

Draft Proposed Type Np Water Buffer Strategy discussed on June 15th, 2022:

- **In Type Np basins greater than 30 acres entirely harvested within a 5- year period**
 - A 75-foot fixed width, no harvest, is required.

- **For Type Np Waters in all other basins**
 - A 75-foot fixed width, no harvest buffer is required for the first 300-feet upstream from Type F/N Water break.
 - For Type Np Waters 5-foot bankfull width or greater from 300-feet to 1000-feet upstream of the Type F/N break either:
 - A 75-foot (50' no harvest zone nearest to the stream and 25' managed zone) Type Np Water buffer is required; or
 - A 65-foot fixed width, no harvest, Type Np Water buffer is required
 - For Type Np Waters less than 5' bankfull width from 300-feet to 1000-feet upstream from Type F/N Water break, a 50-foot fixed width, no harvest buffer is required.
 - For remaining length of all Type Np Waters upstream of 1000-feet from the Type F/N Water break, regardless of stream width, the following will apply:
 - Continuous 30' buffer where all trees 6" dbh and less and all trees of any size imbedded in stream bank are retained; and
 - All existing equipment limitation zone, sensitive site, forest practices hydraulic project, roads, and unstable slope rules will continue to be applied to full length of all Type Np waters.

Management Zone

Proposed Type Np Water buffer management zone elements discussed 15th June, 2022:

1. Only Type Np Water 75-foot buffers in the 300 – 1000-foot range upstream of the Type F/N Water breaks are eligible for a managed harvest.
2. The management zone is limited to the outer 25-feet of the Type Np Water buffer.
3. Only thinning is allowed within the management zone.
 - a. Up to 50% of the timber volume, by 2-inch diameter class, can be removed evenly distributed.

Monitoring Plan

The Parties agreed that an effectiveness monitoring program must accompany the Type Np buffer prescriptions. The monitoring program, to be developed by CMER, would evaluate the ability of the new rule(s) to meet the state's Water Quality Standards [as well as support a healthy population of amphibians] consistent with the findings of the Hard rock and Soft rock studies. The study design should be developed within the AMP following the normal CMER processes and procedures with Policy review and approval.