

Water Typing System Rule Committee Meeting
January 24, 2022, 10 a.m.
Meeting conducted via Zoom Webinar

Committee Members Present:

Bob Guenther, Committee Chair and General Public Member
Cody Desautel, General Public Member
David Herrera, General Public Member
Tom Nelson, General Public Member

Committee Members Absent:

Jeff Davis, Director's designee, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Staff

Marc Engel and Patricia Anderson, DNR
Phil Ferester, ATG

Welcome and Introductions

Bob Guenther, Committee chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Cody Desautel moved to approve the January 22, 2022 meeting minutes as corrected.
SECONDED: Tom Nelson

Board Discussion:

Chair Guenther noted a change to a meeting date which said February 24 should be January 24.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Anadromous Fish Floor Policy Recommendations Update

Marc Engel, DNR, provided an update on the addendum to the Anadromous Fish Floor (AFF) Spatial Analysis Findings Report. He said the AFF Policy members received a preliminary draft addendum one week prior to the meeting but had not received a final addendum. He said the Policy members identified that there is still work to be done by the primary investigators and the technical group to complete the addendum.

Ash Roorbach, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, said the preliminary addendum provided additional model runs that portray a more accurate picture of the performance of the different AFF alternatives. He said the addendum to the report should be completed this week and sent to the AFF Policy members.

Engel proposed a Committee meeting during the week of February 14 to allow for the AFF Policy members to complete their recommendations to bring forward to the Committee. Engel also suggested a request from the Committee to the Board to hold a special meeting in March to address the AFF alternatives.

Committee member Tom Nelson stated that Brian Fransen as a primary investigator received the report on the previous Friday and has not had a chance to review the report and questioned why the

Committee was meeting and why the AFF Policy members are reviewing the addendum document. He also said he is concerned with setting timelines when we are not meeting the deadlines. He suggested setting realistic deadlines so it's done right rather than fast.

Jim Peters, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, said the AFF Policy members may not be able to come up with a consensus recommendation. He said issues could arise if they are trying to make things perfect, rather is it good enough to move forward to the Board.

Alec Brown, Conservation Caucus, said that the Policy members are not that far behind and asked the Committee to recommend the Board schedule a special meeting in March.

Committee member Cody Desautel, reviewed the timeline and questioned whether there is enough time for the Committee to develop recommendations for the Board to review. Engel responded that because of the uncertainty as to when AFF Policy members would get the final report and the busy schedules of the group members that it will take the AFF Policy member group until at least the end of the next week to complete their review and recommendations assuming they get the technical addendum report within 2 work days, by Wednesday 26th January.

Public Comment

Paula Swdeen, Conservation Caucus, reviewed the proposed timeline and asked for clarity on when staff would begin work on the rule packet. Engel said the Board needs to take action on the AFF recommendations and review and confirm the other decisions made by the Board on those completed elements before staff could reengage in the rule packet for a decision to file a *CR102 Proposed Rule Making*. This could potentially occur at a special meeting in March.

Darin Cramer, Washington Forest Protection Association, said they are trying to get to consensus on the technical addendum. He said Brian Fransen has started reviewing it and has requested the assistance of a statistician to help him review the information. He said having a solid technical product will have the best chance of achieving consensus on that technical addendum.

Committee Report to the Board

Committee member Desautel asked if the timeline is dependent on consensus amongst the Policy group or will it take long if consensus is not reached. Engel responded that they will strive for a consensus product but they can bring forward products supported by individual Caucuses.

Committee member David Herrera said that he supports the proposed schedule and recommending the Board hold a one or two day meeting in March.

Engel recapped what the report to the Board would entail – status of the AFF report, updated timeline and recommendation for a special meeting in March.

Schedule Next Meetings

The Committee agreed to meet sometime during the week of February 14, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.