

**Forest Practices Board**  
**Water Typing Rule Committee**  
April 15, 2021  
Meeting conducted via Zoom

**Committee Members Present:**

Bob Guenther, Committee Chair and General Public Member  
David Herrera, General Public Member  
Jeff Davis, Director's designee, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Tom Nelson, General Public Member

**Staff**

Marc Engel and Marc Ratcliff, DNR  
Phil Ferester, ATG

**Welcome and Introductions**

Bob Guenther, Committee chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Tom Nelson moved the Committee approve the October 7, 2020 and January 15, 2021 meeting minutes.

SECONDED: Dave Herrera

Board Discussion:  
None.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

**Presentation of Eastern Washington Fish Data**

Marc Ratcliff, DNR, provided an update on the results to finalize the eastern Washington fish data for inclusion in the potential habitat break (PHB) spatial analysis. He shared why the Eastern Washington Technical group was formed and the proposal to use a subset of the 2001 CMER study to inform fish presence. He said using a subset of the entire CMER data was not supported by everyone, but had majority support.

He said the Board, at the August 2020 meeting, accepted the Committee's recommendation to use the screened data from the 2001 CMER study and to complete a QA/QC on the points provided by the Yakama Nation and Kalispel Tribe. The group has not met since last year because the only work that was being done was the matching of the tabular data with georeferenced points. He said there is a total of 176 CMER points, a total of 23 points from the Yakama Nation and approximately 28 points from the Kalispel Tribal area. These points represent more than 20 points/ecoregion.

Ratcliff said where a subsequent survey after the original 2001 CMER study – either 2002 or 2005 – identified fish points higher in the stream system or indicated an upper most fish habitat

location, DNR will be using these uppermost points for the analysis. He said if the Board supports this process then DNR will begin mapping the highest fish point for the CMER points in preparation for the PHB analysis. When DNR begins the line work, locating the data points in streams, all the original source data will be maintained for reference.

**Public Comment on Presentation of Eastern Washington Fish Data**

Due to unforeseen technical difficulties during the public comment period the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

MOTION: Tom Nelson moved the Committee adjourn the meeting and reconvene at the earliest possible date even if it's early morning or late evening.

SECONDED: Jeff Davis

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously. (Bob Guenther not available for vote)