

TFW Policy Committee
Timeline for Hard Rock Study Follow-up
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The following outlines the sections from Part 3.4 of the Forest Practices Board Manual Section 22 outlining the timelines for the TFW Policy Committee to make a decision upon receipt of a report, and specifying those timelines for Policy’s Hard Rock study review in 2018.

Language from Board Manual Section 22, Part 3.4 “Stage 4: Policy Committee Recommendation” (pages M22-13 & M22-14)	Relevant Dates for Hard Rock Study
<p><i>Upon receipt, the Policy Committee has up to 180 days to develop a decision whether consensus or not and then make a recommendation to the Board. Working with the Administrator, the Policy Committee recommendations to the Board will be accompanied by a formal petition for rulemaking in accordance with WAC 222-08-100 and RCW 34.05.330 or a non-rulemaking alternative action. The Policy Committee may also recommend that the Board take no action. The Policy Committee’s consideration of all products from Stage 3 will be based on the Framework for Successful Policy Committee/CMER Interaction (Appendix B).</i></p>	<p>Upon receipt of the Hard Rock materials at the July 12, 2018 meeting: 180 days = January 8, 2019</p>
<p><u>Policy Committee’s Decision to Take Action</u> <i>The Policy Committee determines by consensus whether any action should be taken in response to the information provided. Upon receipt of the findings report, the Policy Committee has 45 days to review the findings and to make a consensus decision as to whether the information merits taking action or not. A no action consensus skips the Policy Alternatives step and goes to the Final Policy Committee Consensus step. The Policy Committee consensus for taking action will initiate the development of action alternatives.</i></p>	<p>45 days = August 26, 2018 to review the Findings Report and take action or not</p>
<p><u>Policy Committee Alternatives</u> <i>The Policy Committee analyzes the alternative courses of action and determines an appropriate management response. Alternatives will include information necessary to show whether the proposal is scientifically credible, operationally practical and administratively feasible. The Policy Committee has 60 days to develop appropriate alternative courses of action, and an additional 45 days to reach a consensus decision on an alternative to recommend to the Board.</i></p>	<p>60 days = October 25, 2018 to develop alternatives 45 days = December 9, 2018 to decide on the alternative for the Board</p>
<p><u>Final Policy Committee Consensus</u> <i>The Policy Committee determines by consensus whether to make an adaptive management recommendation to the Board. In making a recommendation the Policy Committee will be mindful of factors that the Board will need to consider when making a decision. These factors include the FFR goals (listed in Part 1, Adaptive Management Program Overview) and statutory direction in chapter 76.09 RCW. If the Policy Committee has agreed upon an alternative, the Policy Committee finalizes its recommendations within 30 days and gives them to the Administrator for delivery to the Board. If the Policy Committee has not agreed upon an alternative, any Policy Committee caucus may invoke the dispute resolution process (see Part 5 Dispute Resolution).</i></p>	<p>30 days = January 8, 2019 to finalize recommendations</p>
<p><u>Policy Committee Recommendations to the Board</u> <u>Recommendations to the Board should include:</u> 1. Specific recommendations and/or alternatives developed by the Policy Committee;</p>	

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<p>2. Any final CMER report, Policy Committee product, and/or the Administrator discussion report of potential implications to the rules and guidance;</p> <p>3. Any appropriate scientific peer review reports and documentation;</p> <p>4. Any other information or reports as appropriate specifically generated as a result of the Adaptive Management Program process related to the original Board approved the proposal of concern;</p> <p>5. Draft rule language when appropriate to the recommendation; and</p> <p>6. Minority and majority reports on issues lacking consensus.</p> <p><u>Administrator Coordination</u> The Administrator will provide coordination in the development and presentation of the Policy Committee’s report to the Board.</p>	