

Timber, Fish and Wildlife Policy Committee

Thursday, March 3, 2022 // 9:00 am – 12:55 pm

Remotely held using Zoom

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
February 2022 Meeting Notes	Delayed until April 2022
<u>Motion:</u>	
Hard Rock Phase III Project Charter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Decision: Vote on HR Phase III Charter Darin Cramer moved to pass Hard Rock Phase III Charter The motion passed	Seconded: Court Stanley Up: Jim Peters, Court Stanley, Steve Barnowe-Meyer, Rachel Baker, Thomas O'Brien, Brandon Austin Sideways: Ray Entz Absent: Marc Engel (DNR)

Action Items	
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Extensive Monitoring	Brandon Austin Decision on policy request to CMER on extensive monitoring
MPS review (decision May)	Send budget workgroup recommendations and MPS to Policy in April for 30 day review
SAO Audit Recommendation (Net Gains)	Bring forward to Policy in April 2022 so there is the 30 days for May 2022 due date.
Update on budget requests	Send out PowerPoint presented by Saboor Jawad to the Policy mailing. Send out the newest MPS with the budget committee.

NOTES

Updates:

Staffing updates:

Saboor Jawad thanked Patti Shramek for all of her help while the Senior Secretary position was vacant and introduced Natalie Church as the Senior Secretary.

Jenelle Black introduced CMER Wetland Scientist, Tanner Williamson.

Hard Rock Phase III Project Charter

Lori Clark, Project Manager (PM), introduced the Hard Rock Phase III Project Charter. Project Charters are developed by the PM and Project Team and meant to be brief and serve as a living document that is updated, as needed, as the project moves through phases. Hard Rock Phase 3 III Charter was approved by CMER in October.

The Charter came to Policy in November but was not approved. Dispute Resolution was invoked at that time. Meghan reported that Policy caucus participants successfully worked through the issues and concerns that were raised through the informal stage of the DR process and the dispute was resolved in Phase I. Dispute resolution is recorded in today's meeting.

Darin Cramer asked about if/when the charter would come back to Policy for review/approval. He noted that the approval dates are missing in the Hard Rock Phase III Project Charter. Lori Clark explained that the Charter is a living document that changes as the project evolves. Minor changes such as dates and project team members do not go back for CMER and Policy approval. Major change such as the timeline or budget would require another CMER and Policy review and approval. Ash Roorbach added, in the chat, that it is the discretion of the AMPA to determine if/when changes to a Charter require approval by CMER and Policy.

MPS and Associate Budget:

Saboor Jawad explained that this presentation is an overview and not a request to approve the MPS and associated budget. The data in this presentation was received recently so Saboor was unable to send out the presentation slides before the TFW Policy meeting. It was requested to have the documents sent out before the meetings no matter how close it is to the meeting. Saboor presented the MPS expenditure for the first six months of Fiscal Year 2022. Results indicate variances across the MPS. It is very likely that the MPS will have a positive balance at the end of the biennium. The overall objective is to effectively use state resources and Saboor will work the budget workgroup to add "shovel-ready" projects for Policy consideration.

Variances are also apparent in the program's participation grants same as other expenditures. These variances not being called a surplus yet because invoices are received on quarterly basis and often late. The Policy Budget Workgroup are meeting to continue to work on budget priorities and MPS adjustments. A balanced MPS for the current biennium will be ready to share at the April Policy Meeting.

Policy to review and recommend to Board to adjust MPS at Policy's May meeting.

Break

Saboor Jawad reviewed the most current MPS. Ray Entz suggested to have the discussion at the Policy Budget Workgroup and then having it brought back to Policy next month, multiple others agreed. More detailed conversation on surplus/variance to be done with the Policy Budget Workgroup.

SAO Recommendation #05: Net gains Draft and SAO Recommendation #06: Decision Making Criteria:

Performance Audit of Forest Practices Adaptive Management Program (AMP) (Completed in January 2021)

The State Auditor Office (SAO) provided 13 recommendations; 11 recommendations were referred the FP Board. The AMP staff prepared the SAO Performance Audit Work Plan and it was accepted by the Board in May 2021. The Work Plan groups recommendations by priority and assigns development and responsibilities to AMP staff and AMP committees.

Recommendation #5: Net gains model for project planning

Accomplish with existing resources recommendation to Board by May 2022. Use a net gains approach to each project proposal, and decision that benefits more than one caucus by considering packages of projects instead of individual projects.

The draft net gains options will need to be brought forward to Policy in April 2022 so there is enough time for the 30-day review before for the May 2022 due date to the Board. Current net gains options in the draft document include:

1. Adopt multi criteria decision making
2. Clarify process for outside science
3. Set clear AMP priorities
4. Lengthen dispute resolution timelines
5. Revise CMER Membership
6. Develop guidance or manual for TFW Policy

Recommendation #6: Decision Making Criteria

Adopt decision criteria for determining actions. Accomplish with existing resources. Options paper is due to the Board by November 2022. Adopt decision criteria for determining actions that will occur depending on project results before those results have been found. AMPA to work with TFW Policy and CMER committee co-chairs and members to develop recommendations for the Board. Saboor will start the discussion on this recommendation with Policy's SAO workgroup this month.

Extensive Monitoring:

Brandon Austin reviewed the document that was sent out in the Policy meeting mailing for Policy's request to CMER about Extensive Monitoring. It is still being discussed if the Extensive Monitoring workgroup will continue after the proposal is completed. It was noted that it could be beneficial to reconvene after getting a response back from CMER. Saboor Jawad suggested sending the Extensive Monitoring document for Policy review and a decision in April and then, if approved, to send to CMER for review. Darin Cramer stated that any substantive decision would need to come to Policy. It was discussed that possible a comment/statement to be entered in the preamble giving a history. This could be the solution to the suggestion to the inclusion of a problem statement.

Hard Rock Phase II Addendum and Soft Rock Addendum:

Lori Clark, Project Manager, introduced the Hard Rock and Soft Rock Addenda. The Final Reports and Findings Package were approved by Policy at February 2022 meeting. Bill Ehinger (Ecology), the Principle Investigator, explained the reasoning for an addendum for both Hard Rock and Soft Rock. Included is the data of 2017 to the end of the project. CMER decided that Extended Monitoring Data would be included with the reports as an addendum.

CMER SAG Updates:

Chris Mendoza gave a brief update for each project listed on the CMER SAG Updates document that was sent with the mailing for the meeting.

Conservation Caucus

Rachel Baker stated that the Conservation Caucus invokes Phase II of the HR Timeline Dispute Resolution. Rachel met with the Policy co-chairs last Tuesday to let them know that this was coming.

Today, March 3, 2022, is the start of Phase II of this dispute. The AMPA has 30 days before the next regular Policy meeting to bring in a mediator. The three-month timeline to mediate the dispute will start at the next regularly scheduled Policy meeting (April 2022).

Policy members decided to continue with the HR Phase I meeting following the Policy meeting, as planned, and then at the end of the meeting.

Attendees by Caucus

*Caucus representative

Conservation Caucus

Chris Mendoza (CMER co-chair)

Rachel Baker (WEC)

County Caucus

*Court Stanley

Kendra Smith (Skagit)

Large Industrial Landowner Caucus

*Darin Cramer (WFPA)
Meghan Tuttle (Weyerhaeuser/ co-chair)
Joe Murray (WFPA)
Doug Hooks (WFPA)

Small Forest Landowner

*Steve Barnowe-Meyer (WFFA)
*Ken Miller (WFFA)
Jenny Knoth (WFFA/CMER co-chair)
Harry Bell (WFFA)

State Caucus

*Brandon Austin (ECY)
*Tom O'Brien (WDFW)
Darric Lowery (WDFW)
Tracey Hawkins (DNR)

Westside Tribal Caucus

*Jim Peters (NWIFC)
Ash Roorbach (NWIFC)

Eastside Tribal Caucus

*Ray Entz (Kalispel)
Cody Thomas (UCUT)

Adaptive Management Program/CMER Staff

Saboor Jawad (AMPA)
Lori Clark (DNR)
Anna Toledo (DNR)
Alexander Prescott (DNR)
Jenny Schofield (DNR)
Natalie Church (DNR)
Tanner Williamson (CMER Science Staff)
Jenelle Black (CMER Science Staff)

DNR Staff:

Lila Westreich (DNR)
Tracey Hawkins (DNR)

*Voting member

DFW was not in attendance from 9:30AM - 10:30AM and Brandon Austin was designated
Not in attendance: Marc Engel (DNR/co-chair) was also not in attendance.