

In Attendance:

Stephen Bernath, Ecology, Co-chair
Jim Peters, NWIFC, Co-chair
Jim Hotvedt, DNR
Nancy Sturhan, NWIFC
David Whipple, WDFW
Mark Hicks, Ecology
Marc Engel, DNR
Terry Jackson, WDFW
Donelle Mahan, DNR
Doug Hooks, WFPA
Marty Acker, NOAA
Robert Meier, Rayonier
Kendra Smith, Skagit County
Chris Mendoza, Conservation Caucus
Peter Goldman, Conservation Caucus
Peter Heide, WFPA
Kevin Godbouts, Weyerhaeuser
Darin Cramer, DNR

By Telephone:

Adrian Miller, Longview Fibre

Policy members accepted the August–December 2010 policy meeting notes.

Marc Engel requested that the July 7, 2011 policy meeting notes be updated to read: Policy members reached consensus for sending the *Final DRAFT of the Forest Practices Board Manual, Section 3-Guidelines for Forest Roads -Part 2.1, Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plans (RMAP)* to the Forest Practices Board. This will be sent in time for the August 9, 2011 meeting for board members to consider approval. The Conservation Caucus has approved the changes discussed at the July 7, 2011 Policy Committee meeting.

Decisions:

#1 Policy Work List - new items and prioritization –

Policy members agreed to remove the following from Policy Work List:

The role and use of non-CMER funded science (outside science) and dispute resolution issues.

RMAP Work Group – Completed task; move to accomplishment list.

Watershed Analysis – Completed task; move to accomplishment list.

#2 Policy Work List-

Priority #6 – Policy agreed to pass to CMER dispute resolution issues concerning the role and use of non-CMER (outside science) in the Adaptive Management Plan. CMER will make a formal update to the CMER Protocols and Standards Manual on use of outside science.

#3 Forest Practices and Wetlands Systematic Literature Review Project Charter –

Policy members reached consensus to move ahead with the Wetlands Literature Synthesis Project Charter June 1, 2011, Version #1.

#4 Dispute Resolutions-

The dispute concerning the post-mortem study conducted by Weyerhaeuser has been resolved.

Action Items:

#1 Policy Work List-

Priority #7- Policy members agreed to form a sub-group that will meet before the next Policy meeting (September 1, 2011) to discuss and define water-typing/off-channel habitat and implementation. This sub-group will report back to the policy committee work accomplished. The following are the sub-group members:

Terry Jackson

Pete Heide

Peter Goldman

Darin Cramer

Stephen Bernath

#2 Forest & Fish Policy Annual Report Memorandum-

This is in reference to the annual memo from the Policy co-chairs to the Forest Practices Board identifying work priorities for the next year. Policy members were in agreement that the memorandum to the Forest Practices Board needed revision. Policy members discussed that they needed to include a copy of the accomplishment list (i.e., RMAP and Watershed Analysis accomplishments) when forwarding the completed memorandum to the Forest Practices Board.

Suggested Agenda items for September 1, 2011 meeting:

- Policy sub-group report on definition/implementation of the water typing/off channel issue.
- Priority discussion for the 2012 Forests & Fish Policy Work List.
- Discussion on status of the Forest Practices Adaptive Management Program Strategic Goals, Objectives and Tasks.