

Timber, Fish and Wildlife Policy Committee

Thursday, February 1, 2024 // 9:00AM – 3:50PM

Hybrid Meeting

In-Person: WA State Light Industrial Park at 801 88th Ave. SE, Tumwater, WA 98512

Virtual: Zoom (Link Listed Below)

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p>January 2024 Meeting Notes</p> <p>Motion: Ken Miller moved to approve the January 2024 meeting notes.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Rico Vinh</p> <p>Up: Ken Miller, Brandon Austin, Cody Thomas, Marc Engel, Court Stanley, Rico Vinh and Darin Cramer.</p> <p>Abstain: Jim Peters, Chris Briggs (not at last month's meeting)</p>

Action Items	
Action Items	Responsibility
Send list of Adaptive Management Program Acronyms	Natalie Church
Send out Unstable Slopes Criteria PowerPoint	Natalie Church
Board Manual and Rule information on each settlement agreement item	Marc Engel
Compass Resource Management will reach out to each caucus to have one-on-one discussion.	
Chris Briggs, Cody Thomas, Dave Roberts, Ken Miller, Marc Engel, and Rico Vinh self-nominated for the TFW Policy Manual workgroup	Will meet after the TFW Policy manual has gone through legal review.

Caucus Updates

- Brandon Austin read two ground rules:
 - TFW #8 - State needs, problems and opportunities, not positions - positive candor is a little used but effective tool.
 - BM 22 B6 Staff members, guests and visitors are encouraged to attend meetings as they choose but defer to those at the Policy Committee table for discussion and decisions.
- Jim Peters explained they are figuring out who is going to fill in for him since he got appointed to the Forest Practices Board.
- Brandon Austin explained that the Legislative Summary Sheets were sent out and if you have any questions reach out to the that caucus member.
 - Ken Miller reviewed the two that Small Forest Landowners' proposals.

Staff Updates

- Jeff Robbins as a new Department of Ecology staff.
- Natalie is working behind the scenes to come up with a new format for AMP mailings to make it more streamlined and easier for participants. It is the same format the Forest Practices Board uses. She will share details at an upcoming meeting.
- April 9-10th is the Structured Decision-Making workshop for all AMP participants. Alex McInturff and Sarah Converse with Washington Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Washington will be hosting. It will be a two-day all-day workshop at the NRB. Lunch will be provided. Details will be sent out in February. Please RSVP via the calendar invite.
- Lori will be presenting a pilot rule request for three sites for the Riparian Characteristics and Shade (RCS) study. This time last year, the Board approved pilot rulemaking for the Riparian Characteristics and Shade study. However, none of the forty sites that were previously identified were selected as suitable for implementation, thus a new CR-101 is being submitted for three sites planned for RCS implementation in summer 2024.
- Lori submitted an update on Extensive Monitoring to the Forest Practices Board.
- Marc Engel gave a brief review of what is going to be discussed at the February Forest Practices Board Meeting.

CMER Updates

Aimee McIntyre CMER co-chair reviewed the CMER SAG Updates document and what was discussed at last month's CMER meeting.

Public Comments

No public comments.

2023 Adaptive Management Program Review

Lori Clark shared the AMP Accomplishments and reviewed what was completed in 2023.

Presentation of Unstable Slopes Criteria Study Design and Prospective 6 Questions

Dan Miller is one of the Principal Investigators for the Unstable Slopes Criteria projects and gave a presentation on the study design for projects 3 and 4, Susceptibility and Runout, and answered questions.

Formation of a TFW Policy Manual Workgroup

Rico suggested that Policy consider forming a workgroup that will focus on providing a regular review and revision of the TFW Policy Manual. Natalie shared that the TFW Policy manual is currently in legal review. Once this review has been completed, it will be published on the DNR AMP website. The Board is considering revised language for BM22 that references the Policy Manual as the document that details TFW Policy process and meeting management. Chris Briggs, Cody Thomas, Dave Roberts, Ken Miller, Marc Engel, and Rico Vinh self-nominated for this workgroup. Brandon suggested that when this group meets to discuss who should be the chair for the group. Cody explained that the first meeting will be after it has gone through legal review.

2012 Settlement Agreement

Brandon Austin began a discussion about what are the elements of the Settlement Agreement that are still relevant to the program that have not been addressed. Rico explained that he has been tracking down documents to learn more about Policy and he wanted to get more information. Jim Peters explained that he feels that it is important to have the parties involved in the Settlement Agreement for this discussion. Others can listen. Marc explained that the Settlement Agreement initiatives are completed. For example, it established the Master Project Schedule with the Board reviewing it in August of even years. It

determined that Policy will be self-appointing and added Westside Tribes and Eastside Tribes and put WDFW and Ecology together as the state caucus and identified the dispute resolution process. Darin identified that the one outstanding issue that has not been addressed was #9 in Attachment 3 of the document, which set deadlines for completion of prioritized and all projects in the MPS. Brandon asked, what should the next steps for this Settlement Agreement be? Rico suggested it could be a good idea to go through each item and see what is in the Board Manual and what is rule. Marc agreed that this could be done.

Outside Science

Lori Clark gave a brief introduction of the current proposed timeline for Policy and CMER to provide a guidance document for the Forest Practices Board at their May 2024 meeting. The Board approved the Net Gains Options which included the need to clarify the process for bringing in Outside Science. The SAO workgroup met on January 17th and reviewed the AMPA memo and provided some feedback which included the section that outlines Policy’s role in identifying conditions or situations that would warrant the use of Outside Science. Lori shared the AMPA memo with Policy (early) on January 18th to allow for time to review and discuss with caucus representatives. Policy’s role in reviewing the Outside Science was to review the AMPA memo and come to the meeting ready to discuss the memo, consider the proposed timeline, and decide next steps. CMER is reviewing the “Use of Non-CMER Science in the Forest Practices Adaptive Management Program” which was co-authored by Jenny Knoth, Aimee McIntyre, and A.J. Kroll. Cody Thomas explained that his caucus doesn’t feel we need to have a more detailed process but, we need to clarify the process. Rico Vinh explained that he feels that status quo is efficient for this topic. Ken explained that all science is worth considering. There was some conflation between the use of best available science in the scoping process and the use of peer reviewed science, independent of CMER, to be used directly to inform decision making. Multiple Policy reps mentioned that there is an existing process for considering ‘outside science’ for decision making but were not able to share those details at the time. Lori reminded that group that this is not how CMER uses science this is using outside science to inform a Policy decision. Cody explained that he thinks that Policy needs to have more discussion on this topic before discussing next steps.

Structured Decision-Making

Lori introduced the Compass Resources team. Compass is a consulting firm from Vancouver, British Columbia. They specialize in the use of Structured Decision Making and have worked on Adaptive Management challenges in many contexts across North America. They work as 3rd party facilitators and analysts, most often for multi-party groups and programs such as ours. Their team includes Dan Ohlson, Philip Halteman and Rae Failing. We now have a contract in place for Compass to support TFW Policy in establishing a SDM framework to support the application of multi-criteria or multi-objective decision making. The contract includes the Compass team providing facilitated support to Policy over the next 10-ish months as well as support for CMER following the SDM workshop in April. Compass will be presenting to the Forest Practices Board May 8th and in either November 2024 or February 2025 to provide an update on progress towards a SDM model. The Committee agreed to use the upcoming decision item, considering the results from the ENREP project as training for using SDM.

List of Attendees

Attendees	Representing
§Austin, Brandon	WDFW/TFW Policy Co-chair
§ Briggs, Chris	Department of Ecology
§Cramer, Darin	Large Industrial Landowner Caucus/WFPA
§Engel, Marc	State Caucus/DNR

§Miller, Ken	Small Forest Landowner/WFFA
§Peters, Jim	Westside Tribes/NWIFC
§Stanley, Court	TFW Policy Co-chair/WSAC
§Thomas, Cody	Eastside Tribe Caucus/UCUT
§Vinh, Rico	WCA/Conservation Caucus
Church, Natalie	Administrative Assistant/DNR
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Administrator
Failing, Rae	Compass Resources Management
Franquemont, Maggie	DNR
Freeman, Elise	CMER Scientist
Haltzman, Philip	Compass Resources Management
Hawkins, Tracy	DNR
Henkel, Theryn	Supervisory Project Manager/DNR
Holy, Shae	Skokomish Tribe
Hooks, Doug	WFPA
Kay, Debbie	CMER Member/WetSAG Co-chair
Knoth, Jenny	CMER Voting Member
McIntyre, Aimee	WDFW/CMER Voting Member
Murray, Joe	RSAG Co-chair
O'Brien, Tom	WDFW
Ohlson, Dan	Compass Resources Management
Prescott, Alexander	Project Manager/DNR
Purser, Rob	Skokomish Tribe
Roberts, Dave	Small Forest Landowner/WFFA
Rubin, Rachel	AMP Scientist
Roorbach, Ash	Westside Tribes/NWIFC
Schofield, Jenny	Project Manager/DNR
Smith, Kendra	Skagit
Toledo, Anna	Project Manager/DNR
Zirkle, Karen	DNR

§TFW Policy Voting Member