Board Direction on Next Steps for the Water Typing System

Dispute Resolution
Tom Laurie moved that the Forest Practices Board acknowledge that TFW Policy has completed both stages of Dispute Resolution and the board is assuming management for the development of the final issues needed to have a complete permanent water typing system in the forest practices rules.
2nd Paula Swedeen
Motion passed unanimously.

Consensus Recommendations
Tom Laurie moved that the Forest Practices Board accept TFW Policy’s consensus recommendations on existing approved Water Type Modification Form break points.
2nd Heather Ballash
Motion passed unanimously.

FHAM
Carmen Smith moved the Forest Practices Board accept TFW Policy’s framework for a Fish Habitat Assessment Methodology (FHAM).
2nd Lisa Janicki
Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Davis moved the Forest Practices Board direct the AMPA to convene and lead a group of internal and external science/technical experts to work under the direction of the Board, in consultation with the TFW Policy Committee caucuses to identify team members.
2nd Bob Guenther
Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Davis moved the Forest Practices Board direct the group of internal and external science/technical experts to determine those elements that would constitute a barrier and/or potential habitat break (PHB). The group is directed to review the FHAM listed habitat break features for combinations of primary/secondary features to determine those physical, biological and chemical elements that would individually or in combination constitute a high probability the PHB is coincident with a significant change in habitat including stream size, stream gradient, the interaction of size and gradient and the presence of barriers that limit accessibility, thus the appropriate point to initiate a protocol survey.
2nd Tom Laurie
Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Laurie moved the Forest Practices Board direct the AMPA to bring the PHB recommendations to the board for their August 2017 meeting, the recommendations need to include the metrics to identify the PHBs, and a plan for validation of the eventual rule.
2nd Patrick Capper
Friendly amendment by Tom Nelson.
Motion passed unanimously.
Off-Channel Habitat
Tom Nelson moved off-channel habitat (OCH) to include:
- Type F channelized streams: The edge of OCH is bankfull elevation, the outer edge of inundation as defined at the bankfull elevation (“edge” as defined in WAC 222-16-010);
- Type F non-channelized streams: The edge of OCH is the OHWL, which includes those portions of wetlands periodically inundated at the ordinary high water level.

Paula Swedeen moved to amend the motion as follows:
. . . Type F non-channelized streams: The edge of OCH is the OHWL, which includes those portions of wetlands periodically inundated at the ordinary high water level.

Brent Davies
Amendment to the motion fails (2 support (Davies and Swedeen) / 10 oppose / 1 abstention (Ballash). Motion passed (11 support / 2 oppose (Davies and Swedeen).

Designate Responsible Official for SEPA Associated with Board Rulemakings
Stephen Bernath moved the Forest Practices Board designate the Board’s Chair to serve as the responsible official for complying with the SEPA process.

Heather Ballash
Motion passed unanimously.

2017-2019 CMER Master Project Schedule and Budget
Heather Ballash moved the Forest Practices Board approve the updates to the CMER work plan, the updated 2017-2019 CMER Master Project Schedule and associated Adaptive Management Program Budget as presented.

Noel Willet
Motion passed unanimously.

Addressing AMP Recommendations
Stephen Bernath moved the Forest Practices Board commit to the TFW approach and its ground rules and recommend that a subcommittee of the Board work with the Adaptive Management Program Administrator and the Commissioner of Public Lands (staff) to develop an improvement plan and have a meeting of the principals before or in conjunction with the Forest Practices Board at their August 2017 meeting to make the Adaptive Management Program system work better.

Lisa Janicki
Motion passed unanimously.