



**Timber, Fish and Wildlife Policy Committee
Forest Practices Board**

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TO: Forest Practices Board
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SUBJECT: TFW Policy Committee Annual Report and Priorities

The Timber, Fish, & Wildlife Policy Committee (Policy) workload is driven by internal process deadlines and priorities directed by the Forest Practices Board (Board). To accommodate the heavy workload, Policy relies on additional meetings, email communications between meetings, and policy workgroups to address specific issues and meet deadlines to accomplish their work.

TFW POLICY COMMITTEE Priorities for Calendar year 24 and 25.

Small Forest Landowner alternative harvest prescriptions:

A subgroup of Policy is working through two templates for prescriptions for conifer restoration and riparian thinning. These prescriptions are experimental and will include a monitoring component that will be developed by CMER.

SAO Report Recommendation - #5 Net Gains:

Policy continues to develop recommendations for:

- Clarification process for outside science;
- Setting clear AMP Priorities;
- Potential AMP program reform;
- Updating the TFW Policy Manual as needed, and;
- Using a Structured Decision Making (SDM) framework.

Master Project Schedule and Adaptive Management Program Budget:

Policy, at their July 2024 meeting, approved by consensus:

- The FY 25 – 26 Master Project Schedule (MPS) and associated Adaptive Management Program budget to be presented to the Board; and,
- Continuation of the Policy Budget Workgroup to remain engaged in the maintenance of the MPS including review and approval for work on ongoing project and funding contingencies and Board priorities.
- TFW Policy and the Board engagement in discussions on setting CMER work priorities.

2023-2024

CMER Work Plan:

CMER will deliver to Policy for approval in January 2025. Policy will work on prioritizing projects for future funding.

CMER Project Summary Sheets:

Policy will receive the CMER 2026 Project Summary Sheets including a prioritized list of future projects in February 2025. This will be the beginning of CMER/Policy engagement on prioritizing the remaining AMP projects for the 2026-2028 CMER Work Plan and MPS.

Water Temperature and Amphibians in Discontinuously Flowing Type Np Water Reaches:

The project is in scoping. Policy will receive the scoping document from CMER for consideration in June 2025.

Extensive Riparian Monitoring:

Policy will receive the Extensive Monitoring scoping documents in February 2025.

Riparian Literature Synthesis Report:

CMER will deliver to Policy in September 2024.

Eastside Forest Health Strategy:

CMER will deliver Charter to Policy in 2025.

Policy Manual:

Policy will continue updating the Policy Manual as needed.

Multi-Criteria Decision Making/Structured Decision-Making:

Policy continues to work with Compass Resource Management to explore and develop a potential process for using SDM for decision making. Policy will work with Compass to use ENREP as a pilot SDM project.

L-1 Review:

The Policy SAO workgroup will continue to monitor the CMER L-1 workgroup and provide input and guidance as necessary.

Westside Type F Exploratory Report:

Policy will receive the final report in October 2024.

New Projects:

The Policy Committee workload is heavy yet must also remain sensitive to the changes in various timelines and to new issues as they come up. The capacity for Policy to accept any new work as assigned by the Forest Practices Board or taken on for other reasons could require delaying existing priorities and/or scheduling additional meetings.