

# Timber, Fish and Wildlife Policy Committee

Thursday, August 1, 2024 // 9:00-11:50AM

Hybrid Meeting

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

Virtual: Zoom

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p><b>July 2024 Meeting Notes</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Brandon Austin moved to approve the July 2024 meeting notes as presented.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p><b>Seconded:</b> Darin Cramer</p> <p><b>Up:</b> Court Stanley, Brandon/Chris*, Cody Thomas, Rico Vinh, Darin Cramer, and Marc Engel.</p> <p><b>Sideways:</b> Ken Miller (Would like the solution to the issue with Dave Roberts clarified for him)</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Rob Purser</p>

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Action Items	
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Share one-pager to TFW Policy to review in the next mailing.	Lori Clark
Talk to his caucus about what was discussed today about the ENREP extended monitoring and possible next steps and will report back to full Policy.	Rico Vinh
Have a discussion with ENREP PI to see if he can give a presentation at the November TFW Policy Meeting.	Lori Clark/Anna Toledo

## Caucus Updates

- Rico’s first meeting as a TFW Policy Co-chair.
- Cody Thomas read:
  - Participate. Be present, put distractions aside, stay aware, and engage in the conversation.
  - Arrive prepared. Come to meetings prepared and ready to participate fully on behalf of your caucus on each agenda item.
- Ken Miller explained that he had a minor stroke, they are going to expedite his departure from being a Policy Rep. He explained that he is having difficulty reading and speaking so it might take him some time to understand what is going on.

## Staff Updates

- Lori shared that there was a “Zoom Bomb” at the CMER meeting. Inappropriate video and audio were shared on the Zoom platform. DNR, AMP staff, and the CMER co-chairs take these incidents seriously and are committed to ensuring the security and smooth operation of our meetings. AMP staff are working with IT to ensure that the meetings are protected from future

disruption. To prevent such occurrences in the future, we will be implementing several improvements to our Zoom meeting security protocols. Future meetings will still be through GovDelivery and members will be able to register for all monthly meeting dates. This will allow the meeting invite function. Each member will have a unique password. We will use the waiting room function and restrict screen sharing. We believe these measures will significantly improve the security of our Zoom meetings and provide a safer and more productive environment for all participants.

- Theryn provided an update on the Schedule L-1 process and timeline.
- Lori provided an update on the Riparian Literature Synthesis.
- Natalie Church gave an update on the September Spokane meeting. The hotel is going to be Courtyard by Marriott. September 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a booking link for individuals to go to reserve a room if they want the discounted room.

### **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**

Robert Mitchell shared the following comment in the meeting chat:

“Can I just make a public comment that I missed the CMER meeting that was zoom-bombed but please don't overreact by punishing me and other General Public members for a one-time thing that we did not cause? Thanks!”

### **Legislative Session Preparation**

Tim Gates, DNR Legislative Manager, shared effective strategies for TFW Policy to engage with the legislature for the 25-27 biennium budget request. Natalie prepared an AMP fact sheet for TFW Policy members to use when talking with legislators. It will be most effective if we send letters the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December and schedule a group to attend in-person meetings in Jan/Feb. Tim Gates explained that OFM asked for agencies to request funding to maintain current program activities, no expansion. Submit packages in September and they will be available on the OFM website, and the one-pagers will also be shared. TFW Policy needs to be all on the same page and that is one of the reasons we are starting this process now. Joint memo/letter of support to OFM could be sent out as well. After we submit package DNR will reach out to stakeholders right now we are working on submitting package.

### **ENREP Extended Monitoring**

Lori shared that Policy needs to revisit the ENREP Extended Monitoring discussion. Only FY25 funds were approved on the MPS. The ENREP project team needs direction regarding FY26-FY27. Lori asked Policy if there is need for a facilitator. Rico hasn't heard anything new to take back to his caucus and doesn't have any new concerns. Primary concern is budget, tendency to add projects without having a specific reason to add it on. The example of the Hard Rock report was raised as an example. Darin explained that we do have a strategy for the budget so that is addressed, and it is documented that the report does come to us on the time he doesn't know what we can do now to help address that issue. There are tools to help keep the process moving forward. Cody explained that Policy needs to review the CMER work plan and prioritize the projects. If this decision is going to be sent to dispute, it would be best to start sooner rather than later. Court suggested that Rico work with his caucus to get information about what is needed to make a decision. Cody shared that SDM will assist Policy with decision criteria in advance of a final report being delivered to Policy. This will alleviate concerns about what to do with the data. Extended Monitoring could help provide more information on how things work on the east side or inform other studies. The data from the Extended Monitoring will either meet or not meet the threshold.

Policy members requested that the PI/PT bring preliminary data to November Policy meeting suggesting that more data could help with adequate data to inform decision. Brandon said that results could show a possibility that the ENREP study wasn't robust enough to conclude inference to inform a Policy decision. Extended Monitoring results could provide more confidence and may inform future design of new studies.

Understanding caucus's certainty versus risk would make it more clear in making a decision about the ENREP Extended Monitoring. Marc suggested Policy would benefit from a vision from Conservation before we enter into the formal process of dispute.

### Structured Decision-Making (SDM) Update

Compass Resource Management (consulting group) facilitated three focus groups: two were with timber industry (economics)/silviculture expertise and one was riparian health expertise. These groups were tasked with informing the materials that will be used in the CMER/Policy joint SDM workshop on September 25th in Spokane. The Compass team have drafted materials in preparation for the workshop and all materials will be shared with TFW Policy and CMER before the workshop.

### List of Attendees

Attendees	Representing
§Austin, Brandon*	WDFW
§Briggs, Chris*	Department of Ecology
§Cramer, Darin	Large Industrial Landowner Caucus/WFPA
§Engel, Marc	DNR
§Miller, Ken	Small Forest Landowner/WFFA
§Purser, Rob	Skokomish Tribe/Westside Tribes
§Stanley, Court	WSAC
§Thomas, Cody	Eastside Tribe Caucus/UCUT
§Vinh, Rico	WCA/Conservation Caucus/TFW Policy Co-chair
Bell, Harry	CMER Voting Member
Church, Natalie	Administrative Assistant/DNR
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Franquemont, Maggie	DNR
Henkel, Theryn	Supervisory Project Manager/DNR
Kay, Debbie	CMER Member/WetSAG Co-chair
McIntyre, Aimee	WDFW/CMER Voting Member
Mitchell, Robert	Member of the Public
Murray, Joe	RSAG Co-chair/WFPA
Nonemacher, Darcy	Conservation
Prescott, Alexander	Project Manager/DNR
Roberts, Dave**	Small Forest Landowner/WFFA/SFL Caucus Alternate
Roorbach, Ash	Westside Tribes/NWIFC
Schofield, Jenny	Project Manager/DNR
Smith, Kendra**	Skagit County/Counties Caucus Alternate
Toledo, Anna	Project Manager/DNR

Whilhoite, Shelly	OFM Capital Budget Analysis
Zirkle, Karen**	DNR/Caucus Alternate

§TFW Policy Voting Member

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