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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Forest Practices Board

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SUBJECT: Water Typing System Rulemaking

The Board, at the August meeting discussed the anadromous fish floor (AFF) alternatives and discussed next steps for the permanent water typing system rule making.

The Board took action, by motion, to accept AFF alternatives A4 (7 percent) and D for inclusion and analysis in the draft statewide permanent water typing system rule, and for the Board Chair to direct DNR staff to prepare a CR 102 rulemaking packet for the rule. They also directed staff to not conduct the potential habitat break (PHB) and AFF spatial analysis for the water typing system rule until after the November 2022 Forest Practices Board meeting.

The Board then began a discussion about the remaining water typing system rule elements needed for staff to prepare the information packet needed to begin formal rulemaking (through the filing of a Rule Proposal (CR-102)) for the statewide permanent water typing system rule. At the August meeting, the Board confirmed that the permanent water typing system rule, including an anadromous fish floor, will apply to eastern Washington; and requested staff to prepare a Proposal Initiation to develop an Anadromous Fish Floor validation study through the Adaptive Management Program.

The Board also agreed to discuss at the November board meeting items identified as the remaining unfinished rule elements that need Board resolution. Staff will present background on those elements at the November meeting. They include: clarifying the goals and targets for the water typing system rule; confirming the goals and targets of an AFF; and, determining if a map-based modeled water typing system is one of the goals of the permanent water typing system rule.