

Forests & Fish Policy (FFR) Meeting  
March 4, 2010

**In Attendance:**

Marty Acker, NMFS-NOAA  
Stephen Bernath, WDOE /Policy Co-Chair  
Darin Cramer, DNR / Forest Practices Division Manager  
Chase Davis, Upper Columbia United Tribes (via telephone)  
Marc Engel, DNR /Assistant Division Manager Policy & Services  
Brian Fransen, Weyerhaeuser  
Kevin Godbout, Weyerhaeuser  
Pete Heide, WFPA  
Mark Hicks, WDOE  
Dawn Hitchens, DNR / Forests & Fish Policy Coordinator / CMER Coordinator  
Jim Hotvedt, DNR /Adaptive Management Program Administrator  
Terry Jackson, WDFW/CMER Co-Chair  
Jack Janisch, WDOE  
Faith Lumsden, Governor's Office /ORA  
Chris Mendoza, Conservation Caucus / CMER Co-Chair  
Bj Mirk, GTH  
Mark Mobbs, Quinault Tribe  
Jim Peters, NWIFC  
Miguel Perez-Gibson, Conservation Caucus  
Dave Powers, EPA (via telephone)  
Tom Robinson, Washington Association of Counties /Policy Co-Chair  
Heather Rowton, Governor's Office /ORA  
Nancy Sturhan, NWIFC  
Bob Turner, NOAA Fisheries  
Curt Veldhuisen, Skagit River Systems Coop.  
Jim Waldo, GTH  
David Whipple, WDFW

**Major Decisions Made at the Meeting:**

**Background** - The Weyerhaeuser Company requested that the Adaptive Management Program initiate a technical review, including independent scientific peer review, of an unpublished research report titled "Landslide density and its association with rainfall, forest stand age, and topography, December 2007 storm, Willapa Hills, southwestern Washington" (aka Weyerhaeuser Landslide Report).

**ACTION ITEM 1:**

The Adaptive Management Program Administrator brought forth a recommendation to Policy for the Weyerhaeuser Landslide Report to go through the Independent Scientific Peer Review

(ISPR) process. Not all caucus members were in support of moving the Weyerhaeuser Landslide Report to the ISPR stage. Policy did not reach consensus on this recommendation.

**ACTION ITEM 2:**

Policy co-chairs emphasized the need to have discussions about the process, the interpretation of the board manual and rule, how to deal with outside science and the initiation of an adaptive management proposal. Policy agreed to establish a work group to articulate the problem, identify potential pathways for resolution, and bring that back to Policy for discussion/decision.

The work group is comprised of:

Miguel Perez-Gibson

Tom Robinson

Pete Heide committed Land owner representation

Jim Hotvedt

Stephen Bernath

Darin Cramer

**Timeline:**

The workgroup should meet and report back to Policy at the May 2010 meeting.