

1 **FOREST PRACTICES BOARD**

2 **Special Board Meeting (Field Tour) – November 7, 2017**

3 Camas Center for Community Wellness, 1821 North LeClerc Road, Cusick, WA

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5 **Members Present**

6 Stephen Bernath, Chair, Department of Natural Resources

7 Bob Guenther, General Public Member/Small Forest Landowner

8 Brent Davies, General Public Member

9 Dave Herrera, General Public Member

10 Heather Ballash, Designee for Director, Department of Commerce

11 Lisa Janicki, Elected County Official

12 Patrick Capper, Designee for Director, Department of Agriculture

13 Paula Swedeen, General Public Member

14 Tom Laurie, Designee for Director, Department of Ecology

15 Tom Nelson, General Public Member

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17 **Members Absent**

18 Carmen Smith, General Public Member/Independent Logging Contractor

19 Joe Stohr, Designee for Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife

20 Noel Willet, Timber Products Union Representative

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22 **Staff**

23 Joe Shramek, Forest Practices Division Manager

24 Marc Engel, Forest Practices Assistant Division Manager

25 Patricia Anderson, Rules Coordinator

26 Phil Ferester, Senior Counsel

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28 The Forest Practices Board received a welcome from Curt Holmes, Kalispel Tribal Council
29 Member at the Camas Center for Community Wellness. The Board then traveled to various land
30 parcels owned by either Kalispel Tribe or Hancock Forest Management. The field tour included
31 presentations on tribal cultural resources, concepts of water typing, herbicide use in forest
32 management, forest health in eastern Washington, and small forest landowner issues.

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34 Field tour ended at 4:30 p.m.

1 **FOREST PRACTICES BOARD**
2 **Regular Board Meeting – November 8, 2017**

3 Northern Quest Resort & Casino, 100 North Hayford Road, Airway Heights, Spokane, WA
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28 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

29 Stephen Bernath called the Forest Practices Board (Board) meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
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31 **PUBLIC COMMENT ON FIELD TOUR**

32 Ken Miller, Washington Farm Forestry Association (WFFA), thanked the Board for the tour. He
33 shared his takeaways which included eastern Washington riparian forest fire resiliency needs to
34 become one of the key riparian functions, and that eastern Washington economics and riparian
35 stand complexity for small forest landowners requires less prescriptive rules and more
36 professional judgement by experts in the field.

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38 Dr. Elaine Oneil, WFFA, provided an overview how the intent of the eastern Washington riparian
39 rules were to incorporate forest disturbance into management of riparian areas while
40 simultaneously protecting fish and water quality. She said she cannot ignore the fact that even
41 with additional accommodation for small forest landowners, using an alternate plan template
42 approach is unlikely to attain adequate objectives to improve riparian forest health, fire resilience,
43 riparian function for fish, and water quality needed in eastern Washington. For those reasons, she
44 believes an eastside riparian rule change is needed to meet these multiple objectives across the
45 entire landscape of eastern Washington and to be consistent with the goals outlined in the new
46 DNR 20-year Forest Health Plan.

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2 Ray Entz, Kalispel Tribe, said eastern Washington has a lot of complicated issues and there is no
3 quick fix solution. He said a balance between with rules and science is needed to ensure eastside
4 fire regime forests thrive.

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6 Mark Doumit, Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA), thanked the Board for the tour
7 and appreciated the statements made by Patty Playfair about protecting the small forest landowner
8 community. He believes everyone is trying to find common goals and is working together to solve
9 the forest health, fire and economic problems in the forested landscapes of eastern Washington.

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11 Karen Terwilleger, WFPA, expressed her appreciation for seeing the eastern Washington issues
12 involving tribal cultural resources, water typing, forest chemicals and forest health on the ground.
13 She believes communication in the field is key in meeting resource objectives as well as cultural,
14 social, and economic objectives. She specifically appreciated seeing and hearing about the specific
15 water typing concerns on the eastside and was encouraged by the discussions around the fish
16 habitat assessment methodology.

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18 Mary Scurlock, Conservation Caucus, thanked the Kalispel Tribe. She expressed her caucuses'
19 concerns on the importance of stream typing for resource protection and believes the use of the
20 board accepted fish habitat assessment method for inclusion in the permanent water typing rule
21 will provide a more accurate stream typing system. She also said she would welcome a
22 conversation on managing for fire resiliency in riparian areas, but does not want to see fire
23 resiliency become more important than established riparian functions.

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25 Jaime Glasgow, Conservation Caucus, provided his observation on the importance of getting the
26 correct water typing call using an example of a stream visited during the tour. He explained how
27 the stream observed during the tour stop was downgraded from a Type F to a Type N even though
28 it met the rule-defined default physical criteria for fish habitat. He believes the new fish habitat
29 assessment methodology will be able to more accurately identify Type F/N breaks and treat waters
30 connected to known fish waters as Type F waters if access by fish is a primary component used as
31 PHB criteria.

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33 Vic Musselman, WFFA, thanked the Board for the tour. He read written testimony from Phil Hess.
34 The testimony stressed the need for a more holistic eastern Washington riparian forest approach to
35 include management for fire resiliency within riparian areas. In addition, he stated that the current
36 eastern Washington riparian rules are not consistent with the best available science, and asked the
37 Board to consider an emergency rule to address eastern Washington riparian forests before the
38 next fire season.

39 40 **RECAP OF FIELD TOUR**

41 Chairman Bernath said he appreciated the welcome and sharing by Curt Holmes, Kalispel Tribal
42 Council Member. He also thanked the presenters on the tour--Kevin Lyons, Joe Maroney, Ray
43 Entz, Kalispel Tribe; JD Marshall, Hancock Forest Management; Patty Playfair, Steve Barnowe-
44 Meyer, small forest landowners; Kelly McLain, Department of Agriculture; and Steve Harris,
45 DNR Northeast Region.

1 All Board Members echoed their appreciation to those that helped with and presented at the tour.
2 The following comments were shared:

- 3 • Appreciation for how small forest landowners and tribes have been working together
- 4 • The tour was valuable for learning about eastern Washington issues
- 5 • Appreciation for how the tour helped foster communication for resolving these issues and
6 building relationships
- 7 • The tour was valuable for learning more about fire regimes on the eastside and small
8 landowner perspectives regarding riparian health
- 9 • Impressive to learn about Kalispel's resourcefulness and resiliency to improve tribal life
- 10 • Appreciated hearing landowner's concerns and willingness to work together
- 11 • Acknowledgment that fire resiliency might need to be looked at as an ecosystem function, not
12 necessarily a riparian function.

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14 Paula Swedeen suggested requesting Dr. Paul Hessberg from the USDA Forest Service Pacific
15 Northwest Research Station provide a presentation to the Board on forest health.

16 17 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

18 Bernath noted on page 9, line 23 and 24, that the votes of Swedeen and Carmen Smith were
19 recorded incorrectly. The action on Dave Herrera's amendment at the August meeting should
20 reflect that Swedeen was in support of the motion and Smith was opposed. The outcome remains
21 the same, and the correction will be reflected in amendment.

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23 **MOTION:** Tom Laurie moved the Forest Practices Board approve the August 9 meeting
24 minutes as amended.

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26 **SECONDED:** Brent Davies

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28 **ACTION:** Motion passed. 8 support / 1 abstention (Janicki)

29 30 **REPORT FROM CHAIR**

31 Stephen Bernath reported on the following:

- 32 • The Forest Practices Small Forest Landowner Office is having to suspend outreach and work
33 in the Forestry Riparian Easement and Rivers and Habitat Open Space programs since a capital
34 budget has not been passed by the legislature.
- 35 • Suggested a two day meeting in February – the first day would be a work session emphasizing
36 the expert panel's work in developing recommendations for Potential Habitat Breaks and the
37 second day would be the regular Board meeting.
- 38 • The tribal cultural resources facilitated process has not had much movement. DNR is trying to
39 coordinate scheduling of a meeting between state, landowner and tribal leadership.
- 40 • DNR Commissioner Franz is leading an update of a DNR Strategic Plan based on the DNR's
41 priorities. This will be shared with the Board at a future meeting.
- 42 • Terry Jackson, long time Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) contributor
43 in the Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Committee (CMER) and TFW
44 Policy, retired at the end of October.
- 45 • Executive Session will focus on the Sumas Case

- 1 • The financial and performance audit of the Adaptive Management Program is underway and
2 has three components: contracts around participation grants with tribes; pass-through monies
3 provided to non-government organizations; and financial elements of CMER contracts. A
4 report will be presented to the Board when completed.
- 5 • There was a recent change within DNR affecting Pacific Cascade Region leadership within the
6 forest practices program: Bob Johnson will transition into Wildfire and Forest Practices
7 Assistant Region Manager, replacing Chuck Turley (who will become Wildfire Division
8 Manager).
- 9 • The updated Forest Practices Illustrated is available on-line. Board members will be receiving
10 a copy and the Forest Practices Program. Updates to the Forest Practices Illustrated will be
11 made as needed to the on-line version.

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13 **PUBLIC COMMENT (AM)**

14 Ken Miller, WFFA, invited the Board to attend the annual WFFA meeting to be held in Winthrop
15 on May 20, 2018. He further asked the Board to include on their 2018 work plan a field tour to his
16 property to better understand the small landowner's request for a western Washington low-impact
17 alternative plan template.

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19 Dr. Elaine Oneil, WFFA, echoed Ken's invitation to the WFFA annual meeting. She said Dr. Paul
20 Hessberg is on the agenda to provide a presentation on mega fires.

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22 **NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP**

23 Marc Engel, DNR, stated the northern spotted owl conservation advisory group is identified in
24 rule and, when a protocol survey shows the absence of spotted owls within a site circle, how the
25 group is convened to evaluate the need to maintain existing spotted owl habitat to enhance
26 connectivity with adjacent spotted owl habitat. Although the group has never been called to
27 evaluate the results of a protocol survey, he recommended the Board maintain this group in event
28 a review is necessary.

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30 Paula Swedeen said the rule was developed because at one time it was a practice for WDFW to
31 decertify spotted owl site circles. She said since the rule was adopted, it seems the process for
32 WDFW to accept spotted owl surveys and to decertify spotted owl site circles is not as common as
33 it once was.

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35 **PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP**

36 None.

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38 **NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP**

39 **MOTION:** Brent Davies moved the Forest Practices Board maintain the Northern Spotted Owl
40 Conservation Advisory Group.

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42 **SECONDED:** Lisa Janicki

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44 **ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously.

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46 **PUBLIC RECORDS FEE SCHEDULE RULE MAKING**

1 Marc Ratcliff, DNR, requested the Board’s approval to file a CR-102 for the public records fee
2 schedule rule making. He reminded the Board that the CR-101 was filed in August and the
3 purpose for the CR-102 is to allow the public to review the draft rule language and provide an
4 opportunity for the public to provide comments.

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6 Staff reported that the Board receives very few substantial public records requests. Ratcliff said
7 the Board does not have an accurate accounting related to specific costs to process public record
8 requests, nor the resources to conduct a study. For those reasons, staff recommended using the
9 public disclosure fee rates established in statute. The new fee schedule reflects an expansion to
10 cover all record formats, from paper to electronic files.

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12 Ratcliff concluded that upon the Board’s approval, staff would file the CR-102 in December 2017,
13 conduct a public hearing in January, and prepare for the Board’s adoption in February 2018.

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15 **PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC RECORDS FEE SCHEDULE RULE MAKING**

16 None.

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18 **PUBLIC RECORDS FEE SCHEDULE RULE MAKING**

19 **MOTION:** Tom Nelson moved the Forest Practices Board approve the draft public records fee
20 rule language and direct staff to initiate rulemaking by filing a CR-102 with the
21 Office of the Code Reviser.

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23 **SECONDED:** Lisa Janicki

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25 **ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously.

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27 **CLARIFICATION ON EARLIER DISCUSSIONS**

28 In response to an invitation from WFFA made earlier in the meeting, Bernath reminded Board
29 members to let Patricia Anderson know if they plan to attend WFFA’s annual meeting. If a
30 quorum or more (7) of board members attend, the WFFA conference would need to be advertised
31 as an open public meeting.

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33 He further clarified that DNR Northeast Region’s forest fuel reduction staff is funded by grants
34 (including state capital) used for fuels reduction projects. Forest practices technical assistance
35 consultations for small forest landowners is minor since the fuels reduction staff are not funded for
36 that purpose. Currently, the Small Forest Landowner Office has only two funded positions, and
37 both are located in western Washington.

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39 **PUBLIC COMMENT (PM)**

40 Kevin Godbout, Weyerhaeuser, briefed the Board on Weyerhaeuser’s water typing process. He
41 provided examples of how the stream physical attributes and habitat suitability are used in
42 combination for a complete water typing survey. He said the water typing assessment process is
43 more complex than simply evaluating if fish habitat is accessible. Under the current water typing
44 process, and in the last four years, Weyerhaeuser has upgraded an additional 34 miles of fish
45 streams from what the water typing model had predicted.

1 Steve Barnowe-Meyer, WFFA, said the Clean Water Act report shows the small landowner road
2 improvement milestone is off-track, and that Department of Ecology's (Ecology) assessment of
3 satisfying this milestone seems no longer feasible. He offered WFFA's commitment to work with
4 DNR and Ecology for identifying and implementing alternatives to meet this milestone.

5 Mary Scurlock, Conservation Caucus, urged DNR to increase their rigor for reviewing water type
6 modification forms (WTMF) in the 2018 water typing survey field season. Their suggestions
7 include the need for a new WTM form, increased effort to implement current direction in rule, and
8 requiring affirmative concurrence from at least one other TFW reviewer. She also urged the Board
9 to not delay in beginning Board Manual development until after the February meeting.

10 Ray Entz, Kalispell Tribe and Upper Columbia United Tribes, said because of accountability
11 issues, they will no longer be participating formally within the TFW Policy Committee (Policy).
12 He believes their concerns were not taken seriously by Policy and they will now take their
13 concerns directly to the Board.

14 Karen Terwilliger, WFFA, said they are pleased the adaptive management process is being used to
15 arrive at potential habitat barrier criteria and permanent rule adoption. She suggested the fish
16 habitat assessment methodology is a clarification of the current field method, not a renegotiation
17 of how fish habitat standards will be met. She reminded the Board that language in the Forest
18 Practices Habitat Conservation Plan and Forests and Fish Report define habitat as 'habitat that is
19 likely to be used by fish'. She acknowledged the importance a validation study will be for a
20 successful rule. She said her written comments (Comments on Potential Habitat Break Progress and
21 Next Steps for Water Typing) include information regarding the landowner data set and analysis
22 that was developed for the August discussion, and said it is basically the same testimony given in
23 August.

24 Jamie Glasgow, Conservation Caucus, asked the Board to encourage the Adaptive Management
25 Program Administrator to use the WTMF data being collected with caution and not used simply to
26 establish the criteria, but to inform the data along with other best available science. They support a
27 report from the science panel to the Board which provides several alternates and for each
28 alternative the report should provide appropriate risks associated with each.

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30 **POTENTIAL HABITAT BREAK UPDATE**

31 Hans Berge, Adaptive Management Program Administrator and Joe Maroney, Kalispel Tribe,
32 provided an update on the work being conducted by the board convened science panel to gather
33 additional data to arrive at potential habitat break (PHB) criteria. Berge began by providing a short
34 recap of the science panel's process leading to the report presented to the Board in August and the
35 Board's direction to the science panel since August. He said the science panel is maintaining focus
36 on Board directed parameters (barriers, stream size and changes in gradient) and has attempted to
37 stratify by Level IV Ecoregions. This has proven challenging given the disparate data contained
38 within the WTMFs.

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40 Berge briefly outlined the statistical method used by the science panel to capture the appropriate
41 amount of WTMFs needed to inform the criteria. The panel randomly selected Type F/N points
42 across each ecoregion to gather a representative sample. The target was to capture between 60 to

1 100 points with data for each ecoregion. There was not enough useable WTMF points in all
2 ecoregions to differentiate between ecoregions and the datasets will need to be aggregated,
3 particularly in eastern Washington. For example, of the 1,268 data points completed to date in
4 eastern Washington across three ecoregions, only 230 data points contained useable information
5 (i.e., barriers, stream size or gradient). Of the completed 228 data points in western Washington to
6 date, 63 are useable. He said this result does not suggest the data points are incorrect, rather they
7 are not suited for the purpose at hand.

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9 He said in order for the validation study design to meet objectives in the adaptive management
10 process, the study design should be peer reviewed. The recommendation to have a blind peer
11 review requires more time and as a result, the study design will not be brought to the Board until
12 your May 2018 meeting. The three components to the study design will be to: quantify the PHB
13 criteria; ensure repeatability for conducting surveys; and revisiting past documented and concurred
14 last fish points in the field. The study will include an evaluation of seasonality and interannual
15 variability.

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17 Berge reiterated that the process for reviewing and analyzing WTMF data is on schedule to meet
18 the Board's direction for presenting new PHB criteria to the Board in February 2018. He said a
19 revised PHB report would be provided to the Board mid-January and will include details about
20 how the data were sampled, analyzed, and will include recommendations. Efforts will be made to
21 improve how alternatives are explained more clearly than in the report to the Board in August.

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23 Berge discussed how the QA/QC of data is a continual process and presents multiple challenges.
24 The data is tracked and the unacceptable points are further evaluated to ensure a correct
25 representation from the information contained in the forms. The final data set used for analysis
26 will be made available sometime after the November 29th science panel meeting – how that is
27 provided will be determined later, but likely posted on a website.

28 29 **BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE ON EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS** 30 **IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

31 Hans Berge, Adaptive Management Program Administrator, provided an update of the Adaptive
32 Management Program subcommittee's work. He said the request for proposal for selecting a
33 facilitator closed in October. The interview team includes Berge, a member from WDFW, a DNR
34 contracting specialist, Paula Swedeen and Lisa Janicki. This group will evaluate the proposals,
35 rank the applicants and make a recommendation to the subcommittee.

36 Lisa Janicki said she is pleased with the level of expertise she has seen thus far in the facilitation
37 applications. She said the next meeting is mid-November, and a decision should occur mid-
38 December.

39 Bernath said the contract is scoped-out and will extend through the end of the biennium. Three
40 meetings are planned thus far. He said the consultant will perform a lot of background work and
41 conduct interviews of various caucuses' members. As a result, the number of meetings between
42 the facilitator and Policy principals may be adjusted as this progresses. It is uncertain how long the
43 subcommittee will function. It was acknowledged that the subcommittee would have oversight
44 responsibility over the facilitator.

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2 **CLEAN WATER ACT ASSURANCES ANNUAL REPORT**

3 Marc Hicks, Department of Ecology, provided a brief historical account of how the Clean Water
4 Act assurances were established. The assurances acknowledged that the forest practices rules
5 would be updated through a formal Adaptive Management Program to ensure forested waters
6 comply with water quality standards. The original agreement established an evaluation to be
7 conducted after ten years. In 2009, Ecology conditionally extended the assurances and established
8 date-certain milestones for meeting expectations. Hicks walked the Board through some of the
9 milestone accomplishments since his last update in 2016:

- 10 • Policy has restarted work on the development of guidance for locating the upper most point of
11 perennial flow
12 • DNR has arranged for independent fiscal and performance audits within the Adaptive
13 Management Program
14 • CMER has begun to scope a landscape-scale mass wasting study and they have completed a
15 draft study design for evaluating the effectiveness of rule identified landforms
16 • The Type N Hard Rock Study has been approved by CMER – the companion study in soft
17 rock is on track for being completed in 2018

18 Hicks reminded the Board that the Eastside Type F Effectiveness Monitoring Study is way off
19 schedule. He also mentioned the future budget shortfall in the Adaptive Management Program. To
20 alleviate those shortfalls, he said Policy has created a project prioritization study subcommittee to
21 make recommendation for study prioritization and for keeping the budget in the black.

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23 Bernath acknowledged WFFA’s interest in solving the small landowner road compliance
24 milestone and encouraged DNR staff, WFFA and Ecology meet to discuss options for meeting this
25 milestone. Hicks said Ecology would welcome discussions to move this forward.

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27 In response to a question about resource implications for not meeting milestones, Hicks said that
28 he is unsure of specific resource implications since many of the studies are not complete. If
29 improvements are not made, he said Ecology would have to evaluate their response to further
30 delays or lack of funding in order to meet these milestones.

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32 **STAFF REPORTS**

33 Marc Engel, DNR, and Hans Berge, AMPA, provided an update on the Policy review of the small
34 forest landowner’s western Washington riparian zone template proposal initiation. Engel provided
35 a brief account of how WFFA submitted and the Board accepted the low-impact template proposal
36 initiation (PI) packet, the Boards remanding of the PI to Policy through the AMPA, and Policy’s
37 acceptance of the AMPA’s recommendations for a specific policy and science track review of the
38 low-impact template PI.

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40 Engel said the Policy subcommittee has: reviewed the proposed prescriptions to determine how
41 close they come to meeting the protections in the current rules; and is still in the process of
42 reviewing existing alternate plan prescriptions submitted with FPAs to see how close the proposed
43 template prescriptions come to the previously approved alternate plan prescriptions. When
44 complete the subcommittee will give recommendations to Policy regarding the whether the

1 proposed prescriptions meet the standard to be further developed into alternate plan prescriptions
2 for inclusion in a western Washington low-impact riparian zone template.

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4 Berge said the science track involved a literature review of the riparian functions based on the
5 cited science supporting the proposed low-impact template prescriptions. A contract was
6 implemented to complete this review and to answer several questions asked by the subcommittee.
7 The contractor is working on drafting the literature synthesis and answering the subcommittee's
8 questions. He said they hope to have something from the contractor in January, 2018. Involving an
9 independent science peer review required a contract extension through the end of 2018. It is
10 anticipated a full recommendation to Policy will occur in the summer of 2018.

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12 Scott Swanson and Ray Entz, Policy co-chairs, shared Policy's development of a Policy
13 Handbook. The handbook will serve as a living document for caucus policy representatives and
14 each Board member will also receive one. Scott said one goal of the December Policy meeting
15 will be to look at how to re-energize relationships within Policy and the principals.

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17 Entz mentioned the agreement within Policy for finalizing a path forward on guidance for locating
18 the upper most point of perennial flow. Entz acknowledged the collaboration between the large
19 landowners and the conservation caucus for getting this done.

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21 Doug Hooks and Todd Baldwin, CMER co-chairs, said chapter seven of the Protocol and
22 Standards Manual was approved by CMER and they are now working on writing Chapter 8, which
23 is a summary of processes such as the independent science peer review process.

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25 Stacey Polkowske, WDFW, said their agency is still utilizing the voluntary landowner plan
26 approach for lynx management. They are collaborating with landowners to update lynx
27 management plans on state and private lands. She said they are working with Canadian entities,
28 conservation organizations and tribes for recovery actions. Gary Bell is the lead on this effort.

29 **2018 WORK PLANNING AND 2017 WORK PLAN REVIEW**

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31 Marc Engel, DNR, provided a recap of the 2017 work plan and presented a draft 2018 Work Plan.
32 The Board updated the work plan by adjusting some completion dates and added some tasks.

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34 Stephen Bernath asked Steve Barnowe-Meyer to provide WFFA's perspective on adding an
35 element to the Boards work plan addressing alternatives in reaching conclusion regarding the
36 western Washington riparian zone low-impact template proposal initiation. Barnowe-Meyer
37 welcomed the idea of alternative options to move this along. Engel mentioned the subcommittee
38 had discussed revisiting previously created draft alternate plan templates. One of which addressed
39 conifer restoration prescriptions and one which utilized a combination of the western Washington
40 RMZ rule desired future condition options 1 and 2 into template prescriptions for small forest
41 landowners. Barnowe-Meyer welcomed the idea of considering alternative approaches, but stated
42 he believes these two templates do not address all the identified prescriptions in the western
43 Washington riparian zone low-impact template proposal initiation. He asked the Board to allow
44 the subcommittee the opportunity to work through the elements of the PI and report to the Board
45 in February 2018. The Board accepted this recommendation.

1 Significant changes to the work plan include the addition of a report by the Policy subgroup and
2 small forest landowners for additional template alternatives and methodologies, and revised
3 completion dates for Board Manual sections.

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5 The Board agreed to the 2018 meeting dates and decided to schedule a two-day meeting in
6 February and August. 2018 meeting dates are February 13 & 14, May 9, August 7 & 8 and
7 November 14.

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9 **PUBLIC COMMENT ON 2018 WORK PLAN**

10 Scott Swanson, Policy co-chair, said the Board's actions today to remove and add work for Policy
11 does not follow their normal procedures, as outlined in the recently created handbook for
12 assigning work for Policy.

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14 Mary Scurlock, Conservation Caucus, agreed that a conversation regarding forestry health issues
15 needs to occur, but echoed Scott's concern for how these priorities get integrated into Policy
16 existing workload.

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18 Marc Gauthier, Upper Columbia United Tribes, thanked the Board for coming over to the eastside
19 of the state and asked they consider another visit in the future.

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21 **MOTION:** Lisa Janicki moved the Forest Practices Board approve the 2018 Proposed Work
22 Plan as amended.

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24 **SECONDED:** Tom Nelson

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26 **ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously.

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28 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

29 Executive session occurred from 3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

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31 Meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.