

Timber, Fish, and Wildlife Policy Committee
Regular Meeting
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 3, 2020 // 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Remotely held using GoToMeeting

Prepared for TFW Policy by Jacob Hibbeln, AMP Secretary Senior

Motions September 3, 2020	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
1. Approve the June 4 th Meeting Minutes.	Darin Cramer/Don Nauer (Up: SFL, Industrial Timber, Conservation, DNR, WDFW/ECY, Counties, Westside Tribes; abstained: Eastside tribes; Absent: Federal caucus.
2. Approve the August 6 th Meeting Minutes	Steve Barnowe-Meyer/Ray Entz (Up: SFL, Industrial Timber, Conservation, DNR, WDFW/ECY, Counties, Westside Tribes, Eastside Tribes; Absent: Federal caucus
3. Confirm Meghan Tuttle as co-chair.	Ray Entz/Don Nauer (Up: SFL, Industrial Timber, Conservation, DNR, WDFW/ECY, Counties, Westside Tribes; abstained: Eastside tribes; absent: Federal caucus)
4. Accept the SFL Experimental Alternate Harvest Prescriptions Workgroup Extension Request	Darin Cramer/Ray Entz (Up: Industrial Timber, Conservation, DNR, WDFW/ECY, Counties, Westside Tribes, Eastside Tribes; sideways: SFL caucus; absent: Federal caucus)

Action Items September 3, 2020	
Action Item	Responsibility
1. Send out the Deep-Seated Landslide Presentation to Policy	Jacob Hibbeln
2. Include ERVM materials in October meeting mailing to Policy.	Marc Engel and Mark Hicks

Welcome, Introductions, and Old Business

Marc Engel, DNR/co-chair

Marc Engel opened the meeting and took a roll call of caucus policy leads and meeting attendees. He then asked for caucus updates.

Jim Peters, Westside Tribes caucus, stated that he got approval from the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission environmental committee to participate in the education of legislators on the importance of fully funding the Adaptive Management Program (AMP) budget.

Don Nauer, WDFW, stated that Chris Conklin, WDFW, would be taking his place at future Policy meetings.

After the June and August Policy meetings were accepted, Engel recommended that Meghan Tuttle, Weyerhaeuser, be confirmed as the new co-chair of Policy. Ray Entz, Eastside Tribes, motioned to accept Tuttle as the new co-chair and the motion passed.

Small Forest Landowner Experimental Alternate Harvest Prescriptions Workgroup

Steve Barnowe-Meyer, SFL Caucus

Steve Barnowe-Meyer gave a brief history of the work group and explained why work would not be completed by the original deadline of September 24th. He then requested that Policy extend the completion date to the end of the calendar year.

Ken Miller, SFL caucus, stated that he would be voting sideways to reaffirm concerns that this may be perceived as a potential substitute for an SFL Template. He still thinks there is value in the work being done. Peters responded that this does not replace the ongoing work regarding the proposed SFL template, he noted that the Forest Practices Board (FPB) had also asked for Policy to look at existing draft templates. Brandon Austin, Ecology caucus, agreed, further emphasizing that this process is completely outside of the ongoing SFL Dispute Resolution process. There will be a presentation to the FPB regardless of what happens with the Dispute Resolution.

Darin Cramer moved to accept the extension and the motion passed.

CMER SAG Updates

Chris Mendoza, CMER co-chair

Chris Mendoza briefly recapped the CMER SAG updates which were sent to Policy. Main points included the approval of the Landscape and Wildlife Advisory Group (LWAG) Amphibians in Intermittent Streams Charter as well as the Deep-Seated Landslide (DSL) 6 questions and scoping. The 6 Questions for the SFL Template is currently being reviewed and comments are due by September 22nd. A review is on track to be completed in November, which means Policy would hear the results at the December Policy meeting. CMER is not requesting more time at the moment.

Forest Practices Board Updates

Mark Hicks, AMPA

Mark Hicks summarized the main board meeting points, stating that the meeting was very AMP heavy. The BTO Add-On project was approved and a new CMER voting member was approved by the board. Additionally, the MPS for the 21-23 biennium was approved.

Engel reported the FPB agreed with the Policy recommendation that the SFL Template as a whole does not meet requirements for a template but acknowledged the value of the continuing work addressing the proposed template buffer widths through the ongoing Dispute Resolution and the potential for additional alternate harvest opportunities through Experimental Alternate Harvest Workgroup.

SFL Dispute Resolution Update

Engel

Engel acknowledged that the first full meeting was on the 27th August and recapped the next two scheduled meetings were for the afternoon after the morning Policy meet (September 3 from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.) and from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on September 11, 2020.

Deep-Seated Landslide Research Strategy

Ben Flint, AMP Project Manager Supervisor

Ben Flint gave a presentation on the DSL Scoping document. Flint stated that the 6 questions would not be discussed at this meeting and that a conversation will be held next month once everyone has had the chance to review it. After the presentation, Policy was given the opportunity to ask questions. It was requested that this presentation be sent out to Policy.

Extensive Riparian Vegetation Monitoring Alternative Recommendation

Engel

Engel stated that Policy has not determined the status of the Extensive Riparian Vegetation Monitoring project. He reminded the group that at the March Policy meeting, Teresa Miskovic, AMP Project Manager, had asked that Policy prioritize the 13 questions given to Policy at the March meeting. For the April meeting, Policy was tasked with coming up with additional questions then discuss when/if an Extensive Monitoring Workshop would be held. Engel stated that Policy should reset this timeline and call for each caucus to bring forward questions in time for the October meeting.

Darin Cramer, Industrial Timber, stated that Policy does not have enough current information so more should be sent out. Engel agreed, stating that he would figure out what materials should be distributed so that members are fully educated.

A cost estimate for the workshop is necessary before any decisions are made. Entz stated that from his caucus' perspective, extensive monitoring is important but rule effectiveness studies should take budget priority. He thinks that we can conclude the discussion with ranking the 13 questions until there is more room in the budget for hosting a workshop. Brandon Austin, Ecology caucus, expressed concern about how long this process would take.

At the October meeting, the goal should be to provide feedback on the 13 questions and add more questions if need be. Curt Veldhuisen, SRSC, commented that these are small scale questions that should be looked at as identifying where caucus' interests lie.

Mark Hicks, AMPA, suggested that Policy start with the top 3 questions and think about what will be monitored on the ground. It would be helpful for CMER to understand where this project should go next and how it could go about building a long-term status and trends monitoring program.

Conclusions

Engel

Cramer stated that deliverables for the Type Np Workgroup will not be ready next month and that a written report will be given in November. Cramer also recommended that a discussion about what kind of products Policy is looking for on the WFPA Smart Buffer Proposal Initiation (PI) review.

Meghan Tuttle, co-chair, also reminded Policy that the 20-21 Workplan has to be presented to the FPB in November and therefore needs to be discussed at the next meeting.

Attendees by Caucus

*Caucus representative

Conservation Caucus

*Alec Brown (WEC)

Chris Mendoza (CMER co-chair)

County Caucus

*Court Stanley

Kendra Smith (Skagit)

Large Industrial Landowner Caucus

*Darin Cramer (WFPA)

Doug Hooks (WFPA)

Meghan Tuttle (Weyerhaeuser/ co-chair)

Joe Murray (WFPA)

Small Forest Landowner

*Steve Barnowe-Meyer (WFFA)

*Ken Miller (WFFA)

Jenny Knoth (WFFA/CMER co-chair)

State Caucus

Brandon Austin (ECY)

Don Nauer (WDFW)

Marc Engel (DNR/co-chair)

Marc Ratcliff (DNR)

Joseph Shramek (DNR)

Westside Tribal Caucus

*Jim Peters (NWIFC)

Ash Roorbach (NWIFC)

Curt Veldhuisen (SRSC)

Joseph Pavel (Skokomish)

Eastside Tribal Caucus

*Ray Entz (Kalispel)

John Sirois (UCUT)

Adaptive Management Program/CMER Staff

Mark Hicks (AMPA)

Ben Flint (DNR)

Teresa Miskovic (DNR)

Eszter Munes (DNR)

Jenelle Black (NWIFC)

Jacob Hibbeln (DNR)