

Forest Practices Board
Water Typing Rule Committee
February 11, 2020
Natural Resources Building
Olympia, Washington

Committee Members Present:

Bob Guenther, Committee Chair and General Public Member
David Herrera, General Public Member
Jeff Davis, Director's designee, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Paula Swedeen, General Public Member
Tom Nelson, General Public Member

Staff

Marc Engel and Marc Ratcliff, DNR
Phil Ferester, ATG

Welcome and Introductions

Bob Guenther, Committee chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Board Committee (Committee) approved the January 8, 2020, meeting minutes with no changes.

Status Update on Eastern Washington Data Technical Group

Marc Engel, DNR, said he has contacted Jim Mathews, Yakama Tribe and Darin Cramer, Washington Forest Protection Association who will both participate in this group. In addition to Mathews and Cramer, other participants include Ray Entz, Kalispell Tribe, JD Marshall and Gretchen Lech, Hancock Timber Resource Group and Steve Barnowe-Meyer, Washington Farm Forestry Association. He said the first meeting will be held within the next two weeks in Ellensburg. The purpose of this group is to gather additional data to supplement the current data DNR currently has and rerun the spatial analysis for eastern Washington. The goal for the group is to provide recommendations to the Committee in April, 2020 on whether there is appropriate data to be used for the eastern Washington PHB spatial analysis.

Anadromous Fish Floor Scope of Work and Funding Request for the Analysis

Ash Roorbach, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, reported on the anadromous fish floor (AFF) work plan and the current status on the GIS scope of work. He described the different options for contracting the GIS analysis and asked the Committee to seek funding approval from the Forest Practices Board (Board) to contract the analysis.

He said there remains some gaps in the current scope of work, but said the AFF workgroup is continuing to refine how the GIS analysis will be performed. The AFF workgroup finalized their work plan and established a sub-group to further discuss and arrive at the most appropriate natural fish barrier definition for streams. The workgroup is struggling to understand the differences between using a threshold versus a gradient change will affect the AFF outcome.

He said the AFF workgroup recognized that Terrainworks is well suited to perform the GIS analysis and recommends contracting with this company. He said Terrainworks believes they could perform an analysis for around \$68,000. The timeline within the work plan is tentative and could be modified once a contract is implemented.

The Committee encouraged the AFF workgroup to provide more accurate timelines when that becomes available.

Public Comment

None.

Action for Reporting to Board

Engel reminded the Committee that they had asked the AFF workgroup to provide more detail on the GIS scope of work and refine funding estimates.

Given the added elements within the last few weeks and clarification on funding, the Committee members said they were comfortable with the added elements for the draft scope of the GIS work. The Committee supported the funding request for the GIS analysis. It was acknowledged that the request for funding will be recommended to the Board at the February 12 Board meeting.

Engel said once the Board accepts the Committee recommendations for funding, DNR will begin the process for initiating the steps to draft and secure a contract to perform the GIS AFF analysis.

Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.