**Department of Environmental Quality**
**Water Quality Standards**
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**Docket No. 58-0102-2602**
**Negotiated Rulemaking Summary**
**Idaho Code § 67-5220(3)(f)**

This rulemaking has been initiated to revise the cold water aquatic life criteria for ammonia and to remove the site specific criteria for the Spokane River.

On August 5, 2026, the Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules –Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, and the preliminary draft rule was posted on DEQ's website. Meetings were held on August 10, and October 6, 2026. Stakeholders and members of the public participated by receiving email notifications, attending the meetings, reviewing DEQ's presentations and rules, and submitting comments. Key information was posted on DEQ's website and distributed to persons who participated in the negotiated rulemaking.

All comments received during the negotiated rulemaking process were considered by DEQ when making decisions regarding the development of the rule.

As a result of the negotiated rulemaking process, DEQ reached the conclusion to proceed to the next step of the rulemaking process with its final draft rule. DEQ submitted the draft rule to the Division of Financial Management for review. DEQ formatted the draft for publication as a proposed rule for public comment. The negotiated rulemaking record, which includes the negotiated rule drafts, key information considered and documents distributed during the negotiated rulemaking process, and the negotiated rulemaking summary, is available at Water Quality: Docket No. 58-0102-2602.