

# Timber, Fish and Wildlife Policy Committee

Thursday, September 1, 2022 // 9:00AM – 12:50PM

Hybrid Meeting

Motions	
Motion	Move/Second (Vote)
<p><b>August 2022 Meeting Minutes</b></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> **** moved to approve the July 2022 meeting notes.</p> <p><b>The motion passed.</b></p> <p>Approve August 2022 meeting notes next month.</p>	<p><b>Seconded:</b></p> <p><b>Up:</b></p>
<p><b>RCS Charter</b></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Darin Cramer moved to approve the RCS Charter.</p> <p><b>The motion passed</b></p>	<p><b>Seconded:</b> Marc Engel</p> <p><b>Up:</b> Darin Cramer, Marc Engel, Court Stanley, Jim Peters, and Darric Lowery (proxy for Tom O'Brien)</p> <p><b>Sideways:</b> Cody Thomas</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Alec Brown</p>
<p><b>WMZ Charter</b></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Jim Peters moved to approve the WMZ Charter.</p> <p><b>The motion failed</b></p>	<p><b>Seconded:</b> Darric Lowery (proxy for Tom O'Brien)</p> <p><b>Up:</b> Jim Peters, Cody Thomas, Darric Lowery (proxy for Tom O'Brien).</p> <p><b>Down:</b> Darin Cramer, Ken Miller, Court Stanley</p> <p><b>Sideways:</b> Marc Engel</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Alec Brown</p>

Action Items	
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RCS document with Eastside Tribes concerns and possible resolution. October 15th	Cody Thomas

Write down topics/concerns with wetlands. October 15th	Darin Cramer
Put together a summary document - Wetlands October 15th	Co-chairs
Schedule special meeting about WMZ and RCS on October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Natalie Church
Review and send comments on SAO Recommendation #05: Adopt a net gains model document to Saboor September 20 <sup>th</sup> .	Policy members
SAO Recommendation #05: Adopt a net gains model.	October agenda
Riparian Literature Synthesis decision item	October agenda
Riparian Literature Synthesis send comments to Anna Toledo by September 9 <sup>th</sup> .	Policy members
Send copy of Schuett-Hames et al. 2015 about Riparian Literature Synthesis.	Anna Toledo
Extensive Monitoring workgroup to reconvene in September and have document ready for November meeting.	

## NOTES

### **Co-chair updates:**

- Court Stanley discussed that he and Brandon Austin are the new co-chairs, and this is their first meeting facilitating.
- Brandon Austin explained that since this is an open public meeting, we should be allowing the public to make comments. It was decided that the meeting will be open for comments after approving the previous month's meeting notes.
  - Saboor Jawad suggested that we should give the option to have the comments sent in written format prior to the meeting.
  - Darin Cramer made a comment that it is time for the public and not members of TFW Policy, or their support staff to make comments.
- Brandon Austin reminded everyone that the chat in Zoom is a public document, and we need to monitor that it is only for Policy members to comment.
- If someone that is not a voting TFW Policy member would like to speak, the Policy member will need to recognize them to speak.

### **Caucus updates:**

- Darin Cramer announced that he will be leaving at 12:00PM and Doug Hooks will be filling in for him.

- Tom O'Brien announced that he will be stepping in and out every so often and Darric Lowery will be filling in.
- Brandon Austin announced that Ecology had to put the listing for a CMER member again and he will keep TFW Policy and CMER updated.

#### **Staff updates:**

- Saboor Jawad discussed that the Interest-Based Negotiations training is tentatively scheduled at The Olympia Center in downtown Olympia for October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Saboor Jawad explained that Structured Decision-Making training needs approval from Policy before he is able to start scheduling the training.

#### **Type Np Buffer Majority/Minority Report:**

Saboor Jawad gave a brief introduction to the topic and explained that the deadline for the majority/minority reports is September 15<sup>th</sup>. It will then be sent to the Forest Practices Board at their special meeting that is scheduled in October. Marc Engel asked what was to be done for the background information section. Saboor explained that he will be doing a cover memo for the reports explaining the background information. He is requesting that it is a description of what each caucus see the problem as. It was discussed that the final graphic was sent to Darin and Marc, and that Brandon Austin should be expecting his soon. Darin stated that he filled out his part and will be reaching out to Brandon to discuss with him. Darin stated that we should be able to reference Triangle Associates final documentation as well for the reports. This is being written as a response to the CMER study.

#### **RCS Charter:**

Brandon Austin stated that since there was a presentation done on this study last month, we just need to have a motion made. Darin Cramer asked if there is a silviculturist on the project team. Saboor explained that Rachel Rubin and Joe Murray are working on this project, and they have experience, also most of it will be contracted out so we should have enough for this project. Ken Miller asked where the field trial is going to be done. Saboor responded by explaining that it will be done in the Forks area. Cody Thomas discussed the Eastside Tribes concerns. Jim Peters asked that there be more of a discussion on this next month and requested that Cody write down their concerns and possible resolution to help with the discussion at next month's meeting. Cody stated that he supports having a discussion at the next TFW Policy meeting and he will provide a document that lays out their concerns and ways to possibly address them. Anna Toledo explained that the project management plan was approved by CMER in June 2022 and that the charter is a live document that can be adjusted when it is seen fit to do so.

#### **WMZ Charter:**

Darin Cramer discussed his concerns on a few items under the project objectives and critical questions. He explained that there needs to be clarity on what needs to be TFW Policy interpretation and when it needs to be a CMER interpretation. He then explained that a prescription scale project will not show results on how it affects the population/landowners. Ken Miller explained that we should look at doing something like the Type F exploratory and that we need to know what they are doing out on the wetlands. He suggests that we look at an exploratory study before we dive into this study. Jim Peters explained that this has been a priority of the tribes and a priority of Policy and ran into budget issues hiring wetland scientist. We could possibly have CMER explain and clarify the language. Jenelle Black explained what prescriptions are being applied, she will look into the language and have a discussion with Tanner Williamson about the language and charter. Brandon Austin suggested putting it on the work plan and that there should be a short summary document to have a conversation. Marc Engel suggested to have scoping continue and delay approving charter. It was decided to vote on the Charter as there is a motion on the table, the motion failed. It was decided to have a special TFW Policy meeting to discuss WMZ and RCS. Darin Cramer will create a one-page document with his concerns about wetlands to help with the

discussion at the special meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The co-chairs will create a summary document on wetlands.

**SAO Recommendation #05: Adopt a net gains model:**

Saboor Jawad explained that TFW Policy has been working on net gains all year, reviewed the draft document, and discussed the comments that were addressed. He requested to have any more comments sent to him by the end of September. There was discussion on the timeline of dispute resolutions and outside science. Court Stanley suggested to call it non-CMER science instead of outside science to help with the confusion. It was decided that there needs to be consensus on removing and adding projects to the work plan. It was decided that TFW Policy needs to review this document this month and have this as a decision item at the October TFW Policy meeting as it needs to be ready for the Forest Practices Board's November meeting.

**Policy field tour – Discussion:**

Brandon Austin explained that there was discussion on pushing the Eastside Field Tour to spring of 2023. Reasoning is the next couple of months are going to be busy and also due to weather conditions. Cody Thomas suggested that it be done in May. Darin Cramer stated that he will meet with landowners to get their opinion on when the best time would be. Brandon suggested that one day be for the meeting itself and to visit ENREP sites and the Eastside Forest Health site the following day. Cody explained that he is looking for a place for the people that are traveling to stay and will give an update as soon as he can. It was decided that it would probably be best to do a Wednesday and Thursday for this trip.

**Budget Workgroup Update:**

Saboor Jawad gave a brief update on what was completed at the Budget Workgroup meeting this last month. He discussed that it had been decided to have the Budget Workgroup meet monthly to be able to keep up with the MPS and associated budget and that the MPS was approved by the Forest Practices Board at their last meeting. He also explained that most of the meeting was spent on developing a contingency plan for the MPS and associated budget. It was decided that each biennium TFW will need to approve the contingency plan. There will be a draft of the contingency plan completed by October.

**Follow-up discussion on Extensive Monitoring Workshop:**

Brandon Austin explained that the notes from the Extensive Monitoring Workshop was in the mailing for this meeting. Saboor Jawad asked how TFW Policy intends to respond. It was discussed and decided on that the Extensive Monitoring Workgroup will begin to meet again. It was decided that Brandon Austin, Darin Cramer, Marc Engel, Court Stanley, Cody Thomas, and Alec Brown will be members of the workgroup. Extensive Monitoring workgroup start meeting in September and will have a document ready for the November TFW Policy meeting.

**Riparian Literature Synthesis:**

Anna Toledo gave a brief update on the project and what was discussed at the last CMER meeting. She explained that RSAG was assigned to this project in June and that RSAG has been updating the overview document that was completed in 2017. Saboor Jawad asked TFW Policy to look at this as a mini scoping document and next month have this as a decision item. Ken asked a couple questions about the Focal questions, number three. Anna explained that she is taking notes to bring back to RSAG to address his comments. It was decided that any comments on this document need to be sent to Anna Toledo by September 9<sup>th</sup>, giving her time to gather them to present at the next RSAG meeting.

**CMER Updates:**

Jenny Knoth CMER co-chair reviewed the CMER SAG Updates document and what was discussed at last month's CMER meeting.

## **Attendees by Caucus**

### **Conservation Caucus**

\*Alec Brown (WEC) arrived at the meeting at 10:20AM.

### **County Caucus**

\*Court Stanley  
Kendra Smith (Skagit)

### **Large Industrial Landowner Caucus**

\*Darin Cramer (WFPA)  
Doug Hooks (WFPA)

### **Small Forest Landowner**

\*Ken Miller (WFFA)

### **State Caucus**

\*Brandon Austin (ECY)  
Darric Lowery (WDFW)  
\*Tom O'Brien (WDFW)

### **Westside Tribal Caucus**

\*Jim Peters (NWIFC)  
Ash Roorbach (NWIFC)

### **Eastside Tribal Caucus**

\*Cody Thomas (UCUT)

### **Adaptive Management Program**

Saboor Jawad (AMPA)  
Lori Clark (DNR)  
Natalie Church (DNR)  
Jenny Schofield (DNR)  
Anna Toledo (DNR)  
Alexander Prescott (DNR)  
Jenelle Black

### **DNR Staff:**

\*Marc Engel (DNR/Co-chair)  
Tracy Hawkins (DNR)

### **CMER:**

Jenny Knoth (CMER/Co-chair)  
Mark Mobbs (Quinault)  
Joe Murray (WFPA)