

October 21, 2021

**To:** Forest Practices Board

**From:** Bob Guenther, Water Typing System Rule Committee Chair

**RE:** Water Typing System Rule Committee Update

The Water Typing System Rule Committee (Committee) continues to provide oversight to the Anadromous Fish Floor (AFF) Workgroup in the development of alternatives for the Forest Practices Board's consideration for inclusion in the permanent water typing system rule. The Committee recently held two meetings – October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> – where they received presentations from the AFF project team describing the preliminary findings in their draft report, engaged in a Q & A session, provided opportunity for public comment and established a path forward to bring an AFF recommendation to the Board.

The AFF project team's draft report is a summary of the findings from the spatial analysis conducted by the AFF project team. The spatial analysis results and comparisons between the AFF alternatives were presented to the Committee at an AFF workshop held on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The AFF project team's analysis and recommendations now need to be discussed by AFF Workgroup (made up of both technical and policy participants) to develop recommendations to bring forward to the Committee.

After hearing feedback from both the AFF project team and AFF Workgroup participants, the Committee, by motion, agreed on the following direction and dates to bring final recommendations to the Board:

- The Committee acknowledged receipt of the preliminary report from AFF project team
- The Committee will schedule a meeting the week of **November 15** to receive an update from the AFF Workgroup
- The Committee requested that the final report and recommendations be provided by **December 3**
- The Committee will schedule a meeting during the week of **December 13** for the AFF Workgroup to further discuss their final report and their recommendations
- The Committee will schedule a meeting by **January 7** to prepare Committee recommendations for the full Board
- The Committee's goal is to bring final recommendations for the AFF to the Board at the February 2022 Board meeting. (meeting materials for this meeting are due by **January 21**)

To help facilitate understanding of the AFF technical results, the Committee recommends that the Board consider a 2-day meeting in February 2022, with time on the agenda for an AFF workshop during the first day.

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