TFW Policy Committee’s Type F Recommendations

CR-101
Heather Ballash moved the Forest Practices Board direct staff to file a CR-101 Preproposal Statement of Inquiry to notify the public the Board is considering rule making relating to a permanent Water Typing System.
2nd Tom Laurie
Motion passed unanimously.

Acceptance of Policy consensus recommendations and direction to Board staff to prepare draft rule and guidance
Court Stanley moved the Forest Practices Board accept the TFW Policy Committee consensus recommendations for a permanent Water Typing System and direct staff to prepare draft rule language and prepare board manual 23, as necessary, in consultation with stakeholders, to be presented to the Board at their May 2017 meeting. (NOTE: Until the Board receives recommendations from Policy or a majority/minority report from the adaptive management program administrator resulting from dispute resolution for the Fish Habitat Assessment Methodology; Off-Channel habitat, use of default physicals, and the status of existing Type F/N regulatory break points established through Water Type Modification forms, the staff will not move the rule making forward to a CR-102.
2nd Tom Laurie
Motion passed unanimously.

Acceptance of Policy recommendation for development of a Fish Habitat Assessment Method
Patrick Capper moved the Forest Practices Board accept the TFW Policy Committee recommended process to consider alternatives and develop a Fish Habitat Assessment methodology and direct Policy to work with the adaptive management program administrator to evaluate and develop consensus recommendation(s) and present the completed methodology for Board consideration and action at their May 2017 meeting.
2nd Lisa Janicki
Motion passed unanimously.

Direction to Policy regarding non-consensus issues
Joe Stohr moved the Forest Practices Board direct the TFW Policy Committee to determine at or before their December 2016 meeting if consensus recommendations related to Off-Channel habitat can be presented to the Board at their February 2017 meeting; OR- the TFW Policy Committee initiates and completes Dispute Resolution by May 1, 2017. Policy will deliver consensus recommendations as a result of dispute-resolution or the adaptive management program administrator will deliver the majority/minority report at the May 2017 Board meeting, per WAC 222-12-045.
2nd Paula Swedeen
Motion passed unanimously.
Heather Ballash moved the Forest Practices Board direct the TFW Policy Committee to determine at or before their December 2016 meeting if consensus recommendations related to acceptance of completed Type F/N points through Water Typing Modification Forms as the regulatory fish habitat points in the Fish Habitat Water Typing Map can be presented to the Board at their February 2017 meeting; OR the TFW Policy Committee initiates and completes Dispute Resolution by May 1, 2017. Policy will deliver consensus recommendations as a result of dispute-resolution or the adaptive management program administrator will deliver the majority/minority report at the May 2017 Board meeting, per WAC 222-12-045.

2nd Brent Davies
Motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Janicki moved the Forest Practices Board direct the TFW Policy Committee to determine at or before their December 2016 meeting if consensus recommendations related to the manner in which default physcals will be used to determine the Type F/N points as the regulatory fish habitat points in the Fish Habitat Water Typing Map can be presented to the Board at their February 2017 meeting; OR the TFW Policy Committee initiates Dispute Resolution and completes it by May 1, 2017. Policy will deliver consensus recommendations as a result of dispute-resolution or the adaptive management program administrator will deliver the majority/minority report at the May 2017 Board meeting, per WAC 222-12-045.

2nd Bob Guenther
Motion passed unanimously.

Funding approval to initiate science based products
Tom Laurie moved the Forest Practices Board approve funding for continued development of the Water Typing Fish Habitat Model and evaluation of default physical criteria using existing fund balance in the Forests and Fish Support Account. Funding up to $500,000 is authorized before 30th June 2017 to:

- Refine and redevelop the model and prepare a study design for field validation; and
- Create a study design to evaluate the existing default physical habitat criteria.

Funding is contingent on consensus from the TFW Policy Committee.

2nd Heather Ballash
Motion passed unanimously.