

Summary of 2014 Activities
From TFW Policy Committee Co-Chairs
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The following outlines major discussions, decisions, and accomplishments by the TFW Policy Committee for 2014. These are categorized by topic and are in no particular order or rank.

Unstable Slopes

- Agreed upon the Mass Wasting outline of recommendations (as an outcome from the Mass Wasting Effectiveness Monitoring Report). Sent these recommendations to the Board.
- In response to the Oso landslide, the Board made motions on unstable slopes. Policy worked between June and October to respond to each motion. Approved a set of findings and recommendations, sent to the Board for their November meeting. This was accepted by the Board with no further direction beyond quarterly updates on progress of outstanding tasks.

Interaction with CMER's work

- Approved the CMER workplan and added an appendix page to clarify the work.
- Approved FY15 AMP budget with the addition of \$50,000 to scope the Glacial Deep-Seated Landslides Program.
- Worked between April and August to create a new Master Project Schedule that was approved by Policy and sent to the Board. This Master Project Schedule now incorporates the latest funding information for projects as well as a "Hold List" of projects that are not yet included in the Master Project Schedule's funding estimates because those projects are awaiting more information.
- Kept forward momentum for several studies in the TWIG process:
 - Approved the study objectives, problem statement, and critical research questions for the Westside Type F Buffer Effectiveness Study.
 - Approved the study objectives, problem statement, and critical questions for the Roads Prescription-Scale Effectiveness Study.
 - Accepted the Bull Trout Overlay Final Report with no formal action for the Board but an agreement that Policy (or individual caucuses) would do further work to analyze the data to answer remaining questions.

Type F

- Took the Board's motions on Type F and created a workplan to complete them in a timely and comprehensive manner.
- While this was interrupted by work Board directed Policy to do to address unstable slopes (following the Oso landslide), Policy was able to get back to this issue in November.
- Approved the next steps for how to continue work: field trips to view off-channel habitat on the west and east sides, and a workshop detailing the technical and field issues of electrofishing.

Type N

Although this issue was not resolved in 2014, Policy did take action on separate proposals, none of which were approved by consensus. The state, industrial landowners, and conservation caucuses indicated a willingness to discuss how to move forward for gaining consensus.

General

- Agreed upon the prioritization flowchart as a template for making decisions in the future about Policy's workload and how much to take on addressing new topics.
- Approximately 21 Policy meetings (full and subgroup) and 5 Board meetings.