

Timber, Fish and Wildlife Policy Committee

Thursday, November 3, 2022 // 9:00AM – 3:45PM

Hybrid Meeting

| Motions | |
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| Motion | Move/Second (Vote) |
| <p>October 2022 Meeting Notes</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ken Miller moved to approve the October 2022 meeting notes.</p> <p>The motion passed.</p> | <p>Seconded: Cody Thomas</p> <p>Up: Kendra Smith (Proxy for Court Stanley), Ken Miller, Brandon Austin, Marc Engel, Cody Thomas, Alec Brown, Tom O’Brien, and Jim Peters.</p> <p>Sideways: Darin Cramer</p> |
| <p>Special October 2022 Meeting Notes</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> **** moved to approve the Special October 2022 meeting notes.</p> <p>The motion passed.</p> <p>Moved to next month</p> | <p>Seconded:</p> <p>Up:</p> <p>Sideways:</p> |
| <p>Riparian Function Literature Synthesis</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Cody Thomas moved to approve the Riparian Function Literature Synthesis document that was received in September.</p> <p>The motion passed</p> | <p>Seconded: Darric Lowery (Proxy for Tom O’Brien)</p> <p>Up: Darric Lowery (Proxy for Tom O’Brien), Marc Engel, Cody Thomas, Alec Brown, and Jim Peters.</p> <p>Down:</p> <p>Sideways: Kendra Smith (Proxy for Court Stanley), Ken Miller</p> <p>Abstain: Darin Cramer</p> |

| Action Items | |
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| Action Items | Responsibility |
| Send out PowerPoint from RCS Field Trial presentation. | Natalie Church |

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| Move October Special Meeting notes to next month | December Agenda |
| Legislative contact information and then be sent out by Natalie | |
| DNR Legislative Package Summary | Marc Engel |
| Interest-based negotiation follow up (3-4 hours) | December agenda |
| Workgroup third Wednesday of every month 8:00AM-12:00PM | |
| Decide on which workgroups are meeting each month. | Monthly agenda |
| Wetlands and WMZ Charter insert comments for being address in the scoping document and send it out to TFW Policy members. | Darin Cramer |
| Written response about Extensive Monitoring for December TFW Policy Meeting | Brandon Austin, Cody Thomas, and Darin Cramer |

NOTES

Co-chair updates:

- Court Stanley will not be in attendance

Caucus updates:

- Ken Miller mentioned that he would appreciate people meeting in-person at the TFW Policy monthly meetings. He reviewed how to navigate the WFFA website and review the letters sent to the caucus. He feels that SFL doesn't have much power but have power of persuasion.

Staff updates:

- Saboor Jawad will be working as DM starting December 1st, Lori will be the interim AMPA. They are working on finding a new AMPA.
- Individual SharePoint training will be starting this month.

CMER Updates:

Jenny Knoth CMER co-chair reviewed the CMER SAG Updates document and what was discussed at last month's CMER meeting.

Public Comments:

No Comments

Legislative updates:

Each caucus Legislative Representatives reviewed their updates that they will be presenting. Contact information for each Legislative Representative will be sent to Natalie Church and she will share the contact information once received. The caucus' will send Legislative Decision Package Summary if it is available for their caucus.

Budget Update:

Saboor Jawad gave an overview of the last Budget Workgroup meeting. OFM expect the general funds state requests and how program prioritizes the MPS and how TFW Policy adds projects to the MPS. He highlighted that it is only 10% more than last year. The goal is to get decision packet sent to Governor. Contingency plan and the information on the FY is coming along will be discussed at the next budget meeting on November 16th.

Forest Practices Board Agenda for the November Regular Meeting:

Marc Engel reviewed the agenda for the November two day meeting. He explained that action will be taken on which Type N alternative they want to proceed with. On the first day they will discuss: SAO Recommendation #5 Net Gains, and action on TFW Policy's request on taking oversight on Water Typing Studies. On the second day the Board will discuss majority/minority reports, recommendation from TFW Policy on the Low Impact Results, and address water system rule. Alec Brown expressed his concern with the Forest Practices Board members preparing for the meeting and asked about the decision on the Water Typing Rule. Marc responded that the decision since the August Forest Practices Board Meeting and open to the caucus' for interpretation on the Water Typing Rule.

Interest Based Negotiations Training:

Saboor Jawad gave a recap of the interest-based negotiation training done in October. Brandon asked how it can be implemented in short term. Each caucus gave brief comments on what they thought of the training. Saboor explained that the AMPA is there to help facilitate throughout the dispute process and he could possibly print out a cheat sheet and facilitate. It was discussed to have the co-chairs model the behavior, but it is up to each person individually to implement the training received. There was discussion on adding this onto the agenda a few months a year to help with professional development. It was decided that there would be a follow up meeting with the trainers to have the questions that have come up answered. AMPA will work with them to schedule a time at the December TFW Policy meeting.

Riparian Literature Synthesis:

Darin Cramer explained that he felt the questions in the document are too broad and focus in on what we need to do next. He reviewed his memo that was sent out and discussed his two options. He explained that he took what we already had and worked them out. Cody explained that he still has belief that keeping it broader will be better because then we can take the next step to realize what we need to focus on. Darric Lowery explained that there is value in the original questions and the additional questions, but he likes the broader questions and then look at what questions need to be asked in the future. There was a discussion on the reasoning for a Literature Synthesis. Darin explained that the questions he sent out are instead of the questions already listed. Darin explained that he thinks that they need to be on Type F streams and not Type N streams. Cody explained that he feels it doesn't matter which type of stream it is just about the riparian function. There was a vote to approve the Riparian Function Literature Synthesis document from CMER and it was approved.

RCS Field Trial:

Rachel Rubin gave a presentation on the current status of the RCS study field trial. Cody Thomas asked about the budget and Saboor explained that there will be more information in January since we are still waiting on a few different things. Cody then asked about when site selection will happen. Rachel explained that they are going to be looking at the Westside first and Cody stated that he would like to have it on the Eastside as well. Ken stated that SFL are interested in helping with the study.

AMP studies scope of inference, performance targets and decision thresholds/criteria:

Brandon Austin introduced the topic by discussing what people thought about a workgroup being formed and past, future, and present studies could benefit from creating a workgroup. There was discussion on combining the workgroup on this topic with the SAO Recommendation #6 workgroup.

Wetland Rules and WMZ Charter:

Brandon explained that this is a follow up from the TFW Policy Special Meeting and that it is about the interpretation of the Charter. Darin explained that his concern is the “no net loss of functions of wetlands by half of a timber rotation cycle” Tom explained that he can see it as a “distinction without a difference”. TFW Policy agrees on intent could be helpful for CMER to work through the different study designs. Alec explained that his interpretation is that it is through the entire length of the harvest and adding the “although” can say that it could or couldn’t. Jim Peters explained that the harvest rotation was a lot longer in the past and the half rotation could be that there is less function now. Debbie explained that when this rule was created the functions were not understood and they are still not up to times, but it is complicated because timber cycles are restricted. Ken mentioned that explaining to CMER to only use the language from the WAC and if it cannot be done then we need to re-interpret. Jim explained that if definition has changed it is because the rotation has changed. He doesn’t feel like it needs to be re-interpreted, but it is different and has become more complicated. Brandon discussed that timber rotation has not been a fixed time and the issue could be that it was given in a determinant time has been used. Can CMER respond to what is the timber cycle is and give a definition? Saboor suggested to have a presentation on this topic be given to TFW Policy and possibly have the study design explained and then TFW Policy can take it from there. It was decided that Darin Cramer will insert comments to be addressed in the scoping document for the Wetlands and WMZ Charter and then he will send it out to TFW Policy members.

Extensive Monitoring:

Alexander Prescott reviewed what was discussed at the workgroup meeting. Saboor explained that CMER has stopped work because they are waiting for TFW Policy’s response and asked if TFW Policy would like to meet with CMER again. Alexander said that what the next step was going to be at the last CMER/Policy workshop was that Policy may prepare a written response. Saboor suggested to have a couple people draft a written response. Brandon said that he could get the response started and then work with Darin Cramer and Cody Thomas to complete the documented response.

Attendees by Caucus

Adaptive Management Program

Saboor Jawad (DNR/AMPA)
Lori Clark (DNR/Supervisory Project Manager)
Natalie Church (DNR/Administrative Assistant)
Jenny Schofield (DNR/Project Manager)
Anna Toledo (DNR/Project Manager)
Alexander Prescott (DNR/Project Manager)
Rachel Rubin (DNR/Scientist)

CMER:

Jenny Knoth (WFFA/CMER Co-chair)
A.J. Kroll (Weyerhaeuser/CMER Co-chair)
John Heimburg (CMER/Habitat Program)
Chris Mendoza (CMER/Conservation)
Aimee McIntyre (CMER)

Conservation Caucus

*Alec Brown (WEC)

Darcy Nonemacher (WEC)

County Caucus

*Court Stanley

Kendra Smith (Skagit)

DNR Staff:

*Marc Engel (DNR/Co-chair)

Tim Gates (DNR/Legislative Manager)

Olgy Diaz (DNR)

Tracy Hawkins (DNR)

Eastside Tribal Caucus

*Cody Thomas (UCUT)

FPB:

Patricia Anderson

Large Industrial Landowner Caucus

*Darin Cramer (WFPA)

Doug Hooks (WFPA)

Tom Davis (WFPA)

Small Forest Landowner

*Ken Miller (WFFA)

Nora Burnes (WFFA)

State Caucus

*Brandon Austin (ECY)

Darric Lowery (WDFW)

*Tom O'Brien (WDFW)

Westside Tribal Caucus

*Jim Peters (NWIFC)

Ash Roorbach (NWIFC)