be a public meeting with various people involved in the community of recreational dredging as well as some other agencies in Idaho.

Any one of the numbers listed below will work to call in with. Typically people pick the closest city to theirs as not everyone has long distance calling. The Tacoma number will work fine, all you need to do once you call is enter the meeting ID and the passcode to enter into the phone call or zoom meeting online.

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+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Lastly the meeting starts at 2:00 pm on April 27th, but it will be set up earlier at 1:00 pm so you can log in and set things up beforehand if you would prefer.

Hopefully this answers all of your questions. Please let me know if you have any more or if some of this doesn't make sense.

Have a great day!

Kensie Thorneycroft

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From: Larry Domingo [mailto:bismarkmines@gmail.com]

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Subject: Re: Subject: Rule Making IDAPA 37.03.07

Ms. Thorneycroft,

Thank you for your response to my request to attend the 4/27 public meeting.

It appears I'm behind-the-times when knowing the answers to the following questions.

Is this a national meeting?

Is Zoom the same as the public meeting?

I'm in Wallace, Idaho, so do I use the Tacoma phone number? If not, what number?

What time do I phone in?

Thank you for your good works on this event.

Larry Domingo

On Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 2:34 PM Thorneycroft, Kensie <Kensie.Thorneycroft@idwr.idaho.gov> wrote:

| Larry:

I have added you to the contact list. Please use the following Zoom sign in information for the **April 27, 2021 public meeting**:

IDWR Legal is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Negotiated Rulemaking Public Meeting

Time: Apr 27, 2021 01:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96940687574?pwd=OGd3L01yeXlKdEpRR3VrNkNoNDZ4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 969 4068 7574

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Meeting ID: 969 4068 7574

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/96940687574>

Please call if you have any questions about using Zoom. You have the choice to appear via video or simply by telephone.

Thank you,

Kensie Thorneycroft

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From: Larry Domingo [mailto:bismarkmines@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 10:45 AM
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Subject: Subject: Rule Making IDAPA 37.03.07

Ms Thorneycroft,

As an area citizen and stakeholder, I wish to be included as an "Interested Party" in the Proposed Rulemaking process for 37.03,07. Please add my name and email address to your contact list.

I would like to attend the april 27 public meeting via telephone. Please send me the necessary data.

I will be sending other stakeholders & and interested parties your way.

Thank You,

Larry Domingo

Stakeholder