

**In Attendance:**

Jim Peters, NWIFC, Co-chair  
Stephen Bernath, Ecology, Co-chair  
Mark Hicks, Ecology  
Darin Cramer, DNR  
Doug Hooks, WFPA  
Donelle Mahan, DNR  
Marty Acker, NMFS  
Peter Heide, WFPA  
Chris Mendoza, Conservation  
Peter Goldman, Conservation  
Miguel Perez-Gibson, Conservation  
Josh Weiss, WSAC  
Nancy Sturnan, NWIFC  
Mark Mobbs, Quinault Indian Nation  
Marc Engel, DNR  
Curt Veldhuisen, SRSC  
David Whipple, WDFW  
Terry Jackson, WDFW  
Jim Hotvedt, DNR  
Kendra Smith, Skagit County  
Jody Walters, NMFS

**By Phone:**

Chase Davis, UCUT

**Decisions:**

**Decision #1**            *DRAFT Forest Practices Board Manual - Section 3-Guidelines for Forest Roads-* Part 2.1 Road Maintenance & Abandonment Planning & Part 2.2 Changes in Ownership. UPSAG was seeking Policy's approval of submitting suggested text edits to the Roads Board Manual, in response to results from the Washington Road Sub-Basin Scale Effectiveness Monitoring, First Sampling Event (2006-2008) Report. These suggestions have been shared with and approved by CMER at the April 26, 2011 meeting.

The suggested edits are non-regulatory and would inform readers of FFR performance targets for roads and how to identify RMAP work that will help meet performance targets.

The final draft of the Forest Practices Board Manual *Section 3-Guidelines for Forest Roads* will be presented to Forest & Fish Policy at the July 2011 meeting. After the Policy review this will be submitted to the Forest Practices Board for the August 9, 2011 meeting.

Policy members reached consensus to encourage the Board Manual Group to consider these two language revisions to the Draft Forest Practices Board Manual - Section 3.

**Decision #2**            *Six Questions for Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment Study in Basalt Lithologies: Amphibian Genetics, December 2009.* This is an effectiveness study that will inform whether Type N riparian prescriptions are meeting Forests and Fish Habitat Conservation Plan (FF HCP) resource objectives. The amphibian genetics report does not present how amphibian genetics are affected by implementation of the above mentioned harvest treatments. To inform this, post-harvest data will need to be collected 7-8 years after harvest (allowing approximately one generational turnover).

Policy members reached consensus to accept the six questions document for the amphibian genetics study and recommended that the Forest Practices Board take no action.

**Decision #3**            *Six Questions for the RMZ Re-sample Project – Breeding Bird Response to Riparian Buffer Width in Managed Pacific Northwest Douglas-fir Forests: Ten years later.* CMER requested Policy approval to fund the re-analysis of the avian portion of the RMZ Re-Sample Project. CMER approved the use of the project development funds at their May meeting. This will finish analysis on bird data collected in 2003-2004.

Policy members reached consensus to make RMZ Re-sample an agenda item at July 7<sup>th</sup> Policy meeting. This will give CMER one month's time to relook at budget or to find an alternative proposal.

**Decision #4**            *CMER Co-chair.* Policy members reached consensus to approve Mark Hicks as CMER co-chair to replace Terry Jackson.

**Decision #5**            *The Eastside Type N Characterization Forest Hydrology Study: Project Charter, April 12, 2011, Version #1.* CMER requested Policy to approve the Forest Hydrology project charter.

Policy members reached consensus to approve the Forest Hydrology project charter, subject to date revisions. Policy members agreed to revisit project charters and status in the fall.

**Action Items:**

In preparation for the August Forest Practices Board meeting:

F&F Policy Annual Report, due by July 15, 2011.

CWA Assurances Annual Report, due by July 15, 2011.

**Agenda items for July or August Policy meetings:**

Policy work list priorities.

Water-Typing /off channel habitat concerns.