




May 8, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Darin Cramer, Adaptive Management Program Administrator 

SUBJECT: Adaptive Management Program Staff Report

Adaptive Management Program Strategic Plan Implementation Status - As reported at previous Forest Practices Board meetings, Forests and Fish Policy (Policy) spent considerable time in 2008 developing a strategic plan (plan) for the Adaptive Management Program. Policy approved a final version of the plan (attached) at their October 2, 2008 meeting. The plan has four major goals, six objectives and 16 tasks. The goals address four main topic areas: 1) program efficiency/effectiveness; 2) caucus relationships; 3) program funding/communications; and 4) research capability/knowledge.

We are being challenged by the ambitious timelines, and a host of other factors; still, work is progressing on many fronts. From November thru April, Policy used half of each month's regular meeting, as well as one special meeting per month, to prepare for and accomplish plan tasks leading to a revised CMER work plan and budget for fiscal year 2010 (FY10). Although we are working hard to complete tasks as soon as possible, work quality cannot be sacrificed to do so. Many of the tasks require thoughtful deliberation and full participation to be successful. Therefore, we must be persistent yet flexible in order to ensure decisions made during the course of implementing the plan are meaningful and durable. Status updates will be reported at each regularly scheduled Forest Practices Board meeting during 2009. If you have questions about specific tasks in the plan I can be reached at (360) 902-1088.

Task Status:

Goal 1, Objective 1

- Task 1: Completed via flow charts showing research/monitoring programs and projects for each rule group; completion dates for active projects and projects next in the line have been estimated; completion dates for non-scoped projects are not yet known
- Task 2: Compliance monitoring steering committee has been established and is working to finalize a charter
- Task 3: Completed by independent contractor in April; Policy and CMER are actively discussing how best to respond to report recommendations
- Task 4: Discussions have begun and are ongoing; several Policy representatives believe completion of this task is dependent upon completion of Task 1 under Goal 2, Objective 1 (Principals meeting)

- Task 5: Not yet started; dependent upon acceptance of final compliance monitoring design by steering committee
- Task 6: The revised FY10 CMER work plan reflects work that has been accomplished on this task to date; further work is planned, is dependent upon work from other tasks and will be reflected in the FY11 work plan
- Task 7: The revised FY10 CMER work plan reflects work that has been accomplished on this task to date; more work is planned for the FY11 work plan
- Task 8: Not yet started, partially dependent upon outcomes of discussion regarding CMER synthesis recommendations

Goal 1, Objective 2

- Task 1: Not yet started

Goal 2, Objective 1

- Task 1: Policy is working on a draft agenda and has discussed the timing of a Principals meeting; setting a date and finalizing an agenda is pending
- Task 2: Dependent upon completion and outcome of Task 1
- Task 3: Work has begun and will be on the agenda of the next several Policy meetings

Goal 3, Objective 1

- Task 1: DNR's decision package was not successful
- Task 2: Policy has brainstormed a list of agenda topics for the budget committee and high level strategy discussions have begun; each caucus is aware of the need to resolve the funding problem in the next 12 months

Goal 3, Objective 2

- Task 1: Some work was done prior to adoption of the plan and work from other tasks under Goal 1, Objective 1 will be helpful to this task; however, there is currently no active work on this task

Goal 1, Objective 1

- Task 1: Some work has been done on this task; however there is currently no active work on this task

FOREST PRACTICES ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM STRATEGIC GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND TASKS

Forests & Fish Report Vision for Adaptive Management: "An Adaptive Management program is necessary to monitor and assess implementation of forest practices rules and achieve desired resource objectives. Adaptive Management is a formal process for evaluating the current resource status and, over time, for evaluating the effectiveness of rules and guidance in protection, maintenance, and enhancement of habitat necessary to meet resource goals and objectives, for making adjustments to forest practices on a regional or statewide basis, and for requiring mitigation, where necessary, to achieve resource objectives." (Forests & Fish Report, p. 70)

Goal 1: Assess and improve Adaptive Management Program efficiency and effectiveness

Objective 1: On an ongoing basis, assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the program in meeting the Program's mission and vision.

- **Task 1:** AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs - By December 2008, develop a timeline estimating when critical questions in the CMER work plan will be answered
- **Task 2:** Forest Practices Operations ADM/ CMP Manager - By December 2008, a steering committee or other collaborative process, shall be established to guide and make recommendations on compliance monitoring efforts. Such a steering committee will need to meet in a timely manner so delays don't occur in the training of survey crews and the collection of field data.
- **Task 3:** AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs - By February 2009, synthesize CMER work completed since 2000, summarize knowledge gained and assess progress towards answering FFR Adaptive Management key questions.
- **Task 4:** Policy Co-Chairs / AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs - By February 2009, clarify when and how research and monitoring results will be used to assess current rules and policies, i.e. should action be recommended in response to each project in a program, or should all projects in a program be completed before action is recommended, or something in between? Review and document decision with caucus principals as necessary.
- **Task 5:** AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs / CMP Manager - By March 2009, determine timing and coordination between compliance monitoring and effectiveness monitoring projects, and report results to Policy. (Note - Task 5 is dependent upon the timing of task 2. The intent is to complete task 5 within three months of the compliance monitoring steering committee's (or similar collaborative process) acceptance of the revised compliance monitoring design.)
- **Task 6:** Policy Co-Chairs / AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs - By March 2009, review the CMER Work Plan to ensure programs/projects are prioritized appropriately, tightly focused on FFR resource objectives/performance targets and key deadlines/time frames are identified.
- **Task 7:** CMER Co-Chairs - By April 2009, revise the CMER Work Plan to incorporate key components of CMER science synthesis, reflect Policy's recommended prioritization of projects and include project schedule estimates.
- **Task 8:** AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs - By December 2009, synthesize applicable non-CMER research for priority topic areas identified as a result of completing Tasks 1, 3 and 6.

Objective 2: Every ten years the structure, process and performance of the Adaptive Management Program will be independently reviewed.

FOREST PRACTICES ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM STRATEGIC GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND TASKS

- **Task 1:** Policy Co-Chairs / AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs - By January 2010, obtain independent review of the Adaptive Management Program. This review shall be done by representatives of independent, 3rd party research organizations and include:
 - An examination of the structure and function for technical performance, fiscal efficiency and overall accountability
 - An assessment of the performance and efficiency of the consensus-based decision processes
 - A review of the rigor of CMER science and the responsiveness of CMER work to body of PNW region science that is applicable to the L-1 Key Questions
 - An evaluation of the interactions of science and policy within the AMP

Goal 2: Reestablish and maintain productive, collaborative caucus relationships

Objective 1: In order to more productively resolve contentious forest practices issues, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will lead efforts to renew and maintain cooperation and collaboration among the six caucuses as an alternative to competitive lobbying and litigation.

- **Task 1:** Commissioner of Public Lands - By March 2009, convene a meeting of caucus principals to determine their commitment to the Timber, Fish & Wildlife (TFW)/Forests & Fish Report (FFR) vision and ground rules, review caucus relationships, reinforce responsibilities and recognize capacity challenges of caucus representatives, and review how economic viability intersects with the Adaptive Management Program.
- **Task 2:** Caucus Principals - By March 2009, write a joint letter summarizing outcomes of Task 1 and giving appropriate direction to caucus representatives.
- **Task 3:** Policy Co-Chairs / AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs - By May 2009, develop and implement a plan to improve understanding and conformance with WAC 222-12-045, the TFW / FFR ground rules and responsiveness to Board Manual Section 22 guidance.

Goal 3: Secure adequate program funding and enhance communications

Objective 1: To ensure funding is available for caucus participation in the AMP as well as priority research and monitoring projects, the Forest Practices Division Manager, in cooperation with caucus principal support, will lead efforts to obtain stable, adequate, long-term funding.

- **Task 1:** F&F Policy / Caucus leads - Support DNR's unstable slopes decision package, which includes a request to double the GF-S Adaptive Management fund from \$1.2M per biennium to \$2.4M.
- **Task 2:** Policy Budget Committee - By June 2009, develop a plan to obtain dependable, long-term funding adequate for participation, research and monitoring projects, and program management.

Objective 2: Raise the public profile of the AMP.

- **Task 1:** AMPA / Policy Co-Chairs / CMER Co-Chairs - By July 2009, develop and implement an AMP communication and outreach strategy.

Goal 5: Increase research capabilities and scientific knowledge

**FOREST PRACTICES ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
STRATEGIC GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND TASKS**

Objective 1: Strengthen and develop partnerships with other research organizations

- **Task 1:** AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs - On an ongoing basis, explore and develop partnerships with other natural resource research organizations. Report back to CMER and Policy biannually on progress.



May 7, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: Forest Practice Board

From: Mary McDonald, Acting Assistant Division Manager-Operation Forest Practices

Subject: Status of Compliance Monitoring *MMc*

The **Compliance Monitoring summary report** for the 2006-2007 Biennium was released to the public on 4/27/09. A very brief summary of the results are as follows: Eighty percent of all activities surveyed are in compliance, seventy-five percent of riparian activities are in compliance, eighty-seven percent of road activities are in compliance. The most common causes of non-compliance determinations were harvest within the prescribed no harvest riparian management zones, and inadequate leave trees in the outer zones for Type F (fish) streams. The cause of non-compliance for road activities was inadequate stabilization of erodible soils or prevention of sediment delivery.

The **Compliance Monitoring Program Manager position** has been recently filled with Walt Obermeyer. Walt's first day is May 8.

The **Compliance Monitoring advisory/steering committee** had their first meeting on May 6 and is finalizing the charter for the committee. The committee will be reviewing the program design before the next meeting in June.

Compliance Monitoring field survey and data collection is now occurring with 46 percent of the field surveys complete for the year. The special emphasis review for 2009 is wetlands.

If you have any questions regarding Compliance Monitoring contact me at (360) 902-1415 or mary.mcdonald@dnr.wa.gov.



May 7, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Dan Pomerenk, FP Division Acting SFLO Manager *D.P.*

SUBJECT: Small Forest Landowner Office and Advisory Committee Update

Forest Stewardship Program:

- Forest Stewardship Coached Planning Courses will occur around the state this spring and summer in addition to succession planning workshops called "Ties to the Land".
- Family Forest Field Days are planned for June 20, 2009 in Ferry County and August 1, 2009 in Skagit County. Field day events include over 25 informational forest management sessions and exhibits.
- The Small Forest Landowner Office (SFLO) is cooperating with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in a statewide marketing campaign to encourage family forest owners to participate in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Deadline for applications for 2010 EQIP funds is July 15.
- Applications for cost-share for Eastside fuels reduction and forest health projects are currently being accepted from landowners. These projects are funded by Forest Health and National Fire Plan grant funds from the USDA Forest Service.
- An interstate forest health grant between Idaho and Washington in the Spokane Valley is in the planning stages with the money soon to be distributed. The grant has been awarded for small landowner's forest insect, disease, and fire outreach education called the Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Improvement Project.

Long Term Application (LTA) Program Progress beginning October 2007:

- Number of LTA's as of April 24, 2009 by county

Step 1 Validations only	Approved Applications (Step 1 & Step 2)
1 Skagit	1 Skagit
1 Clark	1 Clark
1 Lewis	5 Lewis
2 Grays Harbor	1 Okanogan
1 Thurston	1 Pend Oreille
1 Ferry	2 Stevens
1 Whatcom	1 Mason
	2 Pacific
	1 Garfield
<hr/> 8 Total	<hr/> 15 Total



Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee:

- The advisory committee has reviewed an eastside conifer mortality prediction criteria document to use as an aid for forest health riparian restoration issues for developing an alternate plan. This document is available on DNR's Forest Health web site.
- The advisory committee is reviewing an alternate plan conifer restoration template for small forest landowners.

Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP):

- The FFFPP Steering Committee held its semiannual meeting on May 19 to discuss budget, storm damage, and project sponsor issues.
- This spring a storm damage assessment was conducted on 93 structures built by the FFFPP that were potentially affected by the 2007 & 2008 events. Of the 93 sites, only four were affected. Three of these structures received repairs and the fourth will be addressed this summer.
- A fish barrier will be corrected this season with the Pacific Coast Salmon Coalition on Fletcher Creek, tributary to the Hoh River. A \$25,580 grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation will partially fund the \$100,000 FFFPP project.
- DNR submitted two grant requests for fish passage barrier removal projects through the Federal Stimulus Act. The first request was through USDA Forest Service and preliminary response didn't receive funding. The second request was through NOAA Fisheries with a response expected May 21, 2009.
- A potential funding of \$50,000 through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program in the Natural Resource Conservation Service will go towards the \$180,000 FFFPP Youngblood project in Thurston County.
- DNR and the SFLO were represented at the Salmon Habitat Conference in Shelton, WA.

Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP):

- The table below features the easements purchased between January 1st to May 7th 2009:

Region	Cost	Acres
Northeast	\$ 88,120.00	19.1
Olympic	\$ 29,689.79	7.5
Northwest	\$ 104,918.42	6.6
South Puget Sound	\$ 156,846.30	30.7
Pacific Cascade	\$ 426,404.48	57.0
Total	\$ 805,978.99	120.9
11 Easements		

- The FREP program is on schedule to spend all funds allotted for this biennium. There are 23 easements that will be purchased with the remaining \$2.13 million before the end of the biennium.
- FREP was not funded for the 2009-2011 biennium. The DNR has a current unfunded waiting list of 68 FREP applicants for an estimated cost of \$6.8 million and will continue to take applications.

Legislative Reports:

- Two legislature reports put together by the SFLO have been recently sent. The Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plan Checklist Report was sent to the legislature on March 19, 2009. The Small Forest Landowner Demographic Report was sent to the legislature on April 15, 2009.

Please contact me at 360-902-1427 or dan.pomerenk@dnr.wa.gov with your questions.




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May 4, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: Forest Practices Board

From: David Whipple, Forest Policy Coordinator 
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

SUBJECT: UPLAND WILDLIFE PLANNING UPDATE

Please recall the Wildlife Work Group has focused its work in two major areas for the relative near future: 1) investigating alternative rule assessment pathways for some wildlife species, and; 2) the Landscape Level Wildlife Assessment. In addition to these two areas, as you know work continues within the Board's Northern Spotted Owl Policy Working Group, which is actually an outgrowth of the Board's Wildlife Work Plan Element 1 (assessment of current rules for owls). The Board receives separate briefings on the progress of that group.

Due to numerous factors, the Wildlife Work Group has been able to conduct little work over the last few months on investigating alternative rule assessment pathways. As explained in previous updates, because of the limited intersection with forest management, the goal of this effort is to explore efficient ways to assess existing rules for these species, and whether those listed species without rules might warrant protection mechanisms of some kind. Factors that have precluded recent work in this arena include a great deal of work associated with Forests and Fish such as DFC, the fixed-width buffer, the CMER Strategic Plan, development of the CMER work plan & budget, discussions surrounding Clean Water Act assurances, normal Policy business, etc. In addition, work associated with the Board's Northern Spotted Owl Policy Working Group, staff changes at DNR and WDFW, agency budget reductions and associated planning, etc. have hampered the Wildlife Work Group participants. Recall that many of the people involved in the work mentioned above are also on the Board's Wildlife Work Group that oversees the Wildlife Work Plan. Therefore, work related to reviewing the list of lower-priority species in the bottom three tiers of "Element 1" of the Board's original work plan will continue as staff and stakeholder time allow.

The Landscape Level Wildlife Assessment project did not receive state funding for the upcoming biennium. In addition, both grant applications that WDFW submitted were unsuccessful. The Technical Group, knowing funding beyond June 30 was questionable given the current economic situation, worked (and continues to work) diligently to complete as much of the project as possible. They will complete at least 20 BBN models (wildlife-habitat models), a Beta version of software that runs the models on any computer with GIS, a demonstration of the process to assess both east and west side industrial forests, etc., and will also complete a report of the project's accomplishments to-date and future needs. Due to the lack of future funding, the project will likely be put on hold after June 30. You will receive a future presentation, possibly at your August meeting, of the project's accomplishments, work that could not be completed, as well as a demonstration of what the project would be able to provide if and when it is finished.

In addition to the three major work items listed above, last year the Wildlife Work Group determined additional expertise is needed to assist them in researching and understanding current and possible future incentives for forest landowners to protect terrestrial wildlife and conduct landscape-level habitat planning. DNR submitted a budget request to provide funding for this needed expertise, however no funding was received. The concept of incentives is a focus of the owl policy working group's efforts, and these efforts may to some extent provide information valuable within the context of the Landscape Level Wildlife Assessment. However, additional future expertise may still be needed to develop the full suite of possible incentives for other upland wildlife species and habitats.

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May 5, 2009

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Lois Schwennesen, Facilitator,

SUBJECT: Northern Spotted Owl Policy Working Group Update

The Policy Working Group was established by your Board "... to recommend measures that result in strategic contributions from non-federal lands in Washington to the broader goal of conservation of a viable population of the Northern Spotted Owl". You directed the group to apply the following principles to its work:

- Recommendations must be based on the best available science and should consider guidance in the Federal Northern Spotted Owl (NSO) recovery plan,
- Voluntary, incentive-based measures should be the primary focus, although the Board's Rules may need to be modified, and
- Conservation contributions from Washington's non-federal lands must be economically sustainable . . . with the goal of keeping sustainable forestry as a priority land use.

When the Board meets on May 20 the Policy Group will have convened eleven times since its January inception. The time and commitment of the members to preparation and day-long meetings has been remarkable, particularly given the active legislative session and a shocking economic climate that seriously impacts most members.

As the Board noted in the charter: "an important objective of this process is to change the current dynamic of fear and resistance to a dynamic of partnership and participation."

Towards that end, I am pleased to report that the group has collectively:

- Endorsed and supported the passage of SB 5401, the *Riparian Open Space Program* to facilitate strategic acquisitions of NSO habitat on private lands;
- Requested Congressional Delegation support for federal stimulus funding for use of forest biomass to produce jobs and green energy using renewable woody biomass from dry forests at risk for catastrophic wildfire;
- Requested Congressional Delegation support for *The Community Forestry Conservation Act* which would authorize municipal financing for working forests, a valuable tool towards NSO habitat conservation.

With regard to its diligent efforts to build a common base of understanding of the best available science, the Policy Working Group has reviewed numerous documents (including Joe Buchanan, et al, 2006 synopsis; USFWS November 2004 NSO status review; SP Courtney, et al, Sustainable Ecosystems Institute 2004 Scientific evaluation of the status of the NSO; and D. John Pierce et al, WDFW 2005 Assessment of Spotted Owl Habitat on Non-federal Lands in Washington , among others).

The Policy Working Group also has received and will receive additional presentations from scientists in the field, including briefings from:

- Kent Livezey, USFWS, regarding the effects of barred owls on NSOs;

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- Eric Forsman, US Forest Service PNW Research Station, on the most recent science and the current status of owl demographics;
- Larry Irwin, National Council for Air and Stream Improvement, regarding an ongoing western wildlife telemetry project sponsored by Weyerhaeuser.

With regard to its diligent work to build a common base of information about private land-owner incentives, the group has reviewed material (including the Future of Washington Forests 2007 incentives summary; UW College of Forest Resources Working Forests Incentive Programs Report; and the Washington Biodiversity Council's Conservation Incentives Report). The Policy Working Group has also received presentations from:

- Tom Tuchmann, President, US Forest Capital,
- Cherie Kearney, Forestry Initiative Director, Columbia Land Trust,
- Michelle Connor, Sr. Vice President for Policy, Cascade Land Conservancy,
- John Bernstein, Vice President for Conservation, Pacific Forest Trust.

With regard to regulatory and policy matters, the group has reviewed and discussed the November 2004 Spotted Owl Policy Group report from Dan Silver to the Forest Practices Board and numerous federal recovery team reports, among other documents and as the Policy Group's membership includes representatives from DNR, DFW, and USFWS, regulatory and policy experience and considerations are a routinely included in discussions of approaches and options.

Additional efforts to work from a common base of information included presentations from Policy Group members representing the conservation community, such as:

- Payment for Ecosystem Services – Lessons and Ideas for NSO conservation
- Proposed screening or ranking methods to prioritize areas.
- Carbon credits and their applicability to NSO conservation efforts

Presentations from various members of the forest products industry included:

- NSO Conservation issues and differences on the Eastside and Westside
- Forest Management Economics
- Factors that would come into play in selecting lands and providing incentives for strategic sites using a sample "on the ground" location on the Olympic Peninsula

So Where Are We? Poised to do the Heavy Lifting

The Policy Working Group has taken the above information and many hours of collective discussion and has made a strong start in identifying areas of common ground where work can be focused now, and what has promise for other venues or longer time frames.

The group is now solidly on its way to developing a collective first draft response to:

- **What** are the goals that strategic contributions of non federal land would accomplish?
- **Where** are the strategic lands? What criteria would help identify and rank high priority lands?
- **How** shall private landowners be attracted to participate; What incentives are most applicable to NSO conservation in Washington?

Please contact me at 206-605-9529 or Lois@LSAresults.com with your questions.

Report to the Forest Practices Board from the Timber, Fish and Wildlife Cultural Committee

May 2009

The Timber, Fish, and Wildlife Cultural Committee (Committee) is pleased to submit the following update to the Forest Practices Board (Board) outlining the Committee's accomplishments, current work activities and recommendations.

Committee members:

- Committee Co-Chairs:
Jeffrey Thomas, Puyallup Tribe
Peter Heide, Washington Forest Protection Association
- Active Committee Members:
Sherri Felix, DNR Forest Practices Division
Lee Stilson, DNR State Lands Archaeologist
Allyson Brooks, Director Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
Morgan Lee, Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
David Powell, Yakama Nation
Justine James, Quinault Nation
Dennis Lewarch, Suquamish Tribe
dAve Burlingame, Cowlitz Tribe
Norma Green, Washington Farm Forestry Association
Harold Brunstad, Washington Farm Forestry Association
Robert Bass, Hancock Forest Management

Background

Cultural resources have been a critical element of the Timber, Fish and Wildlife (TFW) collaboration for over 20 years. The importance of cultural resources and their link to forest practices was reaffirmed in the 1999 Forests and Fish Report (FFR) and the 2005 Forest Practices Habitat Conservation Plan (FPHCP). See FFR Appendices N and O and FPHCP Appendix I, respectively.

Accomplishments

The Committee completed the Cultural Resources Protection and Management Plan (CRPMP or Plan) in 2003 as part of the cultural resources commitments in the FFR. The Board accepted the Plan and in May 2005, approved and adopted the Plan's watershed analysis cultural resources module and rules. The adopted rules require annual reporting on implementation of the CRPMP.

The CRPMP is designed to be a working document. It is a voluntary cooperative approach based on mutual respect and an appreciation of Indian and non-Indian culture and history. It builds on existing laws for the protection of archaeological and historic resources, as well as the forest practices rules that were established following the original TFW agreement in 1987.

Since 2003 the Committee has been implementing the CRPMP and related tasks by:

- Promoting large landowner and tribal awareness.
- Facilitating small landowner cultural resource education programs.
- Recommending clarifications to the forest practices historic sites rules, which the Board adopted in August 2008.
- Securing legislation in 2007 to protect additional cultural resources information from public disclosure.
- Recommending cultural resources language for step two of the long-term Forest Practices Application in collaboration with the Small Forest Landowners Advisory Committee.
- Updating the CRPMP to note accomplishments.
- Providing reports to the Board on implementation of the CRPMP.

Previous Operating Funds for the Committee

- Facilitators for the Committee – Tim Thompson.
- Draft cultural resources module specifications – Jay Powell (Anthropologist).
- Funding for cultural resource education program development – Mary Thompson, Holly Taylor.

Current Work Activities

- Supporting Westside Pilot Project by Puyallup Tribe and Hancock Forest Management as a first test of the Cultural Resources Module in a comprehensive assessment of cultural resources in a watershed.
- Researching funding for an Eastside Pilot Project of the Cultural Resources Module.
- Assist in testing the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation's (DAHP) Archaeological Predictive Model.
- Making recommendations to clarify WAC 222-20-120 which requires meetings between landowners and tribes.
- Supporting Cultural Resources Education opportunities including DNR State Lands' cultural resources training and WSU extension services' outreach to small landowners and tribes.
- Considering CRPMP amendments to including a description of how voluntary plans can contribute to ID team deliberations and preparation of SEPA documents, and broadening the scope of recommended agreement strategies beyond MOUs and higher level contacts.
- Support for funding a full time position at DAHP for the maintenance of cultural resource data in support of the Forest Practices Risk Assessment Tool.
- Preparing cultural resources guidance documents as agreed to in the CRPMP.

Committee Recommendations

- Establish formal recognition as the Board's committee of expertise on cultural resources.

- Provide link on Board web page to TFW Cultural Committee meeting information and work-products.
- Provide operating funds for professional Committee support.
- Assist in funding an Eastside Cultural Resources Cultural Module Pilot Project.



MEMORANDUM

May 11, 2009

TO: Forest Practices Board
FROM: Marc Engel, Acting Assistant Division Manager, Policy and Services
SUBJECT: 2009 Rule Making Schedule

Following is an update on rule making activity.

Desired Future Condition – Chuck Turley will request the Board’s adoption of a DFC rule at the May meeting.

Fixed-Width - Staff prepared a request for “proposal initiation” pursuant to guidelines in Board Manual 22. At the May meeting, staff will request the Board’s approval to proceed with adaptive management proposal development for the fixed-width, no entry riparian management concept.

Trees and Houses – Staff continues to address comments received during the 30-day comment period and working with stakeholders to refine the rule proposal. Staff anticipates a rule proposal for your consideration at the November meeting.

Northern Spotted Owl Rule Making – The 30-day review ended on March 23, 2009, and the Board received one comment letter in support of the proposal. Staff is working on the cost-benefit and small business economic impact analyses, and a SEPA analysis. Staff anticipates presenting a recommendation at your August meeting to consider filing a CR-102.

Chapters 222-20 & 46 WAC – Staff has begun rule development to reorganize chapter 222-20 WAC and to implement 2007 legislation pertaining to conversions. Staff suggests postponing this rule making until after the 2010 legislative session, when the Legislature is expected to consider a bill to remove the requirement to classify all forest practices on lands platted after 1960 as Class IV-general.

Chapter 222-23 WAC – The 2009 Legislature passed Second Substitute House Bill 1484 which expands the Riparian Open Space Program to include the acquisition of forest lands containing “critical habitat” for threatened or endangered species as designated by the Board. The legislation indicates that the Board shall conduct rule making to specify this expansion of the program. Staff will recommend a rule making strategy prior to your August meeting.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Patricia Anderson at 360.902.1413. Also, I will be happy to answer any questions at the May meeting.






May 8, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Marc Engel,  Acting Assistant Manager, Policy and Services

SUBJECT: Amendment of Forest Practices Board Manual Section 21

The DNR, in cooperation with the Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee and other interested parties is developing a "Small Forest Landowner Conifer Restoration Template" for inclusion in Board Manual Section 21, Guidelines for Alternate Plans.

This template will be presented for Board review and approval at either the August or November meeting.

Please feel free to call me with any questions at (360) 902-1390.