

Water Typing System Rule Making

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- Approved two anadromous fish floor alternatives, A4 (7%) and D, for inclusion in the draft water typing system rule and to be analyzed for inclusion in the CBA, SBEIS and SEPA as part of the rule making packet.
 - DNR staff were directed to delay initiation of the analysis until after the November meeting of the Board.
- Confirmed that the permanent water typing system rule, including an AFF, will apply to eastern Washington; and
- Agreed to complete the discussion of the remaining rule elements needed for staff to prepare the information packet needed to begin formal rulemaking:
 - Clarifying the goals and targets for the water typing system rule;
 - Confirming the goals and targets of an AFF;
 - Determining if a map-based modeled water typing system is one of the goals of the permanent water typing system rule.



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History of the goals of the water typing system rule:

- Board, in August 2016, provided general water typing system rule expectations to Policy to balance error; minimize electrofishing; address stream segments not shown on the DNR hydro layer; improve the water typing map over time; include methods to locate the Type F/N break on the ground; and, ensure the methods provide the ability to be applied by small forest landowners
- Committee recommendation in November 2019 for the Board to clarify the goals and targets for the water typing system rule; that the target for the rule implementation needs to be consistent with fish habitat as it is defined in rule; that the targets for implementation also need to align with the intent of the Forest Practices HCP and provide that goal to TFW Policy and CMER.



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History of the goals of the Anadromous Fish Floor:

- The Board, in November 2019, approved the AFF Workgroup Charter which defined the anadromous fish floor as “measurable physical stream characteristics downstream from which anadromous fish habitat is presumed.”
- The Board, in June 2022, accepted additional clarification through the AFF Policy Member Memo Addendum that defined the AFF as:
“measurable physical stream characteristics downstream from which anadromous fish habitat is presumed and an agreement that, for the permanent forest practices water typing system rule, the AFF would establish the location upstream of which protocol fish surveys to determine the water type may begin under the FHAM, thereby reducing electrofishing in waters that are presumed to have anadromous fish habitat.”



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History of the model based water typing map:

- The Board, November 2019, received and accepted Committee recommendation, but took no action to address whether a map-based modeled water typing system is one of the goals of a permanent water typing system rule.



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Board discussion of goals and targets:

- **Water typing system rule;**
- **Anadromous Fish Floor; and**
- **Addressing inclusion of the map-based modeled water typing in the permanent water typing system rule**



