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Subject RE: Agenda for PolyMet Meeting on Monday

Yes, tribal feedback on the recommendation would be one component of an overall water quality discussion to be had with the tribes. It was undecided whether that would be a separate consultation between EPA and the tribes, or if MPCA would attend. MPCA expressed willingness to participate, but we will leave the decision of our attendance to the discretion of EPA and the tribes. A final wrap-up meeting would probably be appropriate. I suggest we discuss finalizing further meetings on Monday, as well. Thanks.

From: Linda Holst [mailto:Holst.Linda [REDACTED]]

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Linda or Katie, am I correct that the "seasonality" recommendation paper will not be discussed (except maybe with the tribes) since it does not pertain to PolyMet? This paper seems to be written for Mesabi Nugget and PM has in the past explicitly stated that they would not be seeking or needing a seasonal discharge.

Thanks,
Tom

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