WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

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Commissioner of Public Lands

April 17, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Marc Engel, Assistant Division Manager, Policy and Services

SUBJECT: Forest Practices Board Manual

Forest Practices staff is delaying review of those sections of the Board Manual identified for further development in the Board's 2012 Work Plan. This delay will allow staff to support the Board in the anticipated review of potential critical habitat rules and the rule making and Board Manual development incorporating the Forest Practices Hydraulic Project Review process into rule according to 2ESSB 6406. The Work Plan, attached to the Rule Making staff report, has been updated to show development of the identified sections of the Board Manual during calendar year 2013.

If you have any questions feel free to call me at 360.902.1390.

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April 19, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Walt Obermeyer, Compliance Monitoring Program Administrator

SUBJECT: Status of Compliance Monitoring

2010-2011 Biennial Report

This report will be provided in the board mailings and discussed at the May 2012 Forest Practices Board meeting.

2012 Field Sampling

The 2012 field season began in March with sampling occurring to date in Olympic, South Puget Sound and Northwest regions. New protocols have been adopted and sample selection revised to improve the precision of estimates for individual prescription types that have had small samples in previous biennia. Many field reviews scheduled for late April have recently been delayed in due to late snow conditions.

Other Compliance Monitoring Program activities will include presentation and explanation of the 2010-2011 results at region TFW meetings and District meetings. The program will additionally be contributing to the implementation of the plan produced by the Clean Water Assurances Milestone – Riparian Non-compliance.

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Policy Co-Chairs: Stephen Bernath, Department of Ecology and Adrian Miller, Longview Timber LLC

April 18, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Stephen Bernath, Co-chair
Adrian Miller, Co-chair

SUBJECT: Policy Update

Type F Policy Subcommittee

The Type F Policy Subcommittee has met twice in the first quarter of 2012. Our primary accomplishment has been to aggregate a list of issues of concerns related to the water typing of type F streams and begin to stratify them into potential long and short term solution paths. Additionally, the group has agreed to approach the larger issue of fish use and habitat protection by addressing the specific concerns of the caucuses. The next meeting will likely take place in late May or early June and the co-chair will provide a document that describes the specific issues and outlines some general priorities and potential actions for the subcommittee to consider.

Type N Policy Subcommittee

The Type N Policy Subcommittee also met twice in the first quarter of 2012. These first meetings were focused on reviewing CMER studies that are currently being conducted or planned for Type N waters. Lead scientists and other CMER representatives familiar with these studies provided presentations on the critical research questions, the study designs being used, and in some cases preliminary findings from ongoing research. The subcommittee also used this time to examine the underlying Schedule L1 goals and objectives and to compare these with the goals and objectives established in the CMER workplan for the ongoing and planned Type N studies. Most of the review of Westside studies has been completed, and future meetings will

examine the ongoing and planned Eastside Type N research. Future meetings will also include responding to the findings of the Type N Technical Subcommittee. The Technical Subcommittee is summarizing findings from a survey provided to cooperators on Type N demarcation issues, and has discussed the use of the EPA-contracted headwaters literature synthesis in the CMER science program. Upcoming work of the Technical committee will include developing a findings paper for the Policy committee to help them decide whether changes or further guidance are warranted in the existing process for identifying the upper limits of Type Np streams.

Westside Type N Buffer Characteristics, Integrity, and Function (BCIF) Project

At the February Policy meeting, Policy heard the results of the BCIF project and received answers to the "Six Questions" from CMER. Discussion was limited to understanding the study and its results. No decision was made to take action on the BCIF study since this was the first formal presentation of the results. At the March Policy meeting, Policy had to make a decision to take action on the BCIF project based on the timelines outlined in Board Manual. A motion was made to not take any action based on the BCIF project given the fact that the results of the BCIF study would provide more information in conjunction with the upcoming results of the Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment Project in Hard Rock Lithologies. Two caucuses, the Environmental caucus and the Upper Columbia United Tribes did could not come to consensus with this motion based on concerns regarding the fact that blow down of buffers was shown to have occurred on a significant number of sites and felt that the issue of blow down needed to be addressed.

At the April Policy meeting, the Department of Natural resources formally invoked Stage 1 Dispute Resolution in order to continue discussions on resolving the decision to take action on the BCIF study. Based on the Board Manual, the co-chairs accepted the request and will be working with the various caucuses to either resolve the dispute or provide a pathway for resolution.

We will both available to answer questions at your May 8th meeting.

April 17, 2012

TO: Chair Moran and members of the Forest Practices Board

FROM: Andy Hayes and Lauren Burnes, DNR on behalf of the Northern Spotted Owl Implementation Team

SUBJECT: Update on Activities of the Northern Spotted Owl Implementation Team (NSOIT)

Since our last update to the Board, the NSOIT has met three times and has an additional meeting scheduled in mid-May. In addition, the NSOIT has:

- Provided guidance and oversight to the NSOIT Technical Team in their development of a work plan
- Worked to identify project team members and initiate the Entiat pilot project
- Had a discussion with Ken Berg (USFWS) on the February 2012 Draft Critical Habitat release

The primary focus of the NSOIT has been to oversee the Technical Team process. Since the Technical Team was formed in December of last year, they have been meeting regularly (every 2-3 weeks) and working with the NSOIT to scope their analysis. Several NSOIT work plan components (e.g., endorsing a voluntary incentives program for landowners to achieve conservation goals) will be informed by results from the Technical Team process; therefore, supporting the Technical Team has been a priority of the NSOIT.

On March 22, the NSOIT and Technical Team received a draft Critical Habitat and draft Barred Owl EIS presentation from Ken Berg and staff. On April 9, the Technical Team met with Brian Woodbridge (USFWS) to discuss how the federal modeling tools could assist the team in conducting their analysis. The models used to create the draft Critical Habitat proposal are key tools that may be used to develop their recommendations for voluntary landowner incentives, and so the team has been working to study those tools with cooperation from USFWS. The Technical Team has been working to understand the capabilities of the model, the data and analysis that have already been completed by USFWS, and the funding available to support the use of the models to conduct their analysis. The Technical Team is currently using this information to scope an approach to their analysis. They plan to use the coming months to: evaluate relative habitat suitability data from USFWS, familiarize themselves with the federal habitat modeling tools, develop federal baseline scenarios, and gather existing information for their analysis. The Technical Team will work closely with the NSOIT to develop and test modeling scenarios over the coming months.

Lastly, we are in the process of convening our Entiat pilot project team to help implement the pilot rule passed by the Board in February 2010. The project team will include members from: USFWS, WDFW, Longview Timber, the Nature Conservancy, and DNR. We anticipate that the project team will meet at least once in May to review stand data provided by Longview Timber and begin the planning phase of our project, which will include a field trip to the project location. After that, the team will meet to develop

prescriptions for thinning and conduct modeling runs, as necessary. The NSOIT would like to thank the project team members for volunteering their time to some initial organizational meetings before funding is secured. We continue to search for funding opportunities to support the planning and implementation stages of the pilot. We anticipate that as the project details take form, this will assist DNR staff in applying for grant funding.

We will be available during the May Board meeting should you have any questions.

NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
WORK PLAN

On February 10, 2010 the Forest Practices Board (Board) accepted the consensus recommendations of the Northern Spotted Owl Policy Working Group, and directed DNR to form an Implementation Team (NSOIT) of five members: DNR, WDFW, industry, conservation caucus, and a land trust group.

The Board also directed the NSOIT to develop a work plan, including prioritization, and directed the team to coordinate with the federal agencies with regard to the Barred Owl control experiments.

In addition, the Board directed the NSOIT to formally convene a technical team to assess spatial and temporal allocation of conservation efforts on nonfederal lands using best available science.

While the Board has been provided regular status updates of the NSOIT's work items, the following represents the group's formal prioritized work plan, and is intended to provide information relative to the status and next steps of each recommendation. Information in the work plan will be modified as progress is made on existing tasks, when new tasks are identified, etc.

Item	Status	Next Steps
Endorse a Voluntary Incentives Program For Landowners to Achieve Conservation Goals	Bettina Von Hagan (EcoTrust) & Cindy Mitchell (WFPA) interviewed an expert in the field of forest incentives (Becca Madsen, Biodiversity Program Manager at Ecosystem Marketplace, Washington, D.C.) and have provided background material to the NSOIT on various ecosystem service markets around the world. They also included links to suggested reading as well as contacts for the various markets. House Bill 2541 was passed in 2010, and will dovetail with efforts of the NSOIT. DNR is required to develop landowner conservation proposals, including both markets and conservation easements, which support forest landowners by December 31, 2011. In the development of the proposals, the DNR must consult with the Board, Indian tribes, small forest landowners, conservation groups, industrial foresters, and state, federal, and local government. The proposed initiatives, if any, must be presented to the Governor, the Legislature, the Commissioner of Public Lands, and the Board. The DNR must also offer to present its findings to the Washington congressional delegation, local governments, and appropriate agencies of the federal government. Paula Swedeen attended the World Resources Institute/American Forest Foundation Conference in Madison, WI at the end of June and led a discussion session on incentives for owl conservation. Participants gave the following recommendations: 1) Develop a state-level "Conservation Stamp" program similar to the federal Duck Stamp program that is used for wetlands conservation. Commission artists to design stamps, sell them with hunting licenses and at recreational good stores, legislatively protect the proceeds so they are used for buying easements on owl habitat/restoration areas; 2) Raise funds from development impact fees; 3)Take advantage of overlap of funds from other ecosystem service priorities such as source drinking water protection areas	1. Have a discussion on which market(s) and/or framework would work best for NSO habitat in WA 2. Develop a list of questions relative to NSO habitat markets possibilities for future conference calls w/ experts. 3. Pending NSOIT follow-up: recommend to FPB inclusion of NSO habitat outside of SOSEAs for RHOSP. 4. The NSOIT Technical Team process includes developing incentive-based recommendations to best achieve desired conservation outcomes from biological recommendations; their work will help inform the NSOIT of voluntary incentives programs for landowners to achieve conservation goals.

	and watersheds important for salmon; 4) prioritize funds in next Farm Bill (all acknowledged challenges in current federal budget climate). Mark Nechodem, Special Assistant to Secretary Vilsack agreed that targeting funds from the Farm Bill like the Healthy Forest Reserve Program, was a good idea, and he would help us advocate for it. The Encumbered State Forest Land Transfer program, enabled in 2009, provides the necessary tools for the state to maintain long-term working forests and trust revenue to small rural counties. It does so by acquiring productive working forest lands to replace State Forest lands encumbered by harvest restrictions due to Endangered Species Act-listed species, thereby maintaining the corpus of the State Forest trusts. Encumbered habitat lands have to meet two requirements. They have to (a) be located in counties with a population less than 25,000, and (b) be encumbered with timber harvest deferrals that are associated with federal ESA-listed wildlife species and greater than 30 years in length. Lastly, when transferred, lands that meet these criteria must be appraised at fair market value without consideration of management or regulatory encumbrances associated with the listed species' habitat. Once transferred using the Trust Land Transfer program, lands are placed in Natural Resources Conservation Areas. DNR submitted a report to the Legislature in October 2010 detailing implementation of the program, including an estimate of its overall cost. DNR then submitted to the 2011 Legislature a FY 11-13 funding proposal of $2 million to begin implementation of the program. The proposal, funded in the capital budget, will allow DNR to transfer three small encumbered properties, one each in Pacific, Wahkiakum and Skamania counties. While the timber value will go to the beneficiaries of the trusts, the land value identified in the appraisal will go to a revolving fund to be used for the purchase of new unencumbered forested trust lands to be managed for the long term benefit of those beneficiaries.	
Support an Action Program: Outreach to Owners Of Specific	The NSOIT has disused this item, which is intended to conduct outreach to specific landowners who may wish to secure important	Work on this will be enhanced after the team convenes and obtains results from

Lands Inside And Outside Of SOSEAs	NSO habitat that is currently not protected.	the Board-mandated Technical Team, which will assess the spatial and temporal strategic allocation of conservation efforts on nonfederal lands. See the last item on this work plan. Develop communication strategy, including possible outreach materials for distribution once mechanisms are in place. Cindy (WFPA) has expressed interest in assisting the NSOIT with the outreach program once this component is ready to be addressed.
Promote Barred Owl Control Experiments and Research	The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the lead agency on Barred Owl control experiments, and the NSOIT is coordinating with the Service on the progress of these experiments, through the Barred Owl Working Group operating within the context of the Northern Spotted Owl Recovery Planning process.	Update as of October 2011 from the Barred Owl working group is enclosed below. *
Continue the Current Decertification Process for owls Sites During a Transition Period	This item has been accomplished. The Forest Practices Board adopted a permanent rule in May 2010 which establishes a three-member, multi-stakeholder Spotted Owl Conservation Advisory Group that makes a determination on whether owl site centers and surrounding habitat is important to the Northern Spotted Owl while the Forest Practices Board determines a long-term strategy for spotted owl habitat conservation. The Advisory Group makes their determination after the Department of Fish and Wildlife determines that surveys for Northern Spotted Owls have met survey protocols that indicate the absence of spotted owls.	Membership was updated last May. Members are Bridget Moran, Marty Vaughn and Kara Whittaker. To date, the Conservation Advisory Group has not been convened.
Initiate Two Washington Pilot Projects for Thinning and Habitat	1. A FPB Pilot Rule was adopted to allow one pilot project with Longview Timber in the Entiat SOSEA. The project would explore whether thinning in highly stocked suitable owl habitat will improve habitat quality and is operationally and	**Eastside Pilot:** The NSOIT is currently in the process of identifying representatives to staff the Entiat project team and expects this step to be completed in April. It is anticipated that

	economically feasible. Efforts to secure funding to conduct the thinning project have not been successful. 2. A Section 6 grant application was submitted to thin and defer Westside forest with the goal of accelerating NSO habitat development. This application was not funded.	an initial meeting will be held in early May to go over stand data and to develop a formal work plan. Andy and Lauren are available to help coordinate and find grants to facilitate work on this. **Westside Pilot:** Non-profits (Pacific Forest Trust and Seattle Audubon) are working to advance owl-related Section 6 projects with landowners for the 2012 funding cycle.
Support Identification and Design of a Flagship Incentive Project	The concept is to test incentives options on a landscape scale, possibly w/ multiple landowners, in order to achieve significant conservation value and competitive, economically sustainable forest management.	Investigate and possibly find areas of opportunity to learn from or collaborate with other efforts, i.e., Tapash Collaborative, Oregon Safe Harbor Agreement, etc. Further efforts are contingent on information obtained from incentive pilots, funding, etc. A pilot under the auspices of ESHB 2541 in the Nisqually River Basin is in early planning stages. Landowners and other participants in the pilot are interested in having a component focusing on owls, in addition to murrelets, water, and possibly carbon.
Approve Measures of Success	"Measures of Success" were recommended to the FPB, which accepted the final report of the Northern Spotted Owl Policy Working Group.	Re-assess previously proposed "Measures of Success," determine if they provide the proper metrics. Consider updating and reporting FPB.
Convene a Technical Team to Assess Spatial and Temporal Allocation of Conservation Efforts on Nonfederal Lands Using Best Available Science	This is the current focus of the NSOIT. The technical team component of our work plan has commenced now that the Final Northern Spotted Owl Recovery Plan and draft	The Technical Team is currently developing federal and non-federal baseline scenarios to compare against future modeling runs. In addition, the

	Critical Habitat rule has been released, which contains critical modeling tools intended to assess the importance of different scenarios of blocks of land to be managed for the Northern Spotted Owl. During the NSOIT meeting last August, Brian Woodbridge gave a presentation on how modeling information can be useful for WA State. Last March, Ken Berg (USFWS) presented information on the draft NSO Critical Habitat and draft Barred Owl EIS to the NSOIT and Technical Team. The final Critical Habitat rule will be available on November 15, 2012. In April, the Technical Team held a meeting with Brian Woodbridge (USFWS) and discussed how we can cooperate with the USFWS modeling team to answer key analytical questions developed by the Technical Team.	team is currently working on determining how much can already be answered with existing information and identifying what would need to be answered with additional modeling runs.

***Barred Owl Working Group (BOWG) Update:**

The USFWS is working on the EIS and the Barred Owl Working Group has been briefed on progress with the draft EIS. The EIS will contain a range of alternatives with a variety of scenarios, allowing USFWS to evaluate the effects of a variety of approaches and develop a final decision based on a variety of alternative components.

The BOWG has previously recommended an experimental design involving 3 current demography study areas (including the Cle Elum study area in WA and two sites in OR). This will continue to be evaluated in the EIS process, along with other alternatives. The general experimental design would involve dividing each study site into control (no removal) and treatment (Barred Owl removal) areas. The analysis would involve comparing spotted owl population responses between the control and treatment areas. The Cle Elum study area is largely on federal lands. All alternatives will receive serious consideration, though some have complications, such as difficult access, small sample sizes, or substantially less robust analysis methods.

There is not a lot of activity on this issue outside the USFWS EIS work. If NSOIT would like more information we can contact Jim Thrailkill (Chair of the BOWG) or Robin Brown (USFWS lead on the EIS).

Other Processes the NSOIT is tracking that might be relevant and fruitful:

WWRP appraisal process
Funding

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MEMORANDUM

April 12, 2012

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Marc Engel, Assistant Division Manager, Policy and Services

SUBJECT: Rule Making Activity and 2012 Work Plan

Following is an update on rule making activity (see attached Gantt chart for schedule).

Forestry Riparian Easement Program - Hearings were held on March 27 in Spokane and March 29 in Centralia. A total of two comments were received with one verbal comment from the Centralia hearing. Staff will request the Board's adoption of the rule proposal at your May meeting.

Conversions - Staff continues to work on a rule proposal that will incorporate changes from Senate Bill 5883 (2007 legislation) and HB 1582 (2011 legislation) relating to conversions. This rule making will also include amending the Class IV-General definition.

2ESSB 6406 - Staff will request your approval to file a CR101 Preproposal Statement of Inquiry to incorporate the hydraulic project approval program into the Forest Practices rules.

Also attached is a status update on your 2012 Work Plan.

If you have any questions feel free to call me at 360.902.1390.

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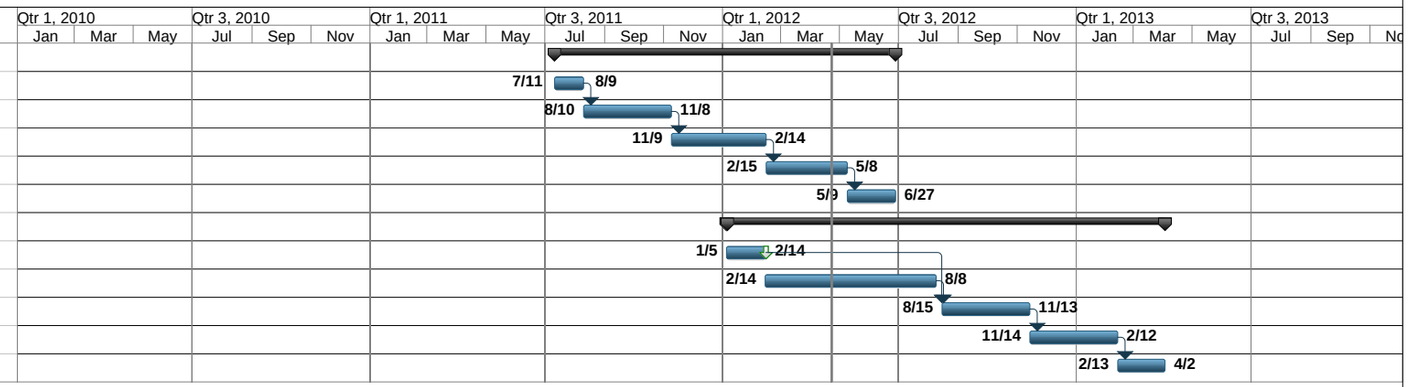
FOREST PRACTICES BOARD
2012-2013 Rule Making Schedule

ID	Task Name
1	**Forestry Riparian Easement Program**
2	CR 101
3	30-day
4	CR102 (CBA, SBEIS, SEPA) - WSR 12-05/ March 7, 2012
5	CR103 - WSR 12-11/June 6, 2012
6	Estimated effective date
7	**Conversions**
8	CR101
9	30 day notice
10	CR102 (CBA, SBEIS, SEPA)
11	CR103
12	Estimated effective date



FOREST PRACTICES BOARD
2012 WORK PLAN

TASK	COMPLETION DATE
Work Planning for 2013	November
Adaptive Management Program	
• CMER 2013 Work Plan and Budget	May
• Extensive Riparian Shade and Trend Monitoring Type F/Eastside Temperature Study	*August*
• Extensive Riparian Type F&N Monitoring/Westside Temperature Study	November
• The Mass Wasting Effectiveness Monitoring Project: A Post Mortem Study Examination of the Landslide Response to the December 2007 Storm in Southwestern Washington	August
• Program Funding	On-going
• Solar Radiation Study	*August*
• Westside Type N Buffer Characteristics, Integrity & Function	May
Annual Reports	
• Compliance Monitoring Bi-Annual Report	February
• Forests and Fish Policy Priorities	August
• Northern Spotted Owl Conservation Advisory Group	November
• Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Report	February
• TFW Cultural Resources Roundtable	August
• Clean Water Act Assurances	August
Board Manual Development	
• Section 1, Shade	*2013*
• Section 7, Riparian Management Zones	*2013*
• Section 16, Unstable Slopes	*2013*
• Section 24, Bull Trout Overlay	2013
CMER Membership	As needed
Rule Making	
• Conversion Activities & Lands Platted after 1960 (implement 2007 legislation and clean-up)	November
• Critical Habitats	February
• Critical Habitats (SEPA)	*February 2013*
• Forestry Riparian Easement Program	May
• Notice of Forest Practices to Affected Indian Tribes	February
Upland Wildlife - Northern Spotted Owl	On-going
Quarterly Reports	
• Adaptive Management Program & Strategic Plan Implementation	Each regular meeting
• Board Manual Development	Each regular meeting
• Compliance Monitoring	Each regular meeting
• *Clean Water Act Assurances*	*February*
• Forests and Fish Policy Work Priorities	Each regular meeting
• Legislative Update	February & May
• NSO Implementation Team	Each regular meeting
• Rule Making Activities	Each regular meeting

Italicized = change/addition

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FOREST PRACTICES BOARD
2012 WORK PLAN

TASK	COMPLETION DATE
• Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee & Office	Each regular meeting
• TFW Cultural Resources Roundtable	Each regular meeting

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MEMORANDUM

April 9, 2012

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Tami Miketa, Manager, Forest Practices Small Forest Landowner Office TM

SUBJECT: Small Forest Landowner Office and Advisory Committee

Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP)
DNR is continuing to receive new applications for FREP. There are currently 86 landowners that have applied for a FRE with a total of 95 applications on file (some landowners have more than one FRE application). Once the rulemaking is complete, acquisition will occur for as many eligible applications as money is available. As the FRE program has yet to determine compensation values for individual riparian easements, it is anticipated that the program will provide compensation for approximately 8 to 16 Forestry Riparian Easements in 2012-2013.

Rivers and Habitat Open Space Program (R&HOSP)
No activity due to lack of funding.

Long Term Applications (LTA's)
A small forest landowner has the option of submitting a long-term application that is valid for up to 15 years. A long-term forest practices application is submitted and reviewed in two steps. There are a total of 90 approved long term applications; this is an increase of 6 approved applications since 01/25/2012.

LTA Decision	LTA Phase 1	LTA Phase 2	TOTAL
Approved	0	90	**90**
Closed	4	3	**7**
Disapproved	1	1	**2**
Rejected	10	0	**10**
Validated	15	0	**15**
TOTAL	**30**	**94**	**123**

Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP)
The Family Forest Fish Passage Program is a cost-share program that helps small forest landowners correct fish passage barriers by providing 75-100 percent of the cost of the correction. To date, 232 barriers have been corrected, reconnecting 485 miles of fish habitat statewide. The FFFPP was allotted $2 million for the FY 2011-2012 biennium. Nine landowners with a total of eleven sites have been funded for the 2012 construction season. Six more sites were held over from 2011 and are planned for completion in 2012.

DNR submitted grant proposals for 9 FFFPP projects to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The USFWS has funding available through the following programs in which DNR submitted proposals:

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program
Puget Sound Coastal Program
Fisheries and Fish Passage Program
National Fish Passage Program
Western Native Trout Initiative

In total DNR submitted grant proposals through these 5 programs for $330,000. We were unsuccessful on seven of the nine, and are still waiting to hear on two of them.

In cooperation with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), we completed seven sites on five landowners, receiving a total of $169,000 in 2011 ($114,000 through Cooperative Conservation Partnership Program (CCPI) and $54,000 through Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). For 2012 we're planning on two projects with NRCS for which they are contributing $89,000 towards an estimated total cost of $233,000.

Small Forest Landowner Outreach

The Small Forest Landowner Office (SFLO) distributed the February edition of the Small Forest Landowner News to our growing list of 3,500 subscribers. Landowners can subscribe via the www.dnr.wa.gov/sflo website or by request to the sflo@dnr.wa.gov email address. The Small Forest Landowner Survey remains open to request information regarding the demographics of our landowners, asking questions such as: how many acres they own, how long they have owned their property, the purpose of the use of forest land, and if there is water present on the property. The major trends of the survey so far are: the majority of landowners own 100 acres or less, they manage their land for timber production followed by wildlife habitat, and they have water on their property. The website for the SFLO is undergoing construction. The goal of the new website design is to make it user friendly and update the information available to the users. Updates are also being made to current SFLO brochures and educational materials. The creation of new educational publications is underway to promote the programs of the SFLO. The office is continuing to seek out any and all grant opportunities to support the SFLO programs.

Forest Stewardship Program

- *New Integrated Forest Management Plan Guidelines Available*
  DNR, the USDA Forest Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington Department of Revenue, and Washington Tree Farm Program have cooperated to develop new Integrated Forest Management Plan Guidelines that will help landowners to simultaneously meet the "management plan" requirements for multiple programs with a single plan. (Go to www.dnr.wa.gov and type "Forest Stewardship Plan" in the search box for a copy of the Guidelines).

- *Interagency MOU Nearing Consummation*
  An interagency Memorandum of Understanding between agencies who provide services to family forest owners is nearing final adoption. The MOU clarifies roles and promotes coordination, communication, cooperation, operational efficiency, and effective service delivery. Participating agencies are: DNR, WSU Extension, USFS, NRCS, WA Conservation Commission and the WA Association of Conservation Districts.

- *Ties to The Land Workshops are Underway*
  WSU Extension is conducting a series of 20 Ties to The Land Workshops across the state during 2012 and 2013. The workshops help families plan for successful inter-generational transfer of their land. The workshops are partially supported by a US Forest Service grant obtained and administered by DNR. Information available at ext.wsu.edu/forestry

- *Technical Service Provider Workshops In Progress*
  WSU Extension, supported by DNR and NRCS staff and NRCS funding, is conducting a series of workshops across the state for forestry professional who desire to become Technical Service Providers for NRCS. In addition to on-the-ground forestry practices, NRCS has recently begun offering funding through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) for landowners who hire an NRCS-authorized Technical Service Provider to develop a Conservation Activity Plan for their properties using the new Integrated Forest Management Plan Guidelines.

- *On-Line Forest Stewardship Education Now Available*
  Many of the educational modules from the highly popular Forest Stewardship Coached Planning Short Course are now available on-line from WSU Extension. The modules are being marketed under the banner "Forest Stewardship University" and can be downloaded for a small fee. Additionally, WSU Extension will soon pilot an on-line version of the Coached Planning Short Course which will broadcast the classroom presentations over the Internet. Whether taken in-person, or on-line, course participants will still receive on-site advice and personal coaching from a DNR Stewardship Forester and Wildlife Biologist to help them develop their plan. Everett-based WSU Extension Forester Kevin Zobrist is the lead for these on-line efforts.

- *Regional Forest Owners Field Days Set for Summer 2012*
  Washington's very popular Forest Owners Field Days will continue again this summer:
  - Eastern WA Forest Owners Field Day, Saturday June 16, Newport, WA (Pend Oreille County.)
  - Western WA Forest Owners Field Day, Saturday August 18, Maytown, WA (Thurston County)

An additional event will be held near St. Maries, Idaho on Saturday, July 14 which will also be advertised to Washington landowners. Nearly 10,000 family forest owners have attended 29 Regional Field Day events at 27 different venues since 1996, including 12 Interstate events with Idaho and Oregon. The Field Days have proven to be an excellent means of attracting "new" forest owners who have not previously received forestry education or assistance.

- *High Rate of Forest Stewardship Plan Implementation*
  The USDA Forest Service requires DNR to conduct a random, statistically valid, field review of Forest Stewardship Plans annually to determine to what extend the plans are actually being implemented on-the-ground. In 2011, 85% of plans (representing 98% of acres sampled) were being actively implemented.

- *Cost-Share Funds Still Available In Eastern Washington*
  DNR continues to administer a 50% cost-share program for practices like thinning, pruning, and slash disposal to improve forest health and reduce wildfire and bark beetle risk in Eastern Washington. The program is funded primarily by annual competitive grants from the USDA Forest Service. These "soft money" grants also provide most of the funding for Stewardship Foresters in Eastern Washington since all state funding for the Forest Stewardship Program was eliminated in 2009.

- *Forest Stewardship Notes Electronic Newsletter Continues*
  DNR continues to collaborate with WSU Extension to produce the quarterly Forest Stewardship Notes electronic newsletter. WSU has primarily responsibility for the content. DNR staff contribute articles and provide editing, layout, and distribution services. Look for the spring edition shortly.

- *New Stewardship Forester*
  DNR's NE Region announces that new Stewardship Forester, Matt Ugaldea, will begin his duties in May. He will serve landowners in Pend Oreille and Northeast Spokane counties.

Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee

The advisory committee was convened on March 7, 2012 to discuss topics of interest. The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2012.

Please feel free to contact me at (360) 902-1415 or tamara.miketa@dnr.wa.gov if you have further questions.

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Cultural Resource Roundtable

April 19, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Timber/Fish/Wildlife Cultural Resources Roundtable Co-Chairs
Jeffrey Thomas, Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Peter Heide, Washington Forest Protection Association

SUBJECT: Quarterly Report of Timber/Fish/Wildlife Cultural Resources Roundtable Covering the Period January through March, 2012

The Timber/Fish/Wildlife (TFW) Cultural Resources Roundtable is pleased to submit our first quarter 2012 report to the Forest Practices Board.

Again, the report is in the form of the Roundtable's Action Item list. This list is reviewed every month by the Roundtable and updated to reflect current activities. Changes from the previous report are in red and italic print.

Please note an item on the List for the production of a streaming video of a cultural resources presentation by state lands archaeologist Lee Stilson. Lee is making this presentation at a training meeting of the Quinault Nation natural resource staff on April 25th. Streaming video is a format that makes remote and internet viewing of slideshow style presentations more convenient than simply filming the event. Once uploaded to a website, the streaming video provides the viewer with indexing, any-time viewing and full control of the presentation. We look forward to getting the video on the Roundtable's page on the DNR website. The Roundtable is supporting the production with voluntary in-kind and cash contributions from its participating organizations. It should be on the web by June 15th.

We look forward to your May meeting to answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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Priority	**Action Items**		**Lead**	**Status**	**Next Action**	**Relationship to the CRPMP**
High	1	Seek funding and staff support for the Roundtable's work	*Allyson Brooks*	On hold due to state budget situation		
High	2	Prepare the cultural resource guidance documents and tools as agreed to in the CRPMP				Educational Program and Commitments
		Scope the guidance/manual project to develop a detailed description and outline of the proposed guidance or manual.		Complete		
		Work products:1) Guidance for T/F/W stakeholders, 2) Guidance specific to forest landowners, and 3) Guidance specific to Tribes.	Co-Chairs and DAHP	In progress	Review completed drafts, prepare drafts on remaining sections.	
		Prepare a streaming video of Lee Stilson's lecture on cultural resources that typically may be found in Washington's managed forests	*Peter*	*In progress*	*The UW School of Forestry and the Environment will record and edit the video. The date is set for April 25*	
High	3	Improve knowledge and use of the GLO, historic and current USGS quad maps and other publicly available information to identify historic features recognized during 19th century land surveys.	Roundtable	In progress	*Develop a flyer with source information and user instruction for accessing GLO notes and historic USGS maps on public web sites.*	Making available tools to improve identification and recognition of cultural resources in the field
		Include information about historic sites in the instructions for question 7 of the forest practices application.	Sherry	*Scoping*	*Develop a draft*	
	4	In time for the FY 2012 report to the FPB, develop a method for formally assessing the performance CRPMP in accomplishing its purposes as stated on page 1 of the plan.		*In progress*	*Review the draft survey of field practitioners and managers. Distribute late May and present the results to the Board in August*	Required by the CRPMP. Formerly identified as a biannual review

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Medium	5	Individual caucuses will support funding in the biennium 12-13 budget for a full time position at DAHP for the maintenance of CR data in support of the forest practices risk assessment tool.	Individual Caucuses	Supporting funding for the current 1/2 time position	Retry for full time position during 14-15 biennial budget cycle	DNR Forest Practices Program support
	6	~~*Review the state's responsibility for National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA compliance under the Forest Practices HCP)*~~				
Medium	7	Seek funding for a CR Module pilot project		On hold	Waiting for the next opportunity	Board Manual Section 11 Appendix J
Medium	8	Develop a Logo for the Cultural Resources Roundtable	Jeffrey	In progress	*An artist at the Puyallup Tribe has been engaged to adapt the T/F/W logo for CRR.*	Publicity
Low	9	Other CRPMP amendments to consider and further discuss:	Sherri	On hold	Wait for the charter etc. to be completed	CRPMP Support
		Regarding MOUs, consider adding a statement specifying when DNR has a role in implementing MOUs and if there is a role, specifying its nature.				
		Under “Education Program and Commitments,” modify #2 to recognize that agreements are often executed at the field level without the need for higher level contacts				
		Reference a role for the CRPMP in Forest Practices ID team deliberations and preparation of SEPA documents for Class IV Special FPAs				
Low	10	Prepare a report to the Forest Practices Board on the impact to cultural resource protection and management when forest land is converted to another use and regulatory responsibility passes to local government (county or city)	Jeff and Pete	On hold	Wait for other higher priority items to be addressed	

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On-Going Tasks						
	1	The Roundtable will: (a) meet monthly; (b) Report- to the FP Board at each regular meeting; (c) Review the CRPMP in June each year; (d) Report to the FP Board each August on progress of the CRPMP during the previous FY.	Co-Chairs	FPB meeting *May 8* , Report due *April 20* .		Annual and quarterly obligation
	2	Give a CRPMP presentation at Regional TFW meetings as new CRPMP support material is released.	All	Next opportunity for TFW presentations after the 20-120 rule and supporting manual is passed by the FPB in Nov 2011		Communication
	3	Emphasize accomplishments when communicating progress on implementing the CRPMP.	All	Post examples of successes and cooperative opportunities on the web site.		Communication
	4	Contact individual FP Board members to “champion” CR Roundtable issues	All	Encourage the establishment of a CR rep on the FPB		Advance the Roundtable's work
Completed Items	1	Cultural Resource Protection and Management Plan (CRPMP)		Completed 2003		
	2	Forest Practices Board adopted the rules recommended in the CRPMP		Completed 2005		
	3	Statutory exemption for sensitive cultural resource information gathered during a watershed analysis CR module or stand-alone CR module		Completed 2005		
	4	Updates to the CRPMP		Completed 2008		

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	5	Recommendation to DNR staff and the Board for changes to the historic site definitions in Class III and Class IV Special definition to correct long standing interpretation issues		Completed 2008		
	6	A recommendation to include a cultural resource question on the Phase II 15-year small landowner permit application.		Completed Spring 2009		
	7	Draft a motion for the Forest Practices Board to request that the staff create a CR page on the Department's forest practices website		Complete (Board action was unnecessary)		
	8	With the support of the Commissioners Office, a Charter for the Timber/Fish/Wildlife Cultural Resources Roundtable (formerly known as TFW Cultural Resources Committee) delivered to the Forest Practices Board		Completed 2011		
	9	Consensus recommendation on changes to WAC 222-20-120 delivered to the Forest Practices Board		Completed 2011		