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Minutes 4-13-16

Present: Paul, Chuck, Tom, Steve, Al, Ken, Dave, Aubrey, Tim and Fred

Absent: Lisa

Guest: Commissioner Janicki and Doug Couvelier

I. Introductions and welcome

II. Minutes:

III. Updates: Kendra told the FAB that Commissioner Janicki had been selected by the Governor to sit on the Forest Practice Board for the County representative. Everyone present was very pleased. Commissioner Janicki wanted to let the FAB know that Mike Janicki had been asked to run for Public Lands Commissioner and now had some concerns regarding her new appointment and an Appearances of Fairness issue this may create. The FAB discussed this and concluded that this was premature to think about since there was a lot of steps before M Janicki would be elected. All agreed.

IV. Discussion Items:

- a. TFW Tour in the Northwest Region: The tour and meeting for Policy will be held in Skagit June 9th and 10th. The tour will be on the Thursday and will be set up to show Policy members a variety of sites with water typing determinations, most specifically for the type F/N break where ID teams have been implemented. Sites will be indicative of this region and more than likely up the Skagit River. Ken had offered some places as potential stops as did Steve. Kendra will be working with these landowners and Curt Veldhuisen (Skagit River Systems- a member of TFW Policy) to select and plan the final sites. FAB members noted that the selection should show how the NW Region differs from other areas including having a FAB, the Tribal participation and a large percentage of the landscape neighboring Federal lands. Gordy suggested that an overview is given of the area both visually and with a pie chart to help the participants fully understand the region. It was also suggested that each site have the DNR hydro layer and the FPA. The FAB noted that all of the water modifications utilize an ID team that has DNR, a tribal representative, a WDFW representative and the landowner present (at a minimum), which therefore protects the resources much better than any description could provide as to where the F/N break would be. A FAB member noted that Type N PIP (or UMPF) are probably of greater concern. Because of the inner gorges in the NW Region there is buffering well beyond the break.
- b. RFI: Kendra reported that planning will probably be using the King County code as the model for the RFI. Dave said he had used the King Co code as an example of how the FAB's original proposal was not a radical request. Dave will distribute the King County code for the Fab to review.

- c. Shrinking Cedar Market: Mary's River just closed with one of their mills in Skagit County. This was the last cedar mill in this area. The said it was because there was a lack of logs. This is great concern to the FAB and industry in general. It should be for the county since it will affect their revenues. Shelton closest mill so the price will drop to offset the cost of transport. This could be \$175 less for this area now. Cedar is about 10% of each harvest and more for the small landowners or those who own further down river and into the flatter landscapes.
 - d. Next meeting: It is scheduled for May 11th, but that is a FPB meeting day in Olympia so the FAB elected to changed it to Tuesday May 10th 7 a.m.
- V. Adjourn: 9 am