

DRAFT Potential TFW Policy Motions, May 2, 2022

DNR and WFFA have not been able to reach agreement of a potential motion to resolve the Relatively Low Impact PI dispute. The final draft potential Policy motions for each caucus:

DNR

TFW Policy recommends the Forest Practices Board request staff to prepare an amendment to Board Manual Section 21, *Guidelines for Alternate Plans* to create a new part providing technical guidance for small forest landowners on how to implement the forest practices alternate plan rules.

Policy requests the Board ask DNR staff to convene a stakeholder group to amend Board Manual Section 21 according to the process outlined in WAC 222-12-090 to develop advisory technical guidance in support of the forest practices alternate plan rules for small forest landowners, and where:

1. The stakeholder group will include field staff/ID team members who are experienced with small forest landowner alternate plan field reviews;
2. The stakeholder group will:
 - a) Consolidate existing board manual alternate plan guidance into a new part devoted to technical guidance for small forest landowners; and,
 - b) Review the WFFA request to consider guidance on situations in which a “relatively low impact” riparian zone protection technique will provide protection to public resources at least equal in the overall effectiveness of the rules while seeking to minimize constraints to the management of small landowner forest lands;
3. The Board request staff to re-insert previous Board-approved “Imminent Mortality” guidance back into Board Manual Section 21; and,
4. The Board include the Board Manual Section 21 amendment effort in the Board’s 2022 and 2023 Work Plans, with the intention of having recommendations to the Board by its February 2023 meeting.

WFFA

TFW Policy recommends the Forest Practices Board request staff to prepare an amendment to Board Manual Section 21, *Guidelines for Alternate Plans*. This amendment would create a new part designed to aggregate existing information into technical guidance for small forest landowners on how to implement the forest practices alternate plan rules as well as describe criteria for low impact alternate plans.

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1. The stakeholder group will include field staff/ID team members who are experienced with small forest landowner alternate plan field reviews;
2. The stakeholder group will:
 - a) Consolidate existing board manual alternate plan guidance into a new part devoted to technical guidance for small forest landowners; and,
 - b) Assess the WFFA proposal on criteria to consider for guidance on situations in which a “relatively low impact” riparian zone protection technique will provide protection to public resources at least equal in the overall effectiveness consistent with the Forest Practices Rules (WAC) while seeking to minimize constraints to the management of small landowner forest lands consistent with the Forest and Fish Act (RCW) and Forest Practices Rules (WAC);
3. The Board request staff to re-insert previous Board-approved “Imminent Mortality” guidance back into Board Manual Section 21; and,
4. The Board include the Board Manual Section 21 amendment effort in the Board’s 2022 and 2023 Work Plans, with the intention of having recommendations to the Board by its February 2023 meeting.