

Objectives/Direction for Anadromous Fish Floor
Prepared for the FPB Water Typing Rule Committee – October 18, 2021

Included here is an excerpt from the September 24, 2019 Water Typing Rule Committee meeting pertaining to objectives for the anadromous fish floor (AFF):

Anadromous Fish Floor (AFF) Work Group Charter – Committee Discussion

Committee member Davis asked if there is a difference between “presumed” and “likely” since there is an option for biological information based on on-site situations.

Committee member Herrera said tribal comments included the use of field identification teams (ID teams). He said there is a difference between the terms “presumed” and “likely” and he would be okay with using “presumed” habitat for the AFF.

Committee member Swedeen agreed the term “presumed” more accurately reflects what we are looking for and comes from the present situation so the term “presumed” should apply where there is anadromy all the time.

Committee member Davis added that AFF areas should be those streams where there is no need to electrofish.

Committee chair Guenther stated the Committee agrees “presumed” is the appropriate term for AFF habitat. He further said the need for ID teams should be incorporated into the rule, but the use of ID teams should be minimized.

The AFF Charter dated October 7, 2019 defines the AFF as a “measurable physical stream characteristics downstream from which anadromous fish habitat is presumed”.

The Committee’s direction to the AFF workgroup:

The Board Committee requests stakeholders gather and analyze data to help evaluate appropriate physical criteria that can define an AFF. The workgroup will gather and analyze data on physical stream characteristics and anadromous fish habitat distributions, and to the extent possible make consensus recommendations on the AFF.

The AFF Workgroup’s Purpose:

To engage in a collaborative and productive multi-stakeholder process to assist the Board in making a decision on the AFF. The workgroup will evaluate measurable physical stream characteristics downstream from which anadromous fish habitat is presumed.

Note: AFF charter was approved November 2019