

Timber, Fish and Wildlife Policy Committee

Thursday, November 2, 2023 // 9:00AM – 3:50PM

Hybrid Meeting

In-Person: Ecology Building located at 300 Desmond Dr. SE, Lacey, WA 98503, Room# R1S-16/17

Virtual: Zoom (Link Listed Below)

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p>October (Sept. 26th) 2023 Meeting Notes</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ken Miller moved to approve the October (Sept. 26th) 2023 Meeting Notes.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Brandon Austin</p> <p>Up: Cody Thomas, Brandon Austin, Darin Cramer, Jim Peters, Rico Vinh, Court Stanley, Ken Miller, Marc Engel, and Melissa Gildersleeve.</p>
<p>Extensive Riparian Status and Trends Monitoring – Riparian Vegetation and Stream Temperature, Type F/N Westside and Eastside Project Charter</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Court Stanley moved to approve the Extensive Riparian Status and Trends Monitoring – Riparian Vegetation and Stream Temperature, Type F/N Westside and Eastside Project Charter.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Darin Cramer</p> <p>Up: Cody Thomas, Brandon Austin, Darin Cramer, Jim Peters, Rico Vinh, Court Stanley, Dave Roberts, Marc Engel, and Melissa Gildersleeve.</p>
<p>TFW Policy Manual</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ken Miller moved to approve the TFW Policy Manual.</p> <p>The motion passed</p>	<p>Seconded: Rico Vinh</p> <p>Up: Marc Engel, Cody Thomas, Brandon Austin, Darin Cramer, Jim Peters, Kendra Smith, Rico Vinh, and Melissa Gildersleeve.</p> <p>Sideways: Ken Miller (we were supposed to come in and not change the process and he felt we did with SFL primary/alternate issue)</p>

Action Items	
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Move WDFW storytelling to January 2024	Natalie Church/Brandon Austin
Share AMP Report update PowerPoint presentations with TFW Policy members	Natalie Church
Email response to Gretchen Sneegas and Tim Quinn.	TFW Policy Voting Members
Send out State Hydrography PowerPoint Presentation	Natalie Church
Send out Calendar hold for SDM April 9 th -10 th	Natalie Church
Discuss field trip possibly in March	Co-chairs and AMP Staff meeting

Caucus Updates:

- Cody Thomas read the below ground rules from the TFW Policy Operating Manual:
 - Listen to understand, not to respond. Engage in dialogue, not monologue; utilize active listening skills; respond to others' comments and perspectives; be direct; build upon agreement.
 - Take space and make space. Cultivate a safe space to ask questions, engage in open dialogue, and promote robust discussion.
- Ken Miller shared an experience he had learning about salmon in the Olympic Peninsula as well as a short clip and photo.

Staff Updates:

- The Board-approved SAO #5 Net Gains Options included an initiative for CMER to engage with Policy on dialogue on CMER Reform to make improvements to the AMP. TFW Policy began conversations about how to approach this SAO initiative beginning November 2022. Lori met with each caucus to note areas of agreement and share these in a memo for Policy's consideration at the September Policy meeting. At that time Policy did not have consensus on the recommendations. The CMER edits to the PSM will provide improved AMP process and accountability. Lori will provide an update to the Board in February letting them know that CMER has made improvements to the PSM to advance this SAO recommendation.
- Marc Engel, Lori Clark, and Maggie Franquemont gave a brief description of what the Forest Practices Board will be discussing at their special meeting November 28-29th.

CMER Updates:

Aimee McIntyre CMER co-chair reviewed the CMER SAG Updates document and what was discussed at last month's CMER meeting. Aimee explained that the book that Gordon Reeves gave a presentation on ([Reflections on Forest Management: Can Fish and Fiber Coexist? | American Fisheries Society](#)) is available on SharePoint Online for CMER and TFW Policy members to read.

[Reflections+on+Forest+Management.pdf](#)

Public Comments:

Honorable Members of the Timber, Fish, and Wildlife Policy Committee,

I would like to put forth a proposal for your consideration, one that prioritizes the conservation of our natural resources and the prudent use of available funds. I urge this committee to allocate \$10 million towards a comprehensive study to evaluate the potential capital efficiency of an investment fund (along the general lines of Idaho's Land Endowment Fund) in comparison to traditional scientific research.

Imagine channeling this investment fund's profits into expanding the Forest Riparian Easement Program, a proven method to safeguard our delicate ecosystems. By allocating resources toward this program, we have the opportunity to conserve more trees and protect vital riparian zones, which are crucial to the health of our environment.

This approach stands in stark contrast to the alternative, which often involves resource-intensive, invasive studies that can have detrimental impacts on our natural habitats. These studies, sometimes carried out by industry representatives with potential conflicts of interest, can disrupt the delicate balance of our ecosystems and may yield questionable results.

Therefore, I implore this committee to consider a shift in focus, away from potentially destructive and intrusive methods, and toward responsible financial investments that can yield tangible benefits for our environment. By taking this approach, we can maximize the positive impact of our resources and truly prioritize the protection of our forests and wildlife.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Robert Mitchell

Extensive Riparian Status and Trends Monitoring – Riparian Vegetation and Stream Temperature, Type F/N Westside and Eastside Project Charter:

Alexander Prescott gave a brief background and explanation of the charter. He pointed out that the critical questions are the ones listed in the CMER work plan. Darin Cramer mentioned that this has been going on for quite a while and is hoping for a more expedited process. Brandon Austin requested that TFW Policy be updated periodically whether every few months or quarterly. Lori Clark strongly encouraged TFW Policy to read the CMER SAG Updates and come to these meetings with any questions or comments. There was discussion on how the project team is planning on using best available science section.

AMP Report Update:

Tim Quinn, Gretchen Sneegas, and George Wilhere gave an update on the Adaptive Management Program Report. Natalie Church will share the PowerPoint presentations shared.

Statewide Hydrography:

Josh Greenburg with Department of Ecology IT Services Team presented on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) maps update. The NHD update will improve and maintain the accuracy of mapped waters across the state.

DNR has access to the high-resolution land cover and they are working on getting a layer file to make it easier to find. And DNR is working on figuring out the best way to move our tabular hydro attributes over to the new lidar derived hydro when that is ready.

TFW Policy Manual:

The Policy Manual was a decision item at the September Policy meeting, but additional comments were received the days leading up to the meeting thus it was removed from the agenda. The goal for the November meeting is to review the final edits and discuss some of the comments that need Policy consideration.

Board Manual 22 currently serves as the guidance for TFW Policy processes. The SAO report suggested that the BM 22 be revised or that Policy adopts a separate manual to clarify a number of very important aspects of the committee’s work to improve transparency and provide much needed clarity to AMP participants. The following actions called out in the Board-approved net gains options are satisfied with the Policy Manual: clarify dispute resolution process and separate it from CMER’s process in BM 22, add a section on the roles and responsibilities of TFW Policy Co-Chairs as well as their nomination and election process. The final two actions called out in the Board-approved net gains options are not included in the Policy Manual and will need to be worked on with future efforts: expand TFW Policy membership requirements to include list qualification requirements for membership including experience, skill, and decision-making authority with clear instructions or documented authority delegation from their principals and adopt consensus recommendation to the Board as an indicator of net gains in evaluating the performance of TFW Policy as a whole and report this data on annual basis and make it available on a public facing dashboard along with a record of other decisions and metrics. Lori will provide an update to the Board in February on which of the SAO recommendations were addressed with the Policy Manual. The BM 22 will be updated to include a reference to the AMP website where the Policy Manual will be kept updated.

Scheduling Structured Decision-Making Workshop:

Policy had discussion of options for 2-day in-person workshop for AMP participants in April. It was decided that the workshop will be held April 9th -10th at the Natural Resources Building (NRB) Room 172. Lori will work with CMER participants to make sure this works for most of them and will complete the plans for the workshop and send meeting invite ASAP.

Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB) Prospective 6 Questions:

Anna Toledo gave a brief background of this document; this document was approved by ISAG and CMER after the approved Study Design. She explained that this is not up for approval today it is just being brought forward for Policy to review only.

Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Project (ENREP) Field Trip Feedback:

Brandon Austin explained that this agenda topic ~~was~~ is open for feedback. Ken mentioned that possibly having some sort of speaker/microphone giving everyone the opportunity to hear discussions. Brandon suggested that people submit questions prior to the field trip. It was agreed that Policy would like to participate in more field trips.

List of Attendees

Attendees	Representing
§Austin, Brandon	WDFW/TFW Policy Co-chair
§Cramer, Darin	Large Industrial Landowner Caucus/WFPA
§Engel, Marc	State Caucus/DNR
§Gildersleeve, Melissa	Department of Ecology
§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	WEC/Conservation Caucus
Bretherton, Welles	Department of Ecology
Church, Natalie	Administrative Assistant/DNR
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Administrator
Franquemont, Maggie	DNR
Greenburg, Josh	Department of Ecology
Hawkins, Tracy	DNR
Heimburg, John	WDFW
Henkel, Theryn	Supervisory Project Manager/DNR
Holy, Shae	Skokomish Tribe
Jawad, Saboor	Forest Regulation Division Manager
Knoth, Jenny	WFFA/CMER Co-chair
Kroll, A.J.	Weyerhaeuser/CMER Co-chair
Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
Mitchell, Robert	Member of Public
McIntyre, Aimee	WDFW/CMER Voting Member
Murray, Joe	RSAG Co-chair
O'Brien, Tom	WDFW
Prescott, Alexander	Project Manager/DNR
Quinn, Timothy	DFW
Roberts, Dave	Small Forest Landowner/WFFA
Roorbach, Ash	Westside Tribes/NWIFC
Rubin, Rachel	CMER Scientist
Schofield, Jenny	Project Manager/DNR
Smith, Kendra	Skagit
Sneegas, Gretchen	University of Washington
Toledo, Anna	Project Manager/DNR
Wilhere, George	DFW

§TFW Policy Voting Member