



PURPOSE

The Willard Spur Steering Committee (Steering Committee) is charged with the responsibility to guide the process of developing and, in the end, provide recommendations to the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Quality (DWQ) for site specific numeric water quality standards—or other appropriate water quality regulations—for Willard Spur that are protective of its beneficial uses and sustain the natural resources of Great Salt Lake and its associated wetlands.

OBJECTIVES

1. Create a partnership among stakeholders to:
 - a. Gain broad acceptance of process and results
 - b. Provide access to expertise and experience
 - c. Provide multiple funding sources
2. Conduct a transparent public process by:
 - a. Identifying stakeholders
 - b. Receiving input
 - c. Sharing results
 - d. Seeking consensus
3. Establish and maintain a scientific advisory panel to:
 - a. Identify gaps in scientific understanding of the Willard Spur ecosystem
 - b. Advise the Steering Committee on funding applications
 - c. Prioritize issues of concern
 - d. Finalize and approve work plans for scientific studies
 - e. Recommend a process for independent peer review of scientific studies
 - f. Recommend science-based numeric standards to the Steering Committee
4. Adhere to federal and state regulations and guidelines for standards development
 - a. Coordinate with EPA Region 8 and other national EPA experts, as needed, on process for developing site specific standards
 - b. Utilize results and recommendations for scientific research to determine appropriate numeric standards

- c. Provide recommendations for numeric standards to DWQ for incorporation into the state Water Quality Administrative Rules.

DUTIES

- Review and advise on the composition and organization of Science Panel
- Review and advise on the research work plan
- Participate in up to six (6) Steering Committee meetings per year
- Review and advise DWQ and Science Panel on activities, progress, and significant findings from research program
- Review and advise on the technical products of the Research Contractor and Science Panel
- Recruit the active involvement of and encourage ongoing collaboration and communication among governmental and nongovernmental entities, the private sector, and citizens working to achieve the protection and use of Willard Spur
- Bring individual perspectives and ideas while keeping in mind the big picture, which is serving all the members of the Steering Committee as we work toward the objectives of the project
- Review and provide recommendations for water quality standards in Willard Spur to DWQ

COMPOSITION

The Willard Spur Steering Committee will include thirteen (13) representatives from federal and state regulatory and resource management agencies, other governmental entities, conservation organizations, and the regulated community. Walt Baker/DWQ will chair the committee.

The DWQ will receive input from stakeholders on membership and will interview and invite specific individuals to join the Steering Committee. It is expected that committee members will commit to a three year period and will identify one alternate to represent them in their absence. No member on the Steering Committee should be a research contractor working on this project.

A preliminary list of members for the Steering Committee includes the following:

Name	Entity	Representing:
Walt Baker ⁽¹⁾	Utah Div of Water Quality	Utah Div of Water Quality
Ryan Nesbitt	Utah Div of Forestry Fire & State Lands	Utah Div of Forestry Fire & State Lands
Pam Kramer	Utah Div of Wildlife Resources	Utah Div of Wildlife Resources
Bob Barrett	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Karen Hamilton	U.S. EPA	U.S. EPA
Jerry Nelson	City of Perry	City's of Willard & Perry
Ryan Tingey	Commissioner, Box Elder County	Great Salt Lake Advisory Council
Dick West		Duck Clubs
Chris Montague	The Nature Conservancy	Conservation Interests
Rob Dubuc	Western Resource Advocates	Conservation Interests
Dal Wayment	South Davis Sewer District	Regulated POTW Community
Hal Lee	Compass Minerals	Regulated Industrial Community
Don Leonard	Great Salt Lake Brine Shrimp Cooperative, Inc.	Regulated Extractive Industry

⁽¹⁾ Chairman

DECISIONS

The goal is to work toward consensus in making decisions about any changes to Utah's standards that are necessary to ensure long-term protection of Willard Spur's designated beneficial uses. In order to forward a final recommendation to DWQ, a supermajority is required. A supermajority is defined as at least ¾ of all the members of the committee are supportive. A minority opinion may also be forwarded. If a supermajority is not possible, then opinions with position papers will be forwarded for consideration by DWQ.

A quorum is defined as 2/3 of the members of the committee. Procedural issues require the support of 2/3 of the members present in a meeting.

MEETINGS

Meetings will generally be held at the Utah Department of Environmental Quality building at 195 N. 1050 West, Salt Lake City, Utah. Meetings will be held no less frequently than four times per year. Meetings may initially be held monthly as the research program is developed. See Attachment 1 for a preliminary schedule and objectives for each meeting. At least five working days notice of each meeting will be provided to Steering Committee members. Meetings will be open to the public for observation. Input from the public will be facilitated by the Steering Committee chairman. Meeting agendas and minutes will be maintained by DWQ and posted to a project website.