



2017 Protocol Stream Survey Memo Overview

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Background

- **Protocol stream surveys may be used to help define the on-ground regulatory break between “fish” and “non-fish” water types**
- **DNR issues a memo each year in advance of the survey season**
 - **Generally aimed at providing information to interested parties about forecasted water abundance as it is expected to affect stream surveys and water type change decisions**



Background (cont.)

- The 2017 memo comes as TFW Policy is finishing work leading to a recommendation to the Board about adoption of a “fish habitat assessment methodology”
- The objective for the 2017 memo is to provide useful information without getting ahead of that process



What will the 2017 memo do?

- **Will not change expectations for how protocol stream surveys are conducted or how the WTMF review process works**
 - Relies on existing rule (222-16-031 WAC) and guidance (Board Manual Section 13)
- **Will focus on three areas:**
 - Requirement for complete information on WTMFs
 - The role of water type review teams
 - Forecast of water abundance



Next steps

- **Discuss guidance memo with stakeholders**
- **Finalize memo before the end of February**



