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To: Forest Practices Board 

From: Marc Engel, DNR on behalf of
Bob Gunther, Board Water Typing System Committee Chair

RE: Staff Update on the Board's Water Typing System Rule Committee

The development of an anadromous fish floor alternative for Board consideration is not complete. The Water Typing System Rule Board Committee (Committee) continues to provide oversight to the Anadromous Fish Floor (AFF) Workgroup in the development of alternatives for the Forest Practices Board's consideration for inclusion in the permanent water typing system rule. The AFF Workgroup development of an anadromous fish floor alternative is a collaborative effort between the AFF project team and AFF policy members, where the project team prepares an Anadromous Fish Floor Spatial Analysis Findings Report of each Committee approved AFF alternative and the AFF policy members review the findings and prepare AFF alternatives for Committee consideration.

The Committee has held four meetings – November 17, December 14, January 5 and January 24th – since the last Board meeting. At the January 5th meeting the Committee received a presentation of the Anadromous Fish Floor Spatial Analysis Findings Report and approved a request from the AFF policy members for the project team to conduct analysis on two additional potential AFF alternatives. These analysis, to be presented in the form of an addendum to the Anadromous Fish Floor Spatial Analysis Findings Report have not been completed.

At the January 25th meeting the Committee determined the planned time schedule outlined in their October 21, 2021 memo to the Board must be delayed because of further analysis needed by the AFF project team for the AFF policy members to prepare recommendations for the Committee. The Committee accepted a timeline for completion of AFF recommendations:

- AFF project team's addendum to the Anadromous Fish Floor Spatial Analysis Findings Report to be delivered to the AFF Workgroup during the week of January 24th;
- AFF policy members will develop recommendations to bring forward to the Committee by February 11th;
- Committee will reconvene on February 18th (this meeting has been scheduled) to receive the AFF alternatives and develop a recommendation for the Board; and,
- Committee recommends a special Board meeting(s) be held in early March to present their recommendations to the Board through an anadromous fish floor workshop.

The Committee's goal is to bring final recommendations on the AFF to the Board at a requested Special Board meeting in March. This could be a two day meeting four hours each day or one eight hour day meeting.

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