

**Water Typing System Rule Committee Meeting**  
**October 19, 2021, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**  
Meeting conducted via Zoom

**Committee Members Present:**

Bob Guenther, Committee Chair and General Public Member  
Cody Desautel, General Public Member  
David Herrera, General Public Member  
Jeff Davis, Director's designee, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (3 – 3:35 p.m.)  
Tom Nelson, General Public Member

**Staff**

Marc Engel and Marc Ratcliff, DNR  
Phil Ferester, ATG

**Welcome and Introductions**

Bob Guenther, Committee chair, called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

**Committee Questions and Answers with the Anadromous Fish Floor Workgroup**

Marc Engel, DNR, reported that staff, as requested by the Committee yesterday, outlined the objectives of the anadromous fish floor (AFF) workgroup.

Marc Ratcliff, DNR, shared a proposed draft document that will be used to formulate the Committee report for the November 2022 Board meeting.

Committee member Nelson asked the workgroup to refine the objectives in the introduction to reflect the need to have an AFF which establishes the point where to begin the protocol survey.

Committee Chair Guenther encouraged the AFF workgroup to take a good look at the technical spatial analysis and get recommendations to this Committee in order to deliver something to the Board in November. He said he does not think it can happen in November.

Committee member Herrera said all Committee members need to understand and have their questions answered about anything in the report. If the workgroup needs more time to finish, that is okay. He said the Committee and Board will need to make the policy-level decision on how comfortable they are with using the information in the report and assessing the risk. He said he does not think it will be ready for the November Board meeting.

**Further Direction to the Anadromous Fish Floor Workgroup**

The Committee requested the final report and recommendations be completed by December 3.

**Preparation of Committee Update to the Board**

Committee members reviewed potential timelines for completing the AFF recommendations and requested staff to include the suggested dates in the Committee memo. The report to the Board will include:

- The acknowledgement that the Committee has received the preliminary AFF report.

- A schedule for anticipated products and next meetings, which includes:
  - Scheduling a Committee meeting the week of November 15 to receive an update from AFF Workgroup
  - Expectation of the final report and recommendations by December 3
  - Scheduling a Committee meeting the week of December 13 for the workgroup to share the final report and recommendations
  - Scheduling a Committee meeting by January 7 to prepare AFF recommendations to present to the full Board in anticipation of the February 2022 meeting.

The Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to conduct an AFF workshop-type presentation at the February 2022 Board meeting. As a result, they will request the Board to add another day to the regular scheduled February meeting.

Motion: Cody moved to accept the meeting dates as recorded.

Seconded: Tom Nelson

Action: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.