

**Timber, Fish, and Wildlife Policy Committee**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, August 6, 2020 // 9:00 am – 12:30 pm  
Remotely held using GoToMeeting

*Prepared for TFW Policy by Jacob Hibbeln, AMP Senior Secretary*

Motions August 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
1. Approve the July 14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes as amended.	Steve Barnowe-Meyer/Don Nauer (Up: SFL, Industrial Timber, Conservation, DNR, WDFW/ECY, Counties, Westside Tribes; abstained: Eastside tribes; Absent: Federal caucus.
2. Approve the Deep-Seated Landslide Charter.	Ray Entz/Jim Peters (Up: SFL, Industrial Timber, Conservation, DNR, WDFW/ECY, Counties, Westside Tribes, Eastside Tribes; Absent: Federal caucus
3. Table the June 2 <sup>nd</sup> minutes approval until September.	Steve Barnowe-Meyer/Don Nauer (Up: SFL, Industrial Timber, Conservation, DNR, WDFW/ECY, Counties, Westside Tribes; abstained: Eastside tribes; absent: Federal caucus)

Action Items August 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	
Action Item	Responsibility
Vote on confirming Meghan Tuttle as new Policy co-chair.	Policy

**Welcome, Introductions & Old Business**

*Terra Rentz, WDFW/co-chair*

Rentz introduced Court Stanley as the new County caucus representative and then announced that the SFL Dispute Resolution would begin half an hour after the regularly scheduled Policy meeting, asking that non-voting members not attend.

**Caucus Updates**

Rentz then announced that Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> would be her last day at WDFW, leaving an urgent call for a new co-chair. Darin Cramer, Industrial Timber caucus, nominated Meghan Tuttle, Weyerhaeuser, as the new TFW Policy co-chair. Rentz stated that Tuttle would be voted in as co-chair at the September meeting, after which Tuttle introduced herself.

Ray Entz, Eastside Tribal caucus, announced that he would be back as a voting Policy member. He stated that Eastside tribes were hopeful about the reinvigoration process that was led by the Center for Conservation Peace Building – there were concerns in CMER that elevated the need to re-engage.

Steve Barnowe-Meyer, SFL Caucus, asked if Entz would participate in the Dispute Resolution process. After Entz confirmed that this would be allowable albeit a steep learning curve for Entz, Entz confirmed that he would be.

Jim Peters, Westside Tribal caucus, stated that the Westside Tribes are going through the commission process to get approval to work with TFW Policy to inform legislators on the importance of a stable budget for the AMP and CMER programs.

Ken Miller, SFL Caucus, stated that the SFL Advisory Committee is currently working on a recommendation to the DNR for WAC definitions. This will be discussed in greater detail at the Forest Practices Board (FPB) Meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Don Nauer, WDFW, added that there will soon be a reduction in how WDFW can participate in the TFW Policy forum. Jeff Davis will remain on the FPB and all current CMER WDFW staff will remain. The most affected groups will be the TFW Policy workgroups. Although Nauer will be returning to his normal job duties, someone from WDFW will be representing the agency at Policy.

### **Minutes**

The July 14<sup>th</sup> minutes were brought forward for approval and edits that caucus members sent in were reviewed. Barnowe-Meyer then moved to approve the July 14<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended. Motion #1 was voted on and passed. Approval for the June minutes were deferred until August.

### **Forest Practices Board Agenda**

*Marc Engel, co-chair, & Mark Hicks, AMPA*

Engel and Hicks covered what they would be speaking about at the upcoming FPB meeting. This included sharing the motion made by Policy in December 2019 regarding the SFL Template. Hicks will be sharing the MPS approved by Policy as well as the motions passed regarding the BTO Add-on and BCIF results.

### **Forested Wetlands Effectiveness Project (FWEP) Literature Review – Presentation**

*Nate Hough-Snee, Four Peaks Environmental*

Hough-Snee gave his presentation on the FWEP Literature Review, after which Policy was given the opportunity to ask questions. Brandon Austin, ECY, asked that other studies available be distributed to Policy.

### **Deep Seated Landslide (DSL) Charter**

*Ben Flint, DNR*

Flint explained that the overall DSL strategy is too broad and that the Upland Processes Scientific Advisory Group (UPSAG) decided that developing a charter for each project completed under the strategy would be more effective. Once the scoping document is approved by CMER, UPSAG will draft a study design. After Flint reviewed the timeline and budget details, Policy was given the opportunity to ask questions.

Several members had questions about how this project was reflected in the MPS and asked Flint to double check the numbers in the MPS.

Rentz then entertained a motion to accept the charter as amended with corrected budget numbers. Barnowe-Meyer asked if approval of the charter was urgent and suggested delaying the approval of the charter until the 6 questions and scoping document is presented to Policy. Chris Mendoza, CMER co-chair, commented that while this is possible, the Protocol and Standards Manual states that these documents are usually approved separately. Hicks added that if an MPS approved by Policy is going to be delivered to the FPB, this needs to be figured out and that it would be really hard to do this during a meeting. Flint identified the cause of the apparent discrepancies which were referenced by caucus members, and stated that as the project progresses there is room for adjustment in the MPS. After further clarification on how the project was reflected in the MPS, Rentz asked for a motion. Entz moved to approve the DSL Charter. Motion passed.

Before the discussion was concluded, Flint offered to give more details on where the money would go when the scoping document is presented.

### **CMER Updates**

*Mendoza*

Mendoza asked if anyone had any questions about the document, citing the value of CMER SAG updates. After going through the main points of the document, Mendoza asked Policy to consider a prioritization of projects due to resource limitations.

Hicks asked that Mendoza clarify that Policy recommended no action on the BTO Add-on report, not CMER and so this should not be included. Flint volunteered to delete this section from the document.

### **Type Np Workgroup Update**

*Cramer and Peters*

Cramer stated that he does not have anything to add to the memo sent out in the mailing that was originally intended for the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. There are meetings scheduled for the next 2 months but nothing to carry the group into fall so far.

### **SFL Experimental Alternative Harvest Workgroup**

*Barnowe-Meyer*

Barnowe-Meyer covered the basic tenets of the update document that was sent out and announced that Nauer will be leaving the workgroup. Miller, while not an official member, has been attending to give the SFL perspective. They are trying to meet the expected timeline.

Nauer clarified that he will be reviewing the products and providing comments although he may not be going to meetings anymore. Rentz made clear that it is acceptable to extend the workgroup's timeline if it is needed to produce quality work.

## **Attendees by Caucus**

\*Caucus representative

### **Conservation Caucus**

\*Chris Mendoza (CMER co-chair)

### **County Caucus**

\*Court Stanley

Kendra Smith (Skagit)

### **Large Industrial Landowner Caucus**

\*Darin Cramer (WFPA)

Charles Hooks (WFPA)

Alan Kycek (Hampton Lumber)

Meghan Tuttle (Weyerhaeuser)

### **Small Forest Landowner Caucus**

\*Steve Barnowe-Meyer (WFFA)

\*Ken Miller (WFFA)

Jenny Knoth (WFFA/ CMER Co-chair)

Joe Murray (WFFA)

### **State Caucus**

\*Brandon Austin (ECY)

\* Don Nauer (WDFW)

\*Marc Engle (DNR/co-chair)

### **Westside Tribal Caucus**

\*Jim Peters (NWIFC)

Ash Roorbach (NWIFC)

Curt Veldhuisen (SRSC)

Joseph Pavel (Skokomish)

Mark Mobbs (Quinalt)

### **Eastside Tribal Caucus**

John Sirois (UCUT)

\*Ray Entz (Kalispel Tribe)

### **Adaptive Management Program/CMER**

#### **Staff**

Mark Hicks (AMPA)

Ben Flint (DNR)

Teresa Miskovic (DNR)

Eszter Munes (DNR)

Malia Volke (DNR)

Jenelle Black (NWIFC)

Nate Hough-Snee (4 Peaks)

Jacob Hibbeln (DNR)

