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Minutes  
September 14, 2016

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

Guest: Doug Couvelier

I. Minutes were withheld due to lack of quorum

II. Discussion:

- a. Forest practices: Kendra shared the State's (DNR) proposal for the type F discussions. This was done to try and move Policy forward with making some decisions. This 'strawfish' as it has become known, has had mixed acceptance from the caucuses. The Federal caucus has indicated that if a regulatory map is produced they would be more willing to move forward with some of the other issues with the belief that if the correct side bars (which are in part the physicals) are placed in the model for developing the map then appropriate stream breaks will be established. This would then eliminate the electro-fishing. The landowners and other caucus don't agree that the electro-fishing can go away entirely. The FAB had a lengthy discussion on whether-or-not the HCP was worth keeping. The 50 year assurances don't appear to be there and Washington State has the most restrictive forest practice rules in the nation already. There was more discussion on what constitutes a "permanent barrier". The two technical studies (one on the OCH and the other on electro-fishing and physical) that were used to inform Policy were summarized.
- b. Blanchard Update: Several legislators joined most of the citizen's advisory committee on Blanchard to talk about strategies in getting the remaining funding as prescribed in the settlement agreement. Commissioners Janicki and Wesen were present. Layouts for harvests in the core area will be implemented if the funding is not provided.
- c. Oso lawsuit: Update on the settlement from the parties involved. Very brief.
- d. Discussion on updates from the Planning Department. FAB will ask Planning to give an update at their next meeting.

III Adjourn: 8:50