

Timber, Fish, and Wildlife Policy Committee

Thursday, December 3rd, 2020 // 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Remotely held using Zoom

Prepared for TFW Policy by Jacob Hibbeln, AMP Secretary Senior

Motions December 3, 2020	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
1. Approve the November 5 th minutes as amended.	Steve Barnowe-Meyer/Ray Entz (Up: SFL, Industrial Timber, Conservation, DNR, WDFW/ECY, Counties, Westside Tribes, Eastside tribes; Absent: Federal caucus.

Action Items December 3, 2020	
Action Items	Responsibility
Presenters for the Extensive Monitoring Workshop Work Group will be contacted, after which a Doodle poll will be sent out to Policy. Potential dates are January 22, 27, 29 th .	EMWW Work group, co-chairs.
Engel will follow up with the AG's office to see if it is possible to re-open stage 1 of the SFL Dispute Resolution although it was formally concluded.	Engel
Policy will meet to discuss an alternative solution to the SFL Dispute Resolution if a bid is not decided on in January.	Policy, co-chairs
The timeline on the bid for a mediator for Stage II of the SFL Dispute Resolution will be revised and then re-posted as soon as possible.	Flint
A presentation from the Policy and services group regarding the FPB clean-up list will be requested.	Co-chairs
The budget sub-committee will convene sometime in January. A doodle poll will be sent out to schedule a meeting.	Cramer, Brown, Austin, Engel (Tuttle as a backup)
Amanda Jahshan will convene Policy members participating in legislator outreach.	Jahshan

MINUTES

Welcome, Introductions, and Old Business

Marc Engel, co-chair

Engel announced that this will be Hibbeln's last meeting and that minutes will be abbreviated to only motions and action items in the interim.

Amanda Jahshan, DNR, stated that she needed to get the contact information for everyone willing to edit the AMP legislative priorities one pager. Hicks explained that the Legislative one-pager is intended to provide an overview of what the forest practices AMP is and to describe what the funding request will be used and how it was calculated. Members agreed that they would send edits to Jahshan as soon as possible. Jahshan agreed to contact those who agreed to help finalize the document. This included:

- Court Stanley, Counties Caucus
- Jim Peters, Westside Tribes
- Elaine O'Neill, SFL caucus
- Darin Cramer, Industrial Timber caucus/Jason Callahan, WFPA.
- Alec Brown, Conservation caucus/ Darcy Nonemacher, WEC

After discussions of edits made, the November minutes were approved.

Legislative Updates

Callahan

Callahan explained that due to COVID, there is a limited number of bills that the House of Representatives will consider. WFPA will be focusing on forest health fire protection, carbon taxing, and looking out for any tax policies that disproportionately affect the forestry industry.

CMER Updates

Chris Mendoza, CMER co-chair

Mendoza reviewed the main decision points of the last CMER meeting and alerted the group that a document regarding ENREP harvest treatments will be coming to Policy in January.

Type Np Workgroup Update

Cramer

Cramer stated that there was nothing new to report and mentioned the request get an update on Type Np projects ISPR review. Hicks stated that the Hard Rock review is nearer completion than Soft Rock.

Extensive Monitoring Workshop Workgroup

Brandon Austin, ECY

Austin explained that the workgroup will be meeting on December 4th to determine presenters and finalize draft agenda to present to Policy. Members agreed that the workshop needs to focus on subjects that help move the extensive monitoring program forward and explain why it is an important of the program. Members also agreed that the workshop should happen soon and that the workgroup should

reach out to the presenters to get their availability. Potential dates are January 22nd and 29th, 2021. Austin requested that anyone who would like to suggest edits to the draft agenda reach out to him by the end of the day.

SFL Dispute Resolution

Ben Flint, DNR

Flint stated that nobody had bid on the RFQQ yet but that he and the Forest Practices contract specialist had reached out to contractors that had opened the bid to ask if having a different timeline would be more feasible. It was decided that the RFQQ timeline would be pushed out and reposted as soon as possible.

Stanley inquired about the possibility of restarting Stage 1 to avoid losing momentum. Meghan Tuttle, co-chair, reminded that if an interim meeting is to be held there needs to be a specific goal that would contribute to Stage 2. Engel agreed to ask the Attorney General's office if re-opening Stage I would be a process foul. Since there are still issues that can be discussed while waiting for a mediator, it was decided that Policy as a whole would meet to discuss an alternative solution just in case a mediator is not decided in January.

Alternative Harvest Prescriptions Workgroup

Steve Barnowe-Meyer, SFL caucus

Barnowe-Meyer stated that the workgroup is on schedule to deliver recommendations by January 2021.

Forest Practices Board (FPB) Expedited Rule Making

Engel

Engel explained that no rules effecting the protection of public resources will be changed. The intention is to correct typographical errors and address vague language. It was requested that the DNR Policy and Services staff give Policy a presentation regarding changes made.

Conclusions

Engel and Tuttle

Engel explained that minutes will abbreviated during Hibbeln's absence. He reminded the group that every caucus has the option of finding someone to take minutes in the interim. Caucuses agreed to help where they could but expressed the need for hiring as soon as possible. Flint stated that project managers can help in minor ways, but not with detailed minutes/notes for any Policy subgroups.

Cramer, Brown, Austin, and Engel (with Tuttle as a backup) volunteered to participate in the budget subgroup to discuss the Master Project Schedule (MPS).

Attendees by Caucus

*Caucus Representative

Conservation Caucus

*Alec Brown (WEC)

Chris Mendoza (CMER co-chair)

County Caucus

*Court Stanley

Kendra Smith (Skagit)

Industrial Timber Caucus

*Darin Cramer (WFPA)

Doug Hooks (WFPA)

Meghan Tuttle (Weyerhaeuser/Co-chair)

Joe Murray (WFPA)

Jason Callahan (WFPA)

Small Forest Landowner (SFL) Caucus

*Steve Barnowe-Meyer (WFFA)

*Ken Miller (WFFA)

Jenny Knoth (WFFA/ CMER co-chair)

State Caucuses

*Marc Engel (DNR/co-chair)

*Chris Conklin (WDFW)

*Brandon Austin (ECY)

Amanda Jahshan (DNR)

Marc Ratcliff (DNR)

Westside Tribal Caucus

*Jim Peters (NWIFC)

Ash Roorbach (NWIFC)

Curt Veldhuisen (SRSC)

Julie Ann Koehlinger (Hoh Tribe)

Eastside Tribal Caucus

*Ray Entz (Kalispel)

John Sirois (UCUT)

AMP/ CMER Staff

Mark Hicks (AMPA)

Ben Flint (DNR)

Eszter Munes (DNR)

Heather Gibbs (DNR)

Jacob Hibbeln (DNR)