Timber, Fish & Wildlife Policy Committee

Eastside field tour, meeting at Northern Quest Casino April 9 & 10, 2015

Agenda v. 4-2-15

Timber, Fish & Wildlife Policy Committee meetings focus on general updates as well as decision items. At this meeting, TFW Policy will spend the first day visiting eastside off-channel habitat as part of the Type F water typing discussions (the afternoon of the day before is an optional time to see off-channel habitat in a big river system). The second day, Policy will review the proposed biennial budget, the small forest landowners' template, other progress updates on several projects, and will continue discussion on Type F.

Wednesday, April 8 (optional)*

Time	Item	Lead(s)
11:00 am	Meet at Cabin Creek Exit on the south side of I-90	Gauthier
	Final travel together to first site	
	Early brown bag lunch (on your own)	
2:00 pm	Travel to Spokane	

Day 1: Thursday, April 9*

Time	Item	Lead(s)
8:00 am – 11:30 pm	Field Trip	Gauthier
(3:30)	Vanpool to first site (meet in front of hotel)	
11:30 – 12:30 pm	Lunch at Café 103, Colville	
12:30 – 4:00 pm	Field Trip	
(3:30)	Off-channel habitat presentation	Ratcliff/Engel
	UCUT's experience with off-channel habitat	Gauthier
	Observation of site and discussion by all	
	DNR and UCUT discussion of how they identified protection	
	measures for this habitat	
4:00 pm	Return to Northern Quest Casino	
Evening	Optional dinner together at Casino	

*Please bring:

- Waterproof footwear
- Lunch for Wednesday (if attending)

Day 2: Friday, April 10

Northern Quest Casino

Time	Item	Lead(s)
8:00 – 8:30 am	Welcome & Old Business	A. Miller & Bernath
(:30)	Review agenda	
	Announcements	
	• Updates	
	 1. Legislative and AMP funding update 	1. Hanlon-Meyer & Bernath
	 2. Board Manual Section 16 update 	2. Ratcliff
	Review March 13, 2015 meeting summary and action items	
	Decision: Accept March 13, 2015 meeting summary	
8:30 – 10:30 am	Biennial Budget	Berge
(2:00)	Review biennial budget proposal	
	Review how biennial budget affects the Master Project Schedule	
	CMER project statuses	
	Decision: Approve biennial budget contingent upon legislature's	
	completed budget	
10:30 – 10:45 am	Break	
(:15)		
10:45 – 11:00 am	Herbicide Study Scoping Document	Gauthier
(:15)	Review UCUT's herbicide study scoping document	
11:00 am – 12:00	Small Forest Landowners Proposal Initiation	Berge
pm	Review AMPA's recommendation	
(1:00)	Discussion	
	Decision: Approve AMPA's recommendation for how the SFLOs	
	template should be reviewed	
12:00 – 12:30 pm	Unstable Slopes Criteria TWIG	Stewart
(:30)	Review problem statement, critical question, and objectives	
	Decision: Approve TWIG memorandum	
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Northern Quest Casino cafeteria	
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Type F: Off-Channel Habitat	
(1:00)	Debrief yesterday's field trip	All
,	Review off-channel habitat video from UCUT (Methow habitat)	Gauthier
	Review eastside off-channel habitat information to carry into future	All
	discussions	
	Review inconsistencies between rules and Board Manual guidance on	Entz & D. Miller
	off-channel habitat	
	Next steps	All
2:30 – 3:15 pm	Type F: Electrofishing	Bernath & A. Miller
(:45)	Review progress made on action items	
	Discussion; next steps	

3:15 – 3:30 pm	Type F: Model	Berge
(:15)	AMPA update on the work to improve the model	
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Prep for May Forest Practices Board Meeting	A. Miller & Bernath
(:15)	Review Co-Chairs' report to the Board	
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Next Steps	Bernath & A. Miller
(:15)	Co-Chair comments	
	Topics for May Policy meeting	
4:00 pm	Adjourn; depart for airport	

<u>Remaining 2015 monthly Policy meetings</u>: May 7, June 4, July 9, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, and December 3; scheduled at Department of Ecology – Lacey Headquarters.

Remote participation for April 10: Phone Bridge: 360-902-2916, passcode 229161. Glance (desktop sharing): go to *triangle.glance.net* and enter Session Key from Co-Chairs at beginning of meeting.

Meeting Materials:

- March 13, 2015 draft meeting summary
- AMPA's proposed biennial budget
- UCUT's herbicide study scoping document
- AMPA's recommendation for small forest landowners' proposal initiation
- Unstable Slopes Criteria TWIG memorandum
- Outline for proposed literature review on electrofishing
- Policy Committee monthly workload