
CHARTER – TYPE N ALTERNATIVES WORKGROUP

Date: September 17, 2018

Project Duration: July 12, 2018 through January 12, 2019
(i.e. standard 180-day Policy response timeline, detailed below)

I. Introduction

This charter is intended to guide the Type N Alternatives Workgroup (hereafter: Workgroup), which is a sub-group of the T/F/W Policy Committee (hereafter: Policy). The Workgroup formed to focus efforts toward developing management and policy alternatives in response to the study entitled *Effectiveness of Experimental Riparian Buffers on Perennial Non-fish-bearing Streams on Competent Lithologies in Western Washington*, referred to hereafter as the ‘Type N Study’.

Developing alternatives is a critical step in the Policy response the Type N study. The Workgroup’s efforts are time-critical, as Policy response to new studies is dictated by a 180-day timeline specified in Board Manual Section 22 (page M-22-13). At development of this Charter, several required steps had already been completed, as shown below.

Steps and Timeline:

- A. Report and associated materials* formally accepted – July 12, 2018 (complete)
- B. Policy formally decided to take action – effective August 26, 2018 (complete)
- C. Policy develops alternatives – by October 25, 2018 (in process)
- D. Policy analyzes alternatives and comes to consensus – by December 9, 2018
- E. Policy finalizes recommendations to FPB and gives them to the Administrator for delivery to the FPB. If Policy has not agreed upon an alternative, any Policy Committee caucus may invoke the dispute resolution process. – by January 12, 2019

* ‘associated materials’ include the Findings Reports, Six Questions, and several presentations from study authors

II. Policy Work Group

Purpose

The purpose of the Workgroup is to assess the findings of the Type N Study materials, to develop a list of recommended alternative actions and/or next steps for consideration by Policy. Alternatives should consider the findings presented in the Type N Study and other relevant information and be reflective of the goals articulated in the 1999 Forest and Fish Agreement:

- To provide compliance with the Endangered Species Act for aquatic and riparian-dependent species on non-federal forest lands;

- To restore and maintain riparian habitat on non-federal forest lands to support a harvestable supply of fish;
- To meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act for water quality on non-federal forest lands; and,
- To keep the timber industry economically viable in the State of Washington.

Other relevant technical information may include CMER studies currently in process and related external (non-CMER) science/data. Information related to additional policy options, tools and analyses may also be considered.

Although developing alternatives (C. above) is the primary task of the Workgroup, other roles may be assigned during later stages, as needed. If the scope of Workgroup activities expands, Workgroup members can decide if the Charter should be modified. Workgroup meetings will be open to the public and appropriately announced on DNR's TFW Policy Committee webpage.

Current Membership, Tasks & Responsibilities

- Alec Brown - Conservation Caucus
- Rich Doenges - State Caucus (ECY/DFW)
- Jim Peters - Westside Tribal Caucus
- Karen Terwilleger - Industrial Landowners
- Curt Veldhuisen - Policy Co-Chair
- Steve Barnowe-Meyer - Small Forest Landowners

Rachel Aronson of Triangle Associates will provide coordination and facilitation of the Workgroup.

Because familiarity and continuity among members are crucial to timely completion, meetings will require participation by all core members listed above. With Workgroup approval, members may invite associates to provide additional information. Associates' role will be technical only and they will not represent the needs of their caucus or others.

All Policy caucus representatives are invited to participate in the Workgroup if they can meet the following commitments. Workgroup members agree to:

- Attend all meetings (in-person or by phone),
- Familiarize themselves with all relevant study results in preparation of meetings,
- Communicate off-line with members of the workgroup and their caucus between meetings,
- Contribute potential alternatives their caucus can support,
- Participate in the evaluation and modification of alternatives under consideration.

Deliverables

The primary deliverable will be a list of policy alternatives that have broad support if not consensus. The workgroup will present and explain the contents to Policy, participate in discussion, make further changes as needed.

Group Process, Reporting, and Support

Workgroup meetings will follow standard Policy norms and ground rules. However, the small size may allow a more informal approach than occurs at Policy meetings. Members of the Workgroup agree to collectively

provide a collaborative space to foster the development and presentation of alternatives to address the findings.

We foresee four steps in developing the list of alternatives:

- I. Determine which resource response elements require policy action,
- II. For each response element, generate list of alternatives,
- III. Evaluate and revise alternatives to determine breadth of support among caucuses,
- IV. Create final list of alternatives for delivery to Policy

Support efforts from Rachel will be crucial, given the short time frame. In particular, it will be critical to agree to most, if not all meeting dates relatively soon.