

In Attendance:

Stephen Bernath, Ecology
Marc Engel, DNR
Terry Jackson, WDFW
Tami Miketa, DNR
Jim Peters, NWIFC
Nancy Sturhan, NWIFC
Ken Miller, WFFA
Chris Mendoza, Conservation
Peter Goldman, Conservation
Jim Hotvedt, DNR
Marty Acker, NOAA
Doug Hooks, WFFA
Kevin Godbout, Weyerhaeuser
Marc Gauthier, UCUT
David Whipple, WDFW
Mark Hicks, Ecology
Mark Doumit, WFFA

By Phone:

Chase Davis, UCUT
Curt Veldhuisen, Skagit Valley Co-op
Tammie Perreault, SFL Advisory Committee
Phil Hess, SFL Advisory Committee

Agenda Item:

Forest Practices Board Manual, Section 21, *Riparian Thinning Alternate Plan Template*, Template 3.

DECISION:

Policy members did not reach consensus on the Forest Practices Board Manual - Section 21- *Riparian Thinning Alternate Plan Template 3* to take to the Forest Practices Board's November 8, 2011 meeting.

Added Agenda Item:

Streamline Adaptive Management Plan and Stabilize Forest Practices. Policy co-chair Stephen Bernath facilitated discussion on the draft Four Point Proposal.

Policy co-chairs were asking for consensus from Policy members to use monies from existing CMER funds to hire a contractor. The contractor will apply the LEAN process also known as operations research, for identifying efficiencies in the Adaptive Management Program. This short-term effort will evaluate where to improve efficiencies and will involve Policy procedural development as well as the CMER process.

An offer was made by Policy co-chair Bernath and Policy member Godbout to present on the LEAN process for the F&F Policy Committee. Their organizations have participated in a LEAN evaluation. The intent of the presentation will be to help Policy members understand the LEAN process. This may be organized for the next Policy meeting.

Jim Hotvedt offered to send Policy members the *Social Learning as a Tool to Understand Complex Adaptive Management Institutions* authored by Kira Furman. This is the Simon Fraser University student's master thesis on the adaptive management program. The premise of the

research was to determine if social learning was going on in the adaptive management environment.

DECISION:

Policy members reached a non-consensus vote supporting LEAN Process training. Policy co-chair Bernath called for dispute resolution with the Conservation Caucus.

CMER Update:

March 27, 2012 is the confirmed date for the CMER science conference. A “save the date” announcement for the CMER science conference will be sent out. The morning time slot is slated for an overview of the Adaptive management Program and six CMER projects. In the afternoon, Plum Creek, Fort Blakeley, and possibly Green Diamond will present on their habitat conservation programs and the connection to adaptive management.

A CMER work group is working with CMER to update the CMER Protocols and Standards Manual.

CMER will have the Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Current TFW Shade Methodology for Measuring Attenuation of Solar Radiation to the Stream (Bull Trout Overlay - Solar Study) completed early next year. The second component of this study the Bull Trout Overlay – Temperature study will be completed next summer.

CMER needs to have direction and approval for the next projects to be worked on by Policy. This is inter-related to the budget and projects decisions made by Policy every year.

CMER Information Management System is transitioning into a web-based application. This will be one of the projects highlighted at the science conference.

CMER is continuing to work on responses to the Stillwater Report. This is expected to be approved by CMER at the December meeting.

ACTION Item:

Policy members agreed to form a budget sub-group to meet before the December Policy meeting to discuss CMER project prioritization and funding.