

TFW Policy Meeting Agenda

November 3, 2014

Purpose:

TFW Policy has to eventually make a decision on whether to take any action based on the Effectiveness of riparian management zone prescriptions in protection and maintaining shade and water temperature in forested streams of Eastern Washington study (BTO Study). If TFW Policy agrees to take action, that action can range from changes in rules, board manual revisions, additional research, or other actions. If TFW Policy reaches that point, it has some time to come to consensus on what the specifics of those actions are.

Thus far, TFW Policy has not come to consensus on whether to take action or not. Based on our process, if agreement cannot be reached on taking action, the default response is to not take any action in response to the BTO study.

If any caucus wishes to take action, and we have failed to gain consensus, their only option is for that caucus to initiate dispute resolution.

As you may recall, at the end of the last policy meeting, we had agreed to have intercaucus discussions, particularly between the state and landowners caucuses and eventually the eastside tribal caucus on the uncertainties of the study. Unfortunately, neither caucus discussions have occurred.

The co-chairs thought that even though these caucuses have not been held it would be valuable for caucuses to use the time that is on the schedule to further explore the uncertainties associated with the BTO study and see if we can move towards some consensus on next steps. We also have time on the November policy agenda to further discuss BTO and next steps.

NOTE: If the caucuses determine that there truly is non-consensus on the procedural step of taking action on the BTO study, then the co-chairs will want to elicit the specific areas of concern from different caucuses perspectives so that we can articulate those clearly. If a caucus chooses to pull the trigger regarding dispute resolution then the co-chairs will want to discuss a dispute resolution process.

Agenda:

1:00pm – 1:30 Purpose and Agenda Overview

1:30 – 3:00 Caucus perspectives on action/no action decision.

- The state caucus will update everyone on their concerns regarding uncertainties associated the BTO study and potential ideas on how to resolve (Powerpoint and other material will made available to all).
 - All caucuses will be asked about their concerns about uncertainties associated with the study
 - State caucus will update everyone on their concerns and ideas
- Included will be an opportunity for questions from other caucuses.

- If a caucus has an idea for a specific action for consideration, we will test the willingness of the group to discuss exploring that action.

3:00 – 3:30 Clarification time after we hear from everyone.

3:30 – 4:00 Documentation of any decisions and/or next steps.