

Timber, Fish and Wildlife Policy Committee

Thursday, April 6, 2023 // 9:00AM – 1:45PM

Hybrid Meeting

Virtual: Zoom

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p>March 2023 Meeting Notes</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ken Miller moved to approve the March 2023 Meeting Notes.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Tom O'Brien</p> <p>Up: Alec Brown, Darin Cramer, Marc Engel, Ken Miller, Tom O'Brien, and Cody Thomas.</p> <p>Abstain: Jim Peters and Court Stanley</p>
<p>SAO Recommendations #5 and #6: Caucus Nominations for Schedule L-1 Workgroup</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ken Miller moved to approve Brandon Austin, Darin Cramer, and Cody Thomas as the three TFW Policy members to represent TFW Policy in the joint CMER/TFW Policy workgroup.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Jim Peters</p> <p>Up: Alec Brown, Darin Cramer, Marc Engel, Ken Miller, Tom O'Brien, Jim Peters, Court Stanley, and Cody Thomas.</p>

Action Items	
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Whether to revise the TFW Ground Rules or not as a decision item.	May agenda (1 hour)
Review Ground Rules and AMPA memo. Have discussion with your caucus.	TFW Policy voting members
Send any comments/edits to the TFW Ground Rules to Natalie Church	TFW Policy voting members
Send TFW Policy SAO Recommendations Action Plan as a PDF format to TFW Policy members	Lori Clark

Schedule the Schedule L-1 workgroup meeting.	Lori Clark/Natalie Church
SAO Recommendation, Budget, and Alternative Harvest Prescriptions workgroups meeting this month's standing workgroup meeting	April 19 th

Caucus Updates:

- Brandon Austin will not be at this meeting.
- Ken Miller BM 21 SFL Update, put together a straw dog and comments/edits have been submitted, DNR will be finalizing in hopes to present at the May FPB.
- Marc Engel explained that the Type N rulemaking is going to be discussed at the special Forest Practices Board meeting on April 24th. Agenda has not been finalized and will be sent out once available.
- It was suggested to have an agenda item where Marc Engel will explain the DNR process for scheduling and cancelling meetings.

Staff Updates:

Lori Clark gave below updates:

- The Supervisory Project Manager recruitment is ongoing and DNR is still hoping to meet the goal of mid-May to have the position filled.
- The CMER Science Conference agenda has been finalized.

CMER Updates:

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

Public Comments:

Dear members of the Washington State Timber, Fish, and Wildlife Policy Committee,

As someone who is deeply invested in the preservation and protection of our state's natural resources, I want to express my concern about the current approach that is being taken to tackle the complex issues surrounding timber, fish, and wildlife.

While I appreciate the need for scientific analysis and the use of specialized terminology, I believe that we must not lose sight of the raw emotions that underlie these issues. It is important to recognize that at the core of all these disputes are deeply held values and emotions that are driving people's positions. Rather than using science as a proxy for these emotions, we must be willing to address them explicitly. It may be scary to do so, but it is the only way that we can truly move forward and find solutions that are equitable and sustainable for all stakeholders.

I urge you to consider the emotional underpinnings of these issues as you continue your important work, and to prioritize open and honest dialogue that can help to bridge the gaps between opposing viewpoints. Only by doing so can we hope to create a future where our natural resources are protected and cherished for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Mitchell

Guidance or Manual for TFW Policy and TFW Ground Rules:

Lori Clark explained that a work order has been created to receive help from Triangle Associates to help TFW Policy develop a manual/guidance document. Greer Maier will be the one to work with TFW Policy

on this task. Her approach will be to create an outline on the steps that are needed to move forward and work with Policy to confirm these steps. Lori explained that each month Policy will be working on a new section and as the sections are completed have them as a decision item. She would like for Policy members to review the two sets of ground rules before the May 2023 TFW Policy meeting. Policy will be asked to make a decision to either recommit to the two sets of ground rules or make edits. She explained that the italic wording on the AMPA memo is Forest Practices Board approved steps for addressing the State Auditor's Office Recommendations. Lori explained that Triangle Associates is contracted to guide TFW Policy in the process. Triangle suggested changing the title from "Ground Rules" to "Participant Agreements". Jim Peters suggested to review the Ground Rules to see if they are still relevant and have the AG involved. Lori agreed to submit the Ground Rules to the AG for feedback on the language used to ensure we are being consistent with the intent. Jacob Hibbeln explained that Triangle Associates are currently reviewing background information and that they have met with individual voting Policy members to receive their feedback. They will be reaching out to the Co-chairs to discuss what they think the next steps should be. It was decided to review the Ground Rules and AMPA memo and have a discussion with your caucus then send any comments/edits to Natalie Church. The decision item at the May 2023 TFW Policy Meeting will be whether Policy will revise the Ground Rules or recommit to the current Ground Rules without any changes.

Interest-Based Negotiations Workshop Approach:

Annie Kilburg-Smith reviewed some options for the Interest-Based Negotiations workshop on May 3rd. Policy is being asked to decide on the workshop approach: either a focused Workshop, Facilitated Discussion, or something else. She gave a presentation on each option for the workshop. There was a discussion from caucus members with their preferences on their approach for the workshop. It was decided on to have a more focused workshop/training.

SAO Recommendation Update:

Lori Clark explained that the Forest Practices Board has asked to have an action plan for the SAO Recommendations presented at the May 2023 Board meeting. She reviewed the TFW Policy SAO Recommendations Action Plan that she will be presenting to the Forest Practices Board. Lori will send the TFW Policy SAO Recommendations Action Plan as a PDF format to TFW Policy members.

SAO Recommendations #5 and #6: Caucus Nominations for Schedule L-1 Workgroup:

Court Stanley gave a brief introduction and asked for any interest or nominations for the Schedule L-1 workgroup. Ken Miller nominated Brandon Austin, Darin Cramer, and Cody Thomas. Cody Thomas agrees about Brandon and Darin but, he has concerns that he will be as helpful as others. Court Stanley explained that he feels that the Eastside needs to be a part of the workgroup. It was decided and approved to have Brandon Austin, Darin Cramer, and Cody Thomas represent TFW Policy in the joint TFW Policy/CMER Schedule L-1 Workgroup.

Memo Template – Documentation for communication between TFW Policy and CMER:

Lori Clark shared the memo template and explained the purpose of the template. She reviewed the table on the memo. Darin Cramer explained that this template is not substantive for some of the projects. Lori explained that the intention is to have the details/description placed below the table that is on the memo.

Board Manual 22 Edits:

Karen Zirkle gave a presentation on the Board Manual Section 22. Explained that the edits made are more administrative and that DNR has received comments from Policy and have addressed each the best they could. She presented the edits and Policy members agreed with the edits made.

Experimental Alternative Harvest Prescriptions:

Marc Engel gave a brief background and description of the alternative harvest prescriptions. Explained that the decision is how Policy would like to address this by possibly starting a workgroup or another approach. The workgroup came to consensus to present this to Policy, but they are aware that this needs Policy review, and a few things need to be updated. There was a discussion on how this project is complex and how there needs to be more discussion and decisions to be made before presenting it. It was decided to create a workgroup, Ecology, Counties, DNR, Westside Tribes, SFL, and WDFW.

MPS – Master Project Schedule Update:

Lori Clark explained that the Policy Budget Workgroup worked on the FY2023 adjustments on the MPS. She gave a brief explanation on each adjustment. As we are approaching the end of the biennium, the PMs are actively working with all Project Teams and contractors to refine the estimates for the end of year projections. We are closely monitoring as we get in more information on expenditures to see how close we are getting to the contract amounts; and taking note when contracts don't perform as expected. At this point, we are on target with the MPS projections. There could be up to \$600,000 positive variance. There is only one option we have identified for applying unspent funds this close to the end of the biennium. The Regional Lidar Differencing that will support the Unstable Slope Criteria and the Deep-Seated Landslide Research Strategy Projects could be completed in a few weeks and by the end of the biennium if BGC can get the raw data from the LiDAR flights that were collected this year. The LiDAR differencing is a task within the UPSAG projects that needs to be completed to support both the DSL and Criteria projects. The LiDAR project is a good candidate for this state fund surplus because it could be completed quickly. UPSAG is considering this option at their meeting next week and Lori can bring more information at the May Policy meeting once they have decided what data sets, they are most interested in. The MPS will not be presented at the May 2023 Forest Practices Board so there is no need to have the MPS as a decision item today. Marc Engel explained that we should have the MPS be approved at the May 2023 meeting to approve the expenditure of funding allocated by the legislature. Should be an action item for the Forest Practices Board to prevent the stopping of projects on July 1st. He suggested that there be an internal discussion on what should be done.

September Eastside Field Trip and TFW Policy Meeting:

Court Stanley gave a brief description on the plan of the Eastside field trip and suggested planning a couple of field trips in the Northwest and Southwest. Lori Clark explained that the purpose of this agenda item is to discuss what Policy thinks about moving the October TFW Policy meeting to a different date to accommodate the Eastside field trip. She suggested having the Policy meeting for a half day, or have Policy attend the field trip and still have the October Policy meeting on the scheduled date. Court suggested creating a draft agenda for the field trip/meeting dates to send out.

List of Attendees

Attendees	Representing
§Brown, Alec	WEC/Conservation Caucus
§Cramer, Darin	Large Industrial Landowner Caucus/WFPA
§Engel, Marc	State Caucus/DNR
§Miller, Ken	Small Forest Landowner/WFFA
§O'Brien, Tom	State Caucus/WDFW
§Peters, Jim	Westside Tribes/NWIFC
§Stanley, Court	TFW Policy Co-chair/WSAC
§Thomas, Cody	Eastside Tribe Caucus/UCUT
Church, Natalie	Administrative Assistant/DNR
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Administrator

Hawkins, Tracy	DNR Staff
Hibblen, Jacob	Triangle Associates
Hooks, Doug	WFPA
Kilburg-Smith, Annie	Triangle Associates
Knoth, Jenny	WFFA/CMER Co-chair
Kroll, A.J.	Weyerhaeuser/CMER Co-chair
Lowery, Darric	State Caucus/WDFW
Mitchell, Robert	Member of the Public
Murray, Joe	RSAG Co-chair
Prescott, Alexander	Project Manager/DNR
Roberts, Dave	Small Forest Landowner/WFFA
Roorbach, Ash	Westside Tribes/NWIFC
Schofield, Jenny	Project Manager/DNR
Smith, Kendra	Skagit
Toledo, Anna	Project Manager/DNR
Zirkle, Karen	DNR

§TFW Policy Voting Member