

# Timber, Fish and Wildlife Policy Committee

Thursday, January 4, 2024 // 9:00AM – 2:35PM

Hybrid Meeting:

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

Virtual: Zoom

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<b>December 2023 Meeting Notes</b>  <u>Motion:</u> Ken Miller moved to approve the December 2023 notes.  The motion passed	<b>Seconded:</b> Brandon Austin <b>Up:</b> Court Stanley, Ken Miller, Cody Thomas, Brandon Austin, Darin Cramer, Marc Engel, and Rico Vinh. <b>Absent:</b> Chris Briggs and Jim Peter

Action Items	
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Send out an email to caucus members asking if there is anything they would like to add to the agenda, if there is time available on a monthly meeting agenda.	Co-chairs/Natalie Church
Send out legislative information sheets	

## Caucus Updates

- Melissa Gildersleeve announced that Chris Briggs has accepted the position and will represent the Department of Ecology at TFW Policy.
- Rico Vinh announced Rachel Baker will be the Conservation caucus' alternate.
- Marc Engel explained that the legislation starts next Monday.
- Cody Thomas read the below ground rules:
  - Participate. Be present, put distractions aside, stay aware, and engage in the conversation.
  - Take space and make space. Cultivate a safe space to ask questions, engage in open dialogue, and promote robust discussion.

## Staff Updates

- Lori Clark did a reminder of the Structured Decision-Making workshop is April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

## 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

No public comments

## Storytelling

Doug Hooks told the story of how he started with the WFPA and WFPA's part of TFW Policy.

### **SAO Audit Update**

Lori Clark shared her screen and reviewed the SAO Audit updates that will be shared with the Forest Practices Board at their February meeting. She answered questions as they came up.

### **Project Summary Sheets**

Each project manager reviewed their project's summary sheet and answered questions as they came up.

### **SAG Project Verification**

Lori Clark explained that this spreadsheet is to help inform TFW Policy with the 25-27 MPS development- and for future discussions on unspent funds. The intention is to be more strategic when making funding recommendations/decisions about AMP priorities. The project managers reviewed the projects that were suggested to be "retired" with a brief explanation of the reasoning behind the decision.

### **Non-CMER Science Guidance Document**

The SAO Audit included a recommendation to develop guidance for review and use of completed outside science. Brandon Austin explained that the TFW Policy and CMER co-chairs are creating a guidance document which will go through CMER and there needs to be a Policy discussion as well. He explained that we want to have a round robin to see where Policy is at. Darin Cramer explained that CMER does have a best available science document from years ago and that is good for Policy to review occasionally. A threshold question is, do we agree, or not that outside science should be used? Darin explained that he thinks that it is required to use external information if it is relevant to what is before us. Court asked do we use non-CMER science to inform Policy? Rico Vinh explained that he doesn't trust the program is prepared for such a change. Leave some of our resources and come to collaborative together. Doesn't feel he is comfortable with a substantial programmatic change. Cody is hesitant to go along with this unless there are some sort of guardrails or backstops in place. Ash Roorbach explained that he feels that it is important on how the science is being used.

### **Discussion on Best Way to Have Difficult Conversations in TFW Policy Meetings**

Cody Thomas explained that he wanted to bring up on how about we should go through discussions without a document for example. Brandon Austin explained that since the co-chairs are not trained facilitators and don't know how to help and are asking for feedback. Cody suggested that each caucus can bring forward agenda topics for Policy monthly meeting. He explained that if the caucus wants to bring something forward, they would be the ones to lead the discussion.

## **List of Attendees**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representing</b>
§Austin, Brandon	WDFW/TFW Policy Co-chair
§Cramer, Darin	Large Industrial Landowner Caucus/WFPA
§Engel, Marc	State Caucus/DNR
§Miller, Ken	Small Forest Landowner/WFFA
§Stanley, Court	TFW Policy Co-chair/WSAC
§Thomas, Cody	Eastside Tribe Caucus/UCUT
§Vinh, Rico	WCA/Conservation Caucus
Bell, Harry	CMER Voting Member
Bretherton, Welles	Ecology
Church, Natalie	Administrative Assistant/DNR
Clark, Lori	Adaptive Management Administrator

Franquemont, Maggie	DNR
Gildersleeve, Melissa	Ecology
Granberg, Colleen	DNR
Heimburg, John	WDFW
Henkel, Theryn	Supervisory Project Manager/DNR
Knoth, Jenny	CMER Voting Member
Kroll, A.J.	Weyerhaeuser/CMER Co-chair
Mendoza, Chris	CMER Voting Member/Conservation
Mitchell, Robert	Member of Public
McIntyre, Aimee	WDFW/CMER Voting Member
Murray, Joe	RSAG Co-chair
Prescott, Alexander	Project Manager/DNR
Roberts, Dave	Small Forest Landowner/WFFA
Roorbach, Ash	Westside Tribes/NWIFC
Schofield, Jenny	Project Manager/DNR
Smith, Kendra	Skagit
Toledo, Anna	Project Manager/DNR
Zirkle, Karen	DNR

§TFW Policy Voting Member