

Forests & Fish Policy Committee  
June 6, 2013 Meeting Summary

Decisions and Action Items from Meeting

<b>Decision</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1. Approved the May 2, 2013 meeting summary with minor edits.	Full consensus of present caucuses.
2. Agreed to review a rough draft of Policy's priorities at the July meeting and to review a full draft at the August 1 meeting for submittal to the Board's August meeting.	
3. Approved Eastside Type N TWIG problem statement/critical question/study objectives with comments from motion.	Consensus of present caucuses.

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Assignment/Notes</b>
1. Update Policy on guidance for dry season methodology.	Marc Engel
2. Draft June 6, 2013 meeting summary.	Claire Turpel

**Introductions** – Stephen Bernath and Adrian Miller, Co-Chairs, welcomed the group and led introductions (*please see Attachment 1 for the list of attendees*).

**Review Agenda, Announcements, and Meeting Summary**

- Bob Wheeler reviewed the agenda and no member suggested changes to the agenda.
- The Forests & Fish Policy Committee (Policy) reviewed their workload with the timeline document. Bob Wheeler reminded Policy that there are a lot of moving pieces in their workload and they have a lot to accomplish over the next several meetings.
- Policy reviewed the May 2, 2013 meeting summary. Several minor edits were suggested and Policy accepted the meeting summary with these edits incorporated.

**May 14, 2013 Forest Practices Board Meeting Debrief** – Marc Engel reviewed highlights from the May 14, 2013 Forest Practices Board (Board) meeting.

- The Board accepted the proposed draft language for the Forest Biomass and FPHP rule changes. Now DNR will file CR-102, which will set up two public hearings, to be held jointly with the hydraulic code draft changes. These public hearings will be June 25 (Ellensburg) and 27 (Olympia).
  - There were some comments for the Board on this draft language. The Board directed staff to post draft rule for review, particularly for the public to comment on two potential definitions of a Forest Practices Hydraulic project.
  - Comments on this draft language should be submitted by Friday, June 28. Then, DNR staff will combine all the comments for the Board to make a decision on which definition to incorporate into the final rule.
- The Board reviewed Policy priorities from the Policy Co-Chairs' memo.

- This is one of the regular quarterly reporting from the Co-Chairs. At the August meeting, the Board will review a more formal document that outlines Policy's priorities. Policy should present what they anticipate finishing by the end of 2013 as well as the anticipated workload for the 2014 calendar year.
- Policy agreed to review a rough draft of this formal annual report on Policy's priorities at the July 11 meeting, but will officially approve it at the August 1 meeting for submittal to the Board's August meeting.

**Mass Wastings Report Update** – Adrian Miller quickly updated Policy on the upcoming dates for the Mass Wastings Report.

- The first meeting is scheduled for June 13 from 1-5pm at Ecology, a phone bridge will be provided.
- This shall be a Committee of the Whole.
- The main focus is to re-format the motion from the May 2, 2013 meeting into a draft Charter.
- Further progress will be updated at future Policy meetings.

**Type F Update** – A Committee of the Whole has met twice and plans to meet at least one more time. The progress includes:

- So far, Policy has articulated the areas of disagreements into the Charter. While this is atypical for Charter language, it is important to capture these for future discussions and in case a phased approach is used and it becomes important to refer back to the document with the clearly articulated disagreements.
- The work ahead should be focused on defining Objectives and Tasks, especially whether they could be categorized into specific phases.
- Send all comments to the facilitators, who will incorporate the edits into a revised draft and send out again for further work by all. Policy was encouraged to caucus as much as possible in between drafts.
- In putting dates for the Tasks, consider that the only date that Policy has to adhere to is that a Charter must be agreed to by July 11. Other than that, all Tasks can have their own timelines.
- The facilitators will try to categorize the Objectives into three categories, relating to off-channel habitat, electrofishing, and the model and maps.

**Type N Update** – Adrian Miller updated Policy on the progress of the Type N meeting on May 9.

- At the May 9 meeting, the group helped Policy and the Type N technical group clarify the remaining piece on identifying a dry season methodology for the uppermost point of perennial flow. This needs to have more guidance than what is in the Type N strategy.
- There are many sources of information for both westside and eastside methodology. These will be combined so everyone can see what all the information indicates.
- The goal is to have this collated in advance of the July 11 Policy meeting, so Policy can compare the different characteristics of each methodology. One of these alternatives includes the PIP/tribal/CMER information from a while ago.
- Marc Engel will follow up with Policy about the guidance for the dry season.

### **Eastside Type N TWIG**

At the May 2 meeting, Policy reviewed a memo from the Eastside Type N TWIG and was asked to approve the TWIG's direction. Policy was unable to make that decision at the May meeting because more caucusing was needed. The TWIG members returned to Policy at the June meeting to be available to answer more questions as Policy made an approval. TWIG members Amy Kurtenbach, Bill Ehinger, Marc Gauthier, and Rick Woodsmith were present to answer questions and to hear the dialogue.

- Jim Hotvedt reviewed the flowchart that outlines the process.
- With CMER's edits to the LEAN process, Policy now has two opportunities to review the TWIG's work and to provide comments/direction. This is the first opportunity, and is focused on providing input only on the study objectives, problem statement, and critical questions. The critical questions are in the workplan that CMER and Policy approved earlier in 2013 (see Table 10 of the workplan for more information). These are fairly generic so the study objectives are developed.
- After Policy's initial approval, the TWIG develops study design alternatives from Best Available Science review, and CMER reviews.
- The second time Policy reviews the study they focus on the alternatives and approve a study design alternative.

Policy discussed the content of the study objectives. The landowner caucus is interested in having more information brought back to Policy from the TWIG's study, such as analyzing the no-cut strategy and more information on connected and unconnected streams.

Adrian Miller motioned and Terry Jackson seconded the following motion:

MOTION: Policy validates Eastside Type N TWIG problem statement/critical question/study objectives with comments as indicated at 6/6/13 Policy meeting. In developing Study Design Options, Policy is interested in the TWIG's considering the evaluation of the following:

- Alternative harvest strategies within current rule constraints
- Testing the effect of buffering or not buffering spatially intermittent stream reaches on Type Np streams (*from Type N Strategy*)
- Effects on downstream Type F waters, including downstream temperature response
- Longer time period (study objective #2)

DECISION: After discussion, Policy voted on the motion. It was approved (Tribal Caucus – yes. State caucus – yes. Landowner Caucus – sideways. Federal Caucus – yes. County Caucus – not present to vote. Conservation Caucus – yes.)

**Eastside Type F/S Extensive Status & Trends Studies** – Bill Ehinger has submitted the final report and 6 Questions to Policy. With no discussion yet, Policy received the 6 Questions, which begins the 45-day timeline for Policy to make a action/no action decision at the July 11 meeting.

**Board Manual Section 22 Revision Update** – Marc Ratcliff reviewed the progress of the Adaptive Management Program language revisions.

- The revisions include the addition of the CMER Master Schedule and the changes to the caucuses and the dispute resolution process. This needs to be complete by the end of June.
- The second draft went out on June 5, please review and send comments to Marc Ratcliff as soon as possible.
- The next meeting will be June 11, 8:30am, at the Natural Resources Building in Olympia. The discussion will focus on what to keep and how to incorporate the edits into the Board Manual.
- It was suggested that Policy have a 2-day budget retreat in 2014, where the first whole day is focused on reviewing the CMER workplan and the second full day is focused on the budget. These days could be separated by a month or so.

**CMER Update** – Nothing to report at this time.

**Next Steps**

- Policy has a busy several meetings, the timeline document has been updated. This includes:
- July 11 Policy meeting
  - Type F decision; complete Charter development
  - Mass Wasting update on Alternatives Analysis
  - Address Board Manual Section 22; discussions for agreement. Approve amendments to submit to the Board at August meeting.
  - Make action/no action on Eastside F/S 6 Questions
  - HPA Rulemaking – discuss timelines for Policy and WDFW
  - Type N info – more on DNR’s guidance on dry season methodology
  - Develop draft Annual Report on Policy’s priorities (?)
  - Prepare for discussion on programmatic value of Extensive Status & Trends Studies and alternatives
- August 1 Policy meeting
  - Mass Wasting update on Alternatives analysis
  - Finalize revisions to Board Manual Section 22 (?)
  - Agree on Annual Report on Policy’s priorities
  - Extensive Status & Trends (or later)

Attachment 1 – Attendance at 3/7/13 Meeting by Caucus

**Conservation Caucus**

Mary Scurlock, Conservation Caucus  
 Chris Mendoza, Conservation Caucus

**County Caucus**

**Federal Caucus**

Marty Acker, USFWS

**Landowner Caucus**

Kevin Godbout, Weyerhaeuser  
 Doug Hooks, WFPA  
 Adrian Miller, Longview Timber, Corp. (Co-Chair)  
 Dick Miller, WFFA  
 Karen Terwilleger, WFPA

**State Caucus**

Marc Engel, DNR  
 Mark Hicks, Ecology  
 Terry Jackson, WDFW  
 Marc Ratcliff, DNR

**Tribal Caucus**

Chase Davis, UCUT (phone)  
 Marc Gauthier, UCUT (phone)  
 Mark Mobbs, Quinault Nation  
 Jim Peters, NWIFC  
 Nancy Sturhan, NWIFC

**Others**

Bill Ehinger, Department of Ecology  
 Jim Hotvedt, Adaptive Management Program Administrator (AMPA), DNR  
 Amy Kurtenbach, DNR, Eastside Type N TWIG project manager  
 Rick Woodsmith, Eastside Type N TWIG member  
 Claire Turpel, Triangle Associates (facilitation team)  
 Bob Wheeler, Triangle Associates (facilitation team)

Attachment 2 – Ongoing Priorities Checklist

Priority	Assignment	Status	Notes
Type N Board Manual Development	DNR	One remaining issue to resolve: determination of uppermost Type N break, particularly during the dry season.	There are many sources of information for both westside and eastside methodology. These will be combined so everyone can see what all the information indicates.
Type F	Facilitation team, with Policy Co-Chairs	Series of meetings focused on this topic set for May/June/July 2013	
FPHP Integration		Begin CR-102 process	
Settlement		Begin CR-102 process	Needs to be complete by end

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Agreement			of June.
Policy recommendations based on Post-Mortem Report	Policy Committee	Special meetings of the full Policy Committee.	
Ongoing CMER reports reviewed by Policy	Mark Hicks & Chris Mendoza, CMER Co-Chairs	CMER Co-Chairs to give update(s) as needed at July Policy meeting	

\*This table is meant to note the Policy Committee priorities that were sent to the Forest Practices Board and any other major topics or issues that arise during the year.

Attachment 3 – Entities, Groups, or Subgroups: Schedule and Notes

<b>Entity, Group, or Subgroup</b>	<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Forests &amp; Fish Policy Committee</b>	July 11	
<b>CMER</b>	June 25, 9am – 4pm	
<b>Type N Subgroup</b>		Meetings only to be scheduled if needed.
<b>Type F Subgroup</b>	July 18, 9am – 5 pm	Contingency meeting scheduled for July 30, 1-5pm.
<b>Forest Practices Board</b>	August 13	