

Timber, Fish, and Wildlife Policy Committee

Thursday, October 1st, 2020 // 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Remotely held using GoToMeeting

Prepared for TFW Policy by Jacob Hibbeln, AMP Secretary Senior

Motions October 1 st , 2020	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
1. Approve the September 3 rd Meeting.	Steve Barnowe-Meyer/Brandon Austin (Up: SFL, Industrial Timber, Conservation, DNR, WDFW/ECY, Counties, Westside Tribes, Eastside Tribes; Absent: Federal caucus.
2. Accept the Deep-Seated Landslide (DSL) Scoping document and select the recommended Alternative 2.	Darin Cramer/Ray Entz (Up: SFL, Industrial Timber, Conservation, DNR, WDFW/ECY, Counties, Westside Tribes, Eastside Tribes; Absent: Federal caucus

Action Items October 1 st , 2020	
Action Item	Responsibility
1. Information on the contract for the Stage 2 Dispute Resolution will be sent out as soon as possible.	Co-chairs, Hibbeln
2. A presentation will be scheduled for the Protocol and Standards Manual, Chapter 8.	Co-chairs, Hibbeln
3. In November, Policy will revisit where the Adaptive Management Program is with Type N projects as related to the Type Np Workgroup and its Charter.	Policy, co-chairs
4. A subcommittee will design an Extensive Monitoring Workshop agenda and the associated costs. The results will be presented at the November Policy meeting.	Cramer, Stanley, Brown, Austin, Engel, Roorbach, CMER member
5. The legislative biennial report will be sent out to Policy as soon as possible.	Hicks, Hibbeln
6. All caucuses will work with co-chairs regarding legislative agenda	Policy, co-chairs

MINUTES

Welcome, Introductions, and Old Business

Meghan Tuttle, co-chair & Marc Engel, co-chair

Marc Engel began the meeting by welcoming Chris Conklin back to the table representing WDFW and announced that Kendra Smith, Counties caucus, will be taking Court Stanley's place at this meeting.

After caucuses were asked for edits, Steve Barnowe-Meyer made motion #1 to approve the September meeting minutes and the motion passed.

SFL Dispute Resolution Updates

Tuttle

Meghan Tuttle reviewed the SFL RMZ Width Dispute Resolution Process Check-in document that was distributed to Policy. In it the Small Forest Landowner caucus made clear that the current dispute resolution is limited to the specific dispute language limited to RMZ widths and acknowledged that they appreciate the efforts to identify other potential solutions for small forest landowners including funding requests for the SFLO and SFL programs.

Mark Hicks, AMPA, stated that given the tight AMP budget it would be beneficial if with more time in the informal stage (Stage 1) the dispute can be resolved. He reported that he was moving forward with working with caucuses to secure a mediator for Stage 2.

Ken Miller, Small Forest Landowner caucus, expressed that his caucus would like to move to Stage 2, Hicks explained that according to the standard process timeline, if the scope of work is agreed to soon a mediator could be ready to start work by November 1st. Ben Flint, DNR, will be the Project Manager on this contract and will work with the subgroup to get the contractor through the process.

Chris Mendoza, CMER co-chair, informed Policy that the CMER review of the science prepared to support the SFL Template is underway and one meeting has been held. CMER hopes to have a product by the October CMER meeting. If this is not possible, an extension will be requested. Hicks then reminded Policy that the 6 questions format was not designed to be used to review completed outside science and fitting concerns and comments into it is more of a challenge than when summarizing a study completed within CMER that has a consensus findings already.

Jenny Knoth, CMER co-chair, added that the document contains information that members of CMER disagree with, which adds greater difficulty to the review process. Knoth then asked where the other documentation that was sent to CMER fits into the review. Steve Barnowe-Meyer, SFL caucus, clarified that those documents are intended to be supporting materials.

SFL Experimental Alternate Harvest Prescriptions

Barnowe-Meyer

Steve Barnowe-Meyer gave a brief update on the progress made in the conifer thinning and conifer restoration experimental harvest prescriptions by the workgroup, reiterating that a timeline extension for this workgroup was granted by Policy and pointing out that a monitoring section has yet to be completed for each harvest prescription.

CMER SAG Updates

Mendoza

Mendoza went through the main points of the CMER update document sent to Policy, stating that the Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation Project is in review and will be coming to Policy for approval in the next few months. Teresa Miskovic, DNR, stated that Chapter 8 of the Protocol and Standards Manual (PSM) was recently approved by CMER. Main points of this chapter include participant rules and responsibilities. The PSM workgroup is currently taking a break until January 2021. Hibbeln and the co-chairs will work with Miskovic to schedule a presentation to Policy on chapter 8 of the PSM.

Caucus 2021 Legislative Updates

Engel

Engel presented a call-out to caucuses to get their legislative representatives to provide an update regarding their legislative agenda for the 2021 session at either the November or December Policy meeting.

Jim Peters, Westside Tribes, commented that representatives should be able to attend at their convenience, but it should be at either the November or December meetings. He also reiterated that we need to begin our strategy to educate legislators on the importance to fully fund the AMP budget.

Darin Cramer, WFPA, added that it's important to make the strategy clear especially given the limited budget.

Ray Entz, Eastside Tribes, asked if Policy would be willing to ask for time with the TFW Policy Budget Committee to discuss issues related to SFL funding and getting stakeholder-wide support. Engel agreed, adding that legislative staff must be part of that conversation. Peters commented that state agencies should lead this conversation and that he has to be careful about lobbying due to federal funding for the Northwest Indian Fish Commission (NWIFC).

After caucuses agreed to check with their agencies regarding availability for discussion, Engel asked Hicks if he could give a budget update. Hicks noted that after updating all of the project cost estimates in the MPS, we have less than \$3,000 left unallocated for the remainder of this fiscal year. Hicks also noted that DNR's list of legislative priorities remains in review with the Commissioner of Public Lands, but that while not on the list he has been assured the budget for the Adaptive Management Program (AMP) is still top priority for the agency. Hicks agreed he would be willing to participate in the group to educate the legislature. Cramer commented that

the sooner the legislative priorities report can be shared with Policy the better so that everyone can be on the same page. Hicks agreed to share this with Policy as soon as possible.

Deep-Seated Landslide (DSL) Scoping Document

Flint

Ben Flint explained that since this document has already been reviewed by Policy, he intended to answer any potential questions. After several caucuses expressed that they were comfortable with the recommendation of Alternative 2, Cramer made motion #2 to accept the scoping document and the recommended alternative. The motion passed.

TFW Policy Work Plan

Engel and Tuttle

This is something that needs to be included in the Board Mailing for the November meeting. When reviewing this document, a general description of the work Policy is doing should be given. Flint gave some clarifications on specifics of the work plan and then went through the full list of projects with dates that would be coming to Policy as well as the FPB (Forest Practices Board). Barnowe-Meyer requested that further details about Type N projects be given at the November Policy meeting.

Extensive Riparian Vegetation Monitoring (ERVM)

Tuttle

Tuttle stated that the goal today was to decide how to move forward and get information on caucus' priorities in relation to the workshop.

Engel stated his support for having the workshop which would focus on the relationship of the ERVM Project to the entire monitoring program. It will be easier to plan for this once there is a greater understanding of next year's budget. All caucuses agreed that there is value in hosting the workshop because it be beneficial to understand more about the program and what value extended monitoring would add to the program.

Cramer stated that the science part of the AMP can no longer be ignored and that Policy needs to figure out how to align the science arm of the AMP with the original intent of Policy.

Brandon Austin voiced support for the workshop, although it needs to be clear regarding what questions the workshop would be addressing before committing any money. Peters agreed, adding that the cost needs to be estimated before any decisions are made. Chris Conklin, WDFW, stated that Policy needs to have the same understanding of what information the workshop will provide.

Alec Brown, Conservation caucus, agreed that the workshop could provide valuable information. Additionally, all member should read the MDT report.

Curt Veldhuisen, SRSC, added that his experience with temperature monitoring work in Skagit County suggest that it is hard to draw firm conclusions due to variability between streams.

Tuttle agreed to send Ray a copy of the MDT Report and suggested that a subcommittee be formed to figure out an agenda and cost with the goal of having results in November. Cramer, Stanley, and Brown agreed to participate in a subcommittee to plan this workshop. A CMER presence will be requested to take part in this group.

Attendees by Caucus

*Caucus representative

Conservation Caucus

*Alec Brown (WEC)

Chris Mendoza (CMER co-chair)

County Caucus

*Court Stanley

Kendra Smith (Skagit)

Large Industrial Landowner Caucus

*Darin Cramer (WFPA)

Doug Hooks (WFPA)

Meghan Tuttle (Weyerhaeuser/ co-chair)

Harry Bell (WFPA)

Small Forest Landowner

*Steve Barnowe-Meyer (WFFA)

*Ken Miller (WFFA)

Jenny Knoth (WFFA/CMER co-chair)

Joe Murray (WFFA)

State Caucus

Brandon Austin (ECY)

Don Nauer (WDFW)

Chris Conklin (WDFW)

Marc Engel (DNR/co-chair)

Westside Tribal Caucus

*Jim Peters (NWIFC)

Ash Roorbach (NWIFC)

Curt Veldhuisen (SRSC)

Joseph Pavel (Skokomish)

Eastside Tribal Caucus

*Ray Entz (Kalispel)

John Sirois (UCUT)

Adaptive Management Program/CMER Staff

Mark Hicks (AMPA)

Ben Flint (DNR)

Teresa Miskovic (DNR)
Eszter Munes (DNR)