

Technical Small Forest Landowner Prescriptions Workgroup
May 28, 2020

The State Caucus (WDFW and Ecology) and DNR, hereafter collectively called state caucus, have offered the following recommendations for inclusion in the workgroup recommendations to Policy at their June 2020 meeting:

A 75 foot total width buffer be considered as outlined in the State Proposal 5/21/2020 shown in the attached comparison table. A 50 foot total width buffer on Type F Waters and a 25 foot total width buffer on Type Np Waters should not be considered by Policy. The state caucus believes Policy should delay any decision on RMZ widths on Type Np Waters until after Policy makes recommendations to the Board based on recommendations from the Type Np Water Workgroup.

The state caucus supports the consensus decisions of the workgroup regarding those site-specific conditions for alternate riparian buffers which need to be considered after additional work, as outlined below:

- Stand description table needs additional tree size (and stocking) criteria for qualifying conditions; simple 100 tpa not sufficient.
- Reach Limitations; we discussed 500' limit on Type S or F affected reach length (especially for even-aged harvests). More detail is required as to how this would be applied to multiple reaches (additional streams) and if untreated breaks between treatment reaches are necessary.
- Variable Width Criteria; need to develop examples/guidance where variable width can be utilized, eg. break in slope or other topography conditions, stream orientation, other?
- Very limited and very nuanced examples of even-aged harvest submitted in the data set
- Np RMZs – state did not propose anything awaiting the Np workgroup findings.
- Absence of Tribal Participation; we are all concerned that this discussion has not involved any tribal participation or coordination.