

Timber, Fish and Wildlife Policy Committee

Thursday, January 5, 2023 // 9:00AM – 3:10PM

Hybrid Meeting

In-Person: Ecology Building located at 300 Desmond Dr. SE, Lacey, WA 98503, Room# R1S-16/17

Virtual: Zoom (Link Listed Below)

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p>December 2022 Meeting Minutes</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ken Miller moved to approve the December 2022 minutes.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Tom O'Brien</p> <p>Up: Brandon Austin, Alec Brown, Karen Zirkle (Proxy for Marc Engel), Ken Miller, Tom O'Brien, Court Stanley, and Cody Thomas.</p> <p>Sideways: Darin Cramer</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Absent: Jim Peters</p>
<p>Riparian Characteristics and Shade (RCS)</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Cody Thomas gave a motion for Policy to recommend that CMER, RSAG, and the RCS Project Team limit potential RCS study sites in Eastern Washington to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Disconnected Type Np, Type Ns, or untyped streams where planned harvest is already permitted under current rules (including thinning and patch clear cuts for Np streams), but also meeting minimum Type F physicals locally. Ideally these streams will be intermittent (seasonal), while also meeting the study design criteria in the ISPR-approved Study Design for BFW (5-25ft);2. If not enough of those sites are available, connected Type Np, Type Ns, or untyped streams that meet Type F physicals and with a BFW of 5-25ft can be used. These sites will need to be free of resident fish. <p>Cody Thomas withdrew his motion</p>	<p>Seconded: Tom O'Brien</p> <p>Up:</p> <p>Sideways:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Absent:</p>

<p>Riparian Characteristics and Shade (RCS)</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Cody Thomas gave a motion for Policy to submit the “Riparian Characteristics and Shade (RCS) Study Alternative Site Selection Criteria for Eastern Washington Sites” to CMER, RSAG, and the Project Team for their feedback on the technical implications (on scope of inference, feasibility, etc.) of the recommended criteria.</p> <p><u>Friendly Amendment:</u> Motion for Policy to submit the “Riparian Characteristics and Shade (RCS) Study Alternative Site Selection Criteria for Eastern Washington Sites” to CMER for their feedback on the technical implications (on scope of inference, feasibility, etc.) of the recommended criteria.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Karen Zirkle (Proxy for Marc Engel)</p> <p>Up: Brandon Austin, Karen Zirkle (Proxy for Marc Engel), Tom O’Brien, Court Stanley, and Cody Thomas.</p> <p>Sideways: Darin Cramer, Ken Miller, and Alec Brown.</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Absent: Jim Peters</p>
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Action Items	
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Add Dave Roberts to mailing list	Natalie Church
Legislative Contact Information to be sent to Natalie Church within the week.	Voting Members
Schedule May TFW Policy meeting on Thursday May 4 th and off-site meetings on Wednesday May 3 rd .	Co-chairs, AMPA, and Natalie
Re-send SharePoint invitation email to voting members and to alternates.	Lori Clark
Reach out to Lori Clark if there are other people you would like to have access to SharePoint Online.	Voting Members
Talk to CMER Co-chairs about RCS	Lori Clark and Natalie Church
CMER response about RCS to be sent back to TFW Policy by April 2023	

Co-Chair Updates:

- Brandon Austin read the following TFW Policy Ground Rules: “commitment to listen carefully: ask questions to understand and make statement to explain or educate” and “all issues identified by any party must be addressed by the whole group”.

Caucus Updates:

- Karen Zirkle explained that DNR has posted the AMPA position, applications need to be submitted by January 15th, and the interview panel will be comprised of a couple TFW Policy voting members.
- Court Stanley mentioned that the Counties have a new representative, Lisa Janicki, at the Board of Natural Resources.
- Alec Brown explained that WEC has changed to Washington Conservation Action.
- Ken Miller explained that Dave Roberts will start as a SFL voting member in February.

Staff Updates:

- Lori Clark gave the following updates:
 - DNR has contracted with Chariot Creative to complete the AMP dashboard.
 - Rachel Rubin will be going on parental leave starting in the middle of January to June of this year. Lila Westreich and Mark Teply will continue the work on the projects she is currently working on.
 - Greg Stewart has now retired from the program.

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:

No public comments

Interest-Based Negotiations Training Follow-up:

Brandon Austin explained that he felt the meeting was productive. He explained that he and Court Stanley wanted to propose having an informal gathering at Court’s beach house and discussed having it either the day before or the day after the May TFW Policy meeting. They explained that they would like to have someone facilitate so they are able to participate. Ken Miller asked who would be facilitating the meeting, whether it would be Michael Kern Consulting or Triangle Associates. Lori Clark explained that the contract with Michael Kern Consulting has ended, and we still have a contract with Triangle Associates. Ken explained that he has concerns about having different facilitators since a lot of progress was made. Brandon Austin explained that the co-chairs will work with Triangle Associates and bring them up to date. Ash Roorbach asked if Triangle Associates have familiarity with Interested-Based Negotiations. Natalie Church explained that Triangle Associates referred us to Michael Kern Consulting so they should have an understanding. Lori explained that if TFW Policy goes in with an open mind there should be some benefits from doing this informal meeting. Brandon suggested to have Interest-Based Negotiations as an agenda item quarterly at the monthly TFW Policy meetings. It was agreed that the regular TFW Policy meeting will be on Thursday May 4th and off-site informal meeting will be on Wednesday May 3rd.

Riparian Characteristics and Shade (RCS):

Cody explained that there are no updates just are looking at a motion to give a recommendation to PT. Option to send entire document to PT or put in the motion. Cody made a motion. Tom seconded. Darin

explained that he does not agree with this motion. Because 1.18. Tom would like to have a more explicit list of concerns to be able to start the discussion to collaborate. Cody explained that the tribes will not support studies on F streams, and this is to give another option to have the project to move forward. Karen explained that this is a good compromise and that we do have time to discuss this further. Possible send to CMER to get feedback on what should be done. Ken appreciated Cody being up front and it sounds like the tribes aren't giving reasoning behind the position. He also explained that his CMER rep feels that this is a good project to be done. Cody explained that they want to have the same project just don't want it on a fish stream. They don't want to change the interpretation. Court explained that if the East Side is having such low fish counts that is a bigger concern than this project. Brandon said that if sending to CMER we would need to have specific questions to send to them. Asking how this would impact the study design/results and what would be do with the results. Expect back and forth for clarity purposes. Karen derail or delay the project. Lori explained that we do have time to send to CMER or have a discussion within Policy. Rachel state that this proposal is well received. She doesn't see that there is much of an issue with the results. It is speculative at this point. If this is put as a suggestion/request, there shouldn't be a problem. This project is done in phases and will not be on the Eastside for a couple of years. Darin said that the wants to remind everyone that CMER has already approved this. This is a technical question. Need to focus on technical side not the results since it has already been approved. John wanted to point out that this is not a change in scope. Tom asked since the type of streams does not impact the scope then 1.43. Karen asked if we should give CMER a timeline. Lori said that giving 2 months for CMER to respond. Bring to April meeting if the time permits. And CMER can ask for an extension.

2023-2025 Master Project Schedule (MPS):

Governor's Budget:

Lori Clark shared that we got good news a couple of weeks ago regarding the Governor's budget. The AMP budget is fully supported in the Governor's operating budget. We asked for \$17.9 mil, and the F&F appropriation set in the Governor's budget is \$18.4 mil. \$12.5mill from F&F (Forest Fish Support State Account- FSSA). The remainder is from GF-S (general state funds) split between two fiscal years. The Governor's budget added 1.2 mil to existing proviso. We are happy with the way things are going and we are continuing to monitor the budget and be responsive to all legislative inquiries. Thank you to those of you who have been advocating for this budget and if you are visiting legislators, pls continue to show support. The budget workgroup will meet this month to continue to finalize a MPS contingency plan even though the AMP budget looks like it will be fully supported. This is just so that we are well prepared should a potential budget shortfall occur this legislative session. This contingency plan will need Policy approval May 2023.

AMPA Memo:

Lori Clark explained that the Forest Practices Board (FPB) passed three motions at their November meeting directing Policy. One designates extensive monitoring as a priority for the AMP. Policy has a workshop with CMER and RSAG members on Jan 18th to discuss Extensive Monitoring. The goal is to make progress on gaining clarity on the "problem" and "purpose" statement and associated Critical Questions so that RSAG can complete the Charter for CMER and Policy review and approval and advance the scoping phase of this project. The Board also approved TFW Policy's net gains options and is directing Policy to develop each of these options and bring them to the Board for consideration. The Policy SAO workgroup will need to work on an action plan for developing these 6 options to be presented to the FPB in February. And the 3rd motion was in reference to approving the assignment of oversight of the water typing strategies to policy. These three topics are important to consider as Policy is deciding on what work will be prioritized this year.

2023-2025 CMER Work Plan:

Lori Clark reviewed the layout of the CMER Work Plan and explained if anyone needs any additional details/explanations reach out to the AMP staff. The Work Plan has been updated to reflect the changes that have occurred over the last biennium. Only approved changes and language are included in the work plan sections. The Work Plan includes linkages between rule group Critical Questions and the projects. Additionally, Appendix A of the Work Plan includes the project, objectives, and targets to identify areas of potential project integration. As you are looking through the 23-25 Work Plan, please notice what is helpful and what improvements could be made.

Updating of the Work Plan as well as the PSSs takes a large amount of time and the SAG and CMER participants are wanting to make sure this is an effective communication tool. AMP staff are open to suggestions about ways to improve communicating project progress to Policy.

Lori suggested that in reviewing the Work Plan, if TFW Policy members see a rule group or project that they are interested in learning more about from CMER, please let her know and she can schedule a presentation from the PI or a SAG member.

This used to be a standing Policy agenda item and was a way to stay engaged with CMER and gain a better understanding of the research as it is happening, and in advance of any decisions that need to be made.

2024 Project Summary Sheets:

Project Managers reviewed each project summary sheet. Anna Toledo reviewed the following projects: Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Project (ENREP), Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation Project (ETHEP) Riparian Characteristics and Shade Response (RCS), and Water Typing. Alexander Prescott reviewed the following projects: Westside Type F Riparian Prescription Effectiveness Project, Extensive Riparian Status and Trends Monitoring – Riparian Vegetation and Stream Temperature, Type F/N Westside and Eastside Project, and Road Prescription-Scale Effectiveness Monitoring (Roads BMP Study). Jenny Schofield and Tanner Williamson reviewed the following projects: Forested Wetlands Effectiveness Project (FWEP) - Chronosequence Study and Wetlands Management Zone Effectiveness Monitoring. Lori Clark reviewed Unstable Slopes Criteria Project, Deep-Seated Landslide (DSL) Research Strategy Projects, and Water Temperature and Amphibian Use in Type Np Waters with Discontinuous Surface Flow.

SharePoint Online Demonstration:

Lori Clark gave a brief presentation on SharePoint Online. She explained that this site is where all documents will be available. She stated that she sent an invite to all TFW Policy voting members. Tom O'Brien asked if the caucus' alternate can have access. Lori said that she will send an invite to all of the caucus alternates. Lori explained to access SharePoint Online you sign into your Microsoft Account and use Microsoft Edge. She explained that Project Managers can only help with a few things and do not have complete access to help with all issues. Tom suggested to have a step-by-step presentation. Alexander Prescott explained that he can look into creating a video with short step-by-step instruction. Lori explained that this site is not public facing, the public will need to use the TFW Policy website to view documents. If there are any organization suggestions send them to Lori. Brandon suggested to figure out the permissions for each workgroup. Lori said she can give permissions for people to only view the document and not have access to edit. If you don't know where to upload documents, ask a Project Manager or Natalie Church.

TFW Policy Voting Members Legislative Update:

TFW Policy members shared Legislative updates for each of their caucus'.

List of Attendees

Attendees	Representing
§Austin, Brandon	Ecology/TFW Policy Co-chair
§Brown, Alec	WEC/Conservation Caucus
§Cramer, Darin	Large Industrial Landowner Caucus/WFPA
§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
Black, Jenelle	NWFIC
Church, Natalie	Administrative Assistant/DNR
Clark, Lori	Supervisory Project Manager/DNR
Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
Harris, Catherine	NWIC
Heimburg, John	WDFW
Kroll, A.J.	Weyerhaeuser/CMER Co-chair
Link, Tim	University of Idaho
Lowery, Darric	State Caucus/WDFW
Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus/CMER
Mitchell, Robert	Member of the Public
Mobbs, Mark	Quinault Indian Nation
Murray, Joe	WFPA/RSAG Co-chair
Pavel, Joseph	Skokomish Tribe
Prescott, Alexander	Project Manager/DNR
Roorbach, Ash	Westside Tribes/NWIFC
Rubin, Rachel	Scientist/DNR
Schofield, Jenny	Project Manager/DNR
Smith, Kendra	Skagit
Toledo, Anna	Project Manager/DNR
Walter, Jason	Weyerhaeuser/ISAG Co-chair
Williamson, Tanner	NWIFC
§Zirkle, Karen	DNR (Proxy for Marc Engel)

§TFW Policy Voting Member