

## Process to Establish Fish Habitat Assessment Method

1. Develop a recommendation for considering a new Habitat Assessment Methodology for determining the Type F/N break in unmapped streams or in streams where the new map/model has not been applied.
  - a. Policy will take the three proposals that came out of the F/N Technical Group and include up to 3 additional proposals from caucuses (limited to 1 proposal per caucus) on a new fish habitat protocol survey methodology.
  - b. Policy will send proposals to the AMPA for evaluation. The AMPA will work with an independent scientific review group or contractor(s) to review the proposals, provide an assessment of each, and provide Policy a recommended best method (which could be one proposal, a combination of several, or an entirely new proposal). This review will incorporate the general objectives for the water typing system (highly accurate, minimize error, and reduce bias), while also developing as consistently implementable method as possible.
  - c. Policy will use this science reviewed recommendation to inform its recommendation to the Board for Board Manual Section 23 development, following the development of the draft rule.
2. Policy discussion and consensus recommendations for additional content (based upon DNR/Services recommendations) for consideration in the DNR Board Manual development process.