

Timber, Fish, & Wildlife (TFW) Policy Committee
 May 4, 2017 Meeting Summary

Decision	Notes
1. Policy finalized Water Typing System Policy Recommendations for the Board meeting	See Attachment 4
2. Policy accepted the Report on the Status of Policy's Response to Unstable Slopes Proposal Initiation.	Federal caucus, Industrial Timber Landowners, Small Forest Landowners thumbs sideways, all other caucuses thumbs up.

Action	Assignment
1. By noon, May 5: Send Marc Ratcliff and Marc Engel any documents to include in the Board's packet for May 9/10 meeting related to the water typing system.	Caucus representatives
2. By Monday, May 8: make hotel reservations in the TFW block of rooms at the Northern Quest Casino for the June 1&2 meeting in Spokane. Caucus representatives to email Marc Ratcliff the confirmed attendance of their caucus so DNR can coordinate transportation for the field trip.	Caucus representatives
3. Share Hard Rock presentation videos.	Hans Berge
4. Hold August 31 st in addition to September 7 th for the September meeting; Co-Chairs will confirm date by June meeting.	Caucus representatives

Opening – Ray Entz, Co-Chair of the Timber, Fish, & Wildlife Policy Committee (“Policy”), welcomed participants and led introductions (*please see Attachment 1 for a list of participants*). The goal of this meeting was to focus on providing the Adaptive Management Program Administrator (AMPA) with Policy's recommendations and clarifying remarks for his presentation to the Board.

Announcements and Co-Chairs' Updates – Policy discussed the possibility of rescheduling the regular September 7th meeting to August 31st to help accommodate a scheduling conflict by one of the caucuses. The facilitator asked the group to hold both dates until the new date is confirmed.

Meeting Summaries – The meeting summary from April 6th, 2017 was accepted as final.

CMER Update – Doug Hooks, CMER Co-Chair, gave an update on the April CMER meeting:

- Bruce Jones talked to CMER about information management systems, interactive mapping in GIS, and CMER data. The data will not be publicly accessible to avoid out-of-context use.
- CMER decided to clean up the Protocols and Standards Manual and put it to a vote at the next meeting.

- CMER discussed potential changes to the Adaptive Management Program (AMP), including improved work plans, and the creation of an active projects folder with a one page summary of project status, broad overview and connection to Policy.
- CMER has a heavy decision load coming next month with Hard Rock study chapters. CMER decided to batch the discussion for Policy, with separate discussions on individual chapters if needed. The discussion chapter will be finalized in the next few months, followed by the findings report. Once the publications are given to Policy, caucus representatives will have 60 days to review them. Policy representatives expressed a concern for adequate presentations on each chapter before a decision has to be made to publish the chapters. Policy can determine if the 60 day review period is sufficient in June. The AMPA will share the link for the online versions of the presentations.

May 9/10 Forest Practices Board Meeting – Marc Engel reviewed the Board meeting draft agenda. The Attorney General’s office will conduct a presentation on the difference between rules and guidance.

AMPA’s recommendation on AMP changes –

The AMPA verbally reviewed what he will share with the Board the following week regarding his recommendations for AMP process and structure improvements.

CMER ’17-’19 Budget Process Review – Policy discussed what worked well and what could be changed for the next budget approval process:

- The role of the Budget Subgroup was unclear, and the group’s membership and work was hard to follow for the rest of the group.
- More meeting time was needed for budget approval.
- People who understand each project and the implications of cutting the item should be invited to the Policy meeting to be available to answer questions from Policy.
- The roles of CMER, Policy, CMER and Policy Co-Chairs, and the AMPA could be clarified for the budget development and approval process. This would include clarifying whether CMER’s role is to put together the science needs blind to cost, recommend a balanced budget, or prioritize projects? Some Policy caucuses felt that Policy should provide this direction to CMER.

Water Typing Dispute Resolution: Next Steps – Policy added clarifying comments to the mediation outcome document for the benefit of the AMPA’s presentation to the Board. The Westside Tribal Caucus requested that the AMPA’s report be run by them first so that they have the opportunity to better align themselves and reinforce consensus where it exists. The AMPA agreed to share his memo to the Board with Policy representatives.

The AMPA’s report to the Board will include a description of the water typing disagreement focused on what threshold should define the lower bounds of electrofishing.

Decisions: Policy voted on some remaining issues of disagreement from Mediation Session #4. See Attachment 4, Water Typing System Policy Recommendations Summary for Forest Practices Board.

Unstable Slopes Subgroup Report – Mary Scurlock reviewed the TFW Policy Memorandum dated April 28, 2017 and focused on the Recommended Next Steps. The members moved through each comment and made live edits.

Policy members asked that the AMPA be prepared to clarify for the Board that the CMER Deep-Seated Research Landslide Strategy presentation is anticipated to be in August of this year.

Decision: Policy voted to accept the Report on the Status of Policy’s Response to Unstable Slopes Initiation. (Federal, Industrial Timber Landowners, Small Forest Landowners caucuses voted thumbs sideways, all other caucuses thumbs up).

June Meeting – The field tour will be Thursday, June 1 in the Spokane area and the meeting will be Friday, June 2 at the Northern Quest Casino. There will be enough room in the meeting room for caucuses to bring additional members. Attendees were asked to make their hotel reservations by May 8 at the Casino under the FFR/TFW reserved block of rooms.

Legislative updates – The Eastside Tribal Caucus’ lobbyists are working on the \$1.1 million in reconciliation.

The Co-Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.

Attachment 1 – Attendance by Caucus at 5/4/17 Meeting

Conservation Caucus

Jamie Glasgow, Wild Fish Conservancy
*Mary Scurlock, M. Scurlock & Associates

County Caucus

Kendra Smith, Skagit County

Federal Caucus

*Marty Acker, USFWS
*Michelle Wilcox, EPA

Industrial Timber Landowners Caucus

Mark Doumit, WFPA
Brian Franzen, WFPA
Doug Hooks, WFPA
*Karen Terwilliger, Washington Forest
Protection Association (WFPA)
Jason Walter, Weyerhaeuser

Small Forest Landowners Caucus

*Steve Barnowe-Meyer, WFFA
Ken Miller, WFFA

DNR Caucus

*Marc Engel, DNR
Joe Shramek, DNR

WDFW/Ecology Caucus

*Rich Doenges, Ecology
*Terry Jackson, WDFW
Don Nauer, WDFW

Tribal Caucus – Eastside

*Ray Entz, Kalispel/UCUT, Co-Chair
Marc Gauthier, UCUT (Phone)

Tribal Caucus – Westside

Derek Marks, Tulalip Tribes (Phone)
*Jim Peters, Northwest Indian Fisheries
Commission (NWIFC)
Ash Roorbach, NWIFC
Curt Veldhuisen, Skagit River System
Cooperative (Phone)
Sarah Zaniewski, Squaxin Island Tribe

*Caucus representative

Others

Hans Berge, AMPA
Howard Haemmerle, DNR
Claire Chase, Triangle Associates
Marxa Marnia, Triangle Associates

Attachment 2 – Ongoing Priorities Checklist

Priority	Assignment	Status & Notes
Type N	Type N policy subgroup	Caucuses are encouraged to talk offline about the wet season default methodology.
Type F	Policy	At regular meetings and in mediation, Policy is working towards responding to the February 2014 Board motions (specific to off-channel habitat and electrofishing) in addition to other related water typing issues (such as default physical criteria, recovery, habitat, etc.).
Small Forest Landowners Westside Template	SFLOs Template Subgroup	Subgroup is meeting separately; co-chaired by Marc Engel and Ken Miller.
Unstable Slopes	Policy	UPSAG hired a contractor to do a glacial deep-seated literature synthesis. Policy will present their perspective on the unstable slopes proposal initiation to the Board in May 2017.
Ongoing CMER reports reviewed by Policy	Doug Hooks & Todd Baldwin, CMER Co-Chairs	CMER Co-Chairs to give update(s) as needed at Policy meetings; AMPA to give quarterly reports for when CMER studies to come to Policy.

*This table notes the Policy Committee priorities that were sent to the Forest Practices Board and any other major topics or issues that arise during the year.

Attachment 3 – Entities, Groups, or Subgroups: Schedule and Notes

Entity/Group/Subgroup	Next Meeting Date	Notes
TFW Policy Committee	June 1 and 2	Field tour on June 1; meeting on June 2 at the Northern Quest Casino in Spokane.
CMER	May 30	
Type N Policy Subgroup	TBD	
Type F		The water typing mediation is complete and the AMPA and Co-Chairs will present the outcome to the Board at the May meeting.
Forest Practices Board	May 9 & 10	
Small Forest Landowners Template Subgroup	TBD	As workload allows.

Attachment 4: Water Typing System
Policy Recommendations Summary for
Forest Practices Board

Consensus

1. Existing water typing system rule language to carry forward into new rule; includes Type S and N waters and parts of Type F water language.
2. Resolution of Dispute over WTMF-Approved Break Points, 2/2/17
3. Policy Proposed Framework for FHAM, Section 1 – FHAM, 4/24/17
4. OHWL as defined is used as the starting point of the RMZ in non-channelized, Type F waters, 5/4/17 (WDFW sideways, all other caucuses thumbs up)

Non-Consensus with Final Vote

1. Policy OCH Dispute Summary, 4/24/17
 - a. Clarify majority/minority summary for AMPA to deliver to the Board:
 - i. Whether the OHWL of OCH that are periodically inundated areas of wetlands occurs at the wetland edge, or whether it is limited to BFF.
 - ii. If the boundary of the wetland is not the same as OHWL, and if the boundary of the wetland is at a higher elevation than OHWL, where does the RMZ start?
 - iii. In development of Board Manual, the disagreement will be about associated wetlands or periodically inundated areas.

Non-Consensus with No Final Vote

1. Policy Proposed Framework for FHAM, Section 2 – Barriers, 4/24/17
 - a. Determine the target to be used by the scientific/technical expert group to establish the metrics to determine when a PHB meets the criteria to initiate the protocol survey.
 - b. Clarify the scientific/technical expert group work in determining the primary and secondary features of a PHB
2. Clarify the final vote and the majority/minority summary for 1 a-c to have the AMPA deliver to the Board

DNR recommendation

Policy recommends the Board direct the scientific/technical expert group to determine and define the elements, and provide the metrics to identify Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB). This will be accomplished through directing the group to:

1. Evaluate the list of potential habitat break features to:
 - a. Determine the primary features present in all PHB; and
 - b. Determine those secondary features which may be present and enhance PHB
2. Establish the metrics to support the FHAM Step 2 FHB assessment and protocol survey process with the objectives to:

- a. Minimize fish passage beyond the PHBs to 20% or less;
- b. Establish a highly accurate process wherein the PHB in combination with the protocol survey accurately establishes the Type F/N break.

Votes on the DNR recommendation:

- *Full recommendation:*
 - *Thumbs up: Westside Tribal Caucus, Eastside Tribal Caucus, Federal Caucus, DNR, Conservation Caucus, WDFW/Ecology*
 - *Thumbs down: Small Forest Landowners Caucus, Industrial Timber Landowners Caucus, County Caucus*
- *Full recommendation without 2.a:*
 - *Thumbs up: Small Forest Landowners Caucus, Conservation Caucus, County Caucus*
 - *Thumbs sideways: Westside Tribal Caucus, Federal Caucus, WDFW/Ecology, DNR*
 - *Thumbs down: Eastside Tribal Caucus, Industrial Timber Landowners Caucus*