

Timber, Fish, & Wildlife Policy Committee  
 August 2, 2018 **FINAL** Meeting Summary  
 v. 9.4.18

Action	Responsibility
<b>Distribute the PHB Study Design Comment Matrix to Policy</b>	Hans Berge and Rachel Aronson
<b>Develop timeline of the template process</b>	Template subcommittee
<b>Return to Policy with additional information on the Riparian Characteristics and Scoping Document alternatives</b>	Mark Hicks
<b>Send single PDF of <u>Effectiveness of Experimental Riparian Buffers on Perennial Non-fish-bearing Streams on Competent Lithologies in Western Washington</u> to Policy in an alternate form than the Box site</b>	Howard Haemmerle and Rachel Aronson
<b>Include link for above PDF in the public minutes for July 2018</b>	Rachel Aronson
<b>Confer with Attorney General regarding the caucus status of Federal agencies and east side tribes, and the implications for quorum</b>	Hans Berge
<b>Hard Rock Subcommittee: Meet before September 6 Policy meeting in order to give Policy an update at their September 6 meeting</b>	Curt Veldhuisen, Karen Terwilleger, Jim Peters, Rich Doenges/Chris Conklin. Substitute members Alec Brown and Steve Barnowe-Meyer.
<b>Invite Federal and Ecology representatives to September or October meeting to discuss HCP and CWA standards</b>	Co-Chairs and Rachel Aronson
<b>Send suggestions for October field trip to Marc Engel and co-chairs by 9/16</b>	Policy Caucus Leads

Decision	Notes
<b>Approve the June and July meeting summaries with edits</b>	The east side tribal caucus and federal caucus were absent; all other caucuses voted thumbs up.
<b>Accept for further consideration alternatives 1 and 2 for the Riparian Characteristics and Scoping Document, and to request a revised budget projection for alternative 2 over an extended timeline not to exceed five years, and furthermore to request RSAG to consider study design costs and if these costs could be added as a line item for the upcoming biennial budget.</b>	The east side tribal caucus and federal caucus were absent; all other caucuses voted thumbs up.
<b>Effective August 26, 2018, Policy agrees that the <u>Effectiveness of Experimental Riparian Buffers on Perennial Non-fish-bearing Streams on Competent Lithologies in Western Washington</u> document as presented to Policy on July 12, 2018 merits taking action and will begin to</b>	The east side tribal caucus and federal caucus were absent; all other caucuses voted thumbs up.

<b>develop action alternatives.</b>	
<b>TFW Policy reaffirmed the decision to accept the <u>Effectiveness of Experimental Riparian Buffers on Perennial Non-fish-bearing Streams on Competent Lithologies in Western Washington</u> document as presented to Policy on July 12, 2018 and to continue along the timeline as set on July 12, 2018.</b>	The east side tribal caucus and federal caucus were absent; all other caucuses voted thumbs up.
<b>TFW Policy moved that all final reports from CMER to Policy must be technically edited, have an executive summary, a cover, a table of contents, a findings report, and a CMER number.</b>	The east side tribal caucus and federal caucus were absent; all other caucuses voted thumbs up.

Welcome, Introductions, & Old Business- Policy Co-Chairs Terra Rentz and Curt Veldhuisen opened the meeting.

Policy reviewed the June and July draft meeting summaries. One edit was made regarding attendance. The meeting summaries were approved.

CMER update- Jenny Knoth, CMER Co-Chair informed Policy that the Van Dykes Salamander Literature Review has been approved and will come to Policy. CMER also approved the Forested Wetlands Chronosequence Study Design. There is a delay in the Riparian Extensive Monitoring Scoping Document. CMER will have their September meeting in Spokane.

PHB Study Design- Hans Berge notified Policy that a matrix of comments was compiled. In this matrix, people will be able to see how their comments were addressed in the draft study design. The matrix is available to people who did not make comments as well. A revised, track changes version of the draft study design will be made available. The draft revised study design is currently in ISPR.

PHB Pilot Study- In Western Washington, the team has identified about 20 sites with a variety of geologies for the pilot study. The pilot sites were selected to test the boundaries of the protocol in difficult sampling scenarios. In Eastern Washington, sites are still being identified. The Spokane Tribe has put forward some challenging sites to test the protocol.

Water Typing Rulemaking- Marc Engel stated that the economist working group met in the first week of August to write a charter, per Board Manual 22, and look at the elements to be developed. The RFP for the Cost-Benefit Analysis and, if needed, the Small Business Environmental Impact Statement (SBEIS) has closed with two bidders. That contract is anticipated to begin on September 14, 2018. Marc noted that the definition of a small business for the SBEIS is 50 or fewer employees, distinct from TFW Policy’s definition of a small forest landowner, which is based on harvest volume. The data for the spatial analysis is still in progress.

Small Forest Landowner Template- Marc Engel and Ken Miller, subcommittee co-chairs, shared that the subcommittee is finalizing the questions for ISPR review of the final Cramer Fish Sciences review of the template proposal science justification. The determination of when the report is ready is at the discretion

of the subcommittee. The subcommittee will meet on August 3 to discuss the subcontractor's report, the manner in which to package it, and subsequent process, including ISPR. Some of the caucuses would benefit from a conversation with the subcontractor to address their comments.

On September 4, the subcommittee will discuss the policy question of whether or not the proposal is eligible for a template within the Policy track. The goal is to bring a recommendation to Policy on September 6.

The Board requested a May 2019 presentation on the template. Ken Miller intends to give a public comment at the Board's November meeting about the open and collaborative process to date.

Ken noted that at the last TFW Policy meeting, Policy suggested a template conversation and decision at the March 2019 Policy meeting. Ken suggests that Policy prepare for a decision on the question "do the prior alternate plans support a template?" in September. However, Ken acknowledged that the science document will likely have a delay before it comes to Policy. Steve Barnowe-Meyer recognized the participation of the caucuses at the subcommittee meetings and strongly emphasized the need to have all caucuses represented at the subcommittee's meetings in August 3 and September 4, 2018.

Policy discussed two paths for a template to move forward at the subcommittee or Policy level:

- Policy track: review alternate plans and see if the template proposal is valid.
- Science track: review the science and see if the template is supported.

Caucuses expressed concern that given that the science subconsultant is still working, it may be premature to discuss alternate plans and the template at Policy. The co-chairs emphasized that Policy could come to a different conclusion on either path. It might make the most logistical sense to have the conversations at the same time because dispute might be resolved by agreement on the other path. The co-chairs requested a timeline of the subcommittee's work and anticipated deliverables come from the subcommittee to Policy and Marc Engel agreed that could be done.

Riparian Characteristics and Shade Scoping Document- Mark Hicks came forward to review the alternatives. Both Alternatives 1 and 2 meet all the objectives of the study and are preferred by CMER. Terra Rentz reminded Policy that there were no budget decisions for the study on the table, but that Alternative 1 is penciled in the current draft FY21-23 biennial budget. Alternative 2 includes more field metrics and hires someone to do additional analysis for the Shade.xls model.

Questions:

- Could a 25-foot no-cut buffer be added as a study plot?
  - Mark Hicks believes that 25 as a substitute for 30 would not change the cost.
- How does the project control for the size of the streams and low flow vs. high flow?
  - Shade is measured independently of flow, but the investigators will choose streams that are large enough to test shade with overhanging trees, such as a large NP stream or a small F stream. This will be addressed further in study design.

**Decision:** Policy accepted for further consideration alternatives 1 and 2, and requested a revised budget projection for alternative 2 over an extended timeline not to exceed five years, and furthermore requested

RSAG to consider study design costs and if these costs could be added as a line item for the upcoming biennial budget.

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Mark Hicks will have follow-up at the September or October Policy meeting.

Effectiveness of Experimental Riparian Buffers on Perennial Non-fish-bearing Streams on Competent Lithologies in Western Washington- Terra Rentz noted that Policy has complete findings reports for all the chapters and a final draft of the Hard Rock report. Hans Berge added that the report has been approved by ISPR and CMER. The AMP determined that all the chapters should have the same style and format, and a copyeditor/technical editor was brought in to finalize the document. The five findings reports are final and based on the CMER-approved technical document.

The Box site access appears to be a barrier for some caucuses. A number of caucuses expressed concerns over the timeline for editing and whether Policy had accepted the document prematurely.

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Hard Rock Next Steps- Caucuses shared their input on the report and what it means to their caucus. Themes of this conversation include:

- The report shows that recovery back to the temperature standards after harvest is not sufficient for the Clean Water Act assurances. This merits action of some sort.
- Caucuses are interested in Ecology's perspective on next steps.
- Caucuses are interested in exploring ideas to meet water quality standards.
- Policy's response is important and will need to meet a high standard.
- Policy will need to be clear about their role relative to CMER and the Board.
- Caucuses want to keep tree farming appealing and feasible while also protecting fish and other resources.
- Caucuses want to look at each other's issues and to feel that their own issues have been heard and understood.

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Policy delegated Jim Peters, Rich Doenges, Karen Terwilleger, and Curt Veldhuisen to form a subcommittee, with Steve Barnowe-Meyer and Alec Brown as substitute members.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 PM.

Attachment 1 – Participants by Caucus at 8/2 Meeting\*

**Conservation Caucus**

\*Alec Brown

**County Caucus**

Kendra Smith, Skagit County

\*Scott Swanson, WSAC

**Industrial Timber Landowner Caucus**

\*Karen Terwilleger, WFPA

**Small Forest Landowner Caucus**

\*Steve Barnowe-Meyer, WFFA

\*Ken Miller, WFFA

**State Caucus – DNR**

\*Marc Engel, DNR

Marc Ratcliff, DNR

**State Caucus – Ecology & WDFW**

\*Rich Doenges, Ecology

Mark Hicks, Ecology

Chris Johnson, Ecology

\*Chris Conklin, WDFW

Don Nauer, WDFW

Terra Rentz, WDFW and Co-Chair

**Tribal Caucus – Westside**

\*Jim Peters, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

Ash Roorbach, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

Curt Veldhuisen, Skagit River System Cooperative and Co-Chair

\*caucus representative

**Others**

Hans Berge, Adaptive Management Program Administrator

Howard Haemmerle, Adaptive Management Program

Rachel Aronson, Triangle Associates

Jenny Knoth, Green Crow and CMER Co-Chair

Doug Hooks, WFPA and CMER Co-Chair