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Minutes

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

- I. Minutes: Tom moved to approve with a second from Fred. Approved unanimous.
- II. Discussion:
- III. Forest Practice Board Update: Tom and Kendra gave an update. 1. The water typing committee had met and decided to take the 2001 CMER fish study data and examine the Yakama Nation and Kalispel tribe data. DNR will use their GIS data and not get outside sources. Work is continuing on the Anadromous Fish Floor, utilizing Skagit Systems data along with other tribal and agency data. 2. Compliance Monitoring Report update showed 96%-100% statewide compliance (no inner zone harvest (98%), Np activities (96%), Ns activities (100%), type A and B wetlands (97%), forested wetlands (97%) and roads (98%). This was received very well by the FPB applauding industry and the SLOs. SLO update showed that 19 fish passage barriers were opened creating 67 miles of upstream habitat using FFFPP funding. There are numerous landowners wanting to participate.
- IV. Policy: 1. Adaptive Management Program (AMP) budget and the Master Project Schedule (MPS): Policy will review and prepare recommendations to present to the Board at the May 2021 meeting. 2. Technical Type NP Prescriptions Workgroup Riparian Management Zone (RMZ) buffer prescriptions for Type Np streams: It is believed that this work will be done with a written update on the prescriptions presented to Policy and the Board by July 2021. 3. WFPA Smart Buffer Pilot Project: CMER is completing an on-going scientific review of the proposed study design that was provided by WFPA. The review is currently in the deliberation phase at CMER and it is uncertain when CMER will present the results of their review to Policy- the hope is for late winter. 4. Small Forest Landowner Experimental Harvest Prescription: The Policy workgroup will provide recommendations to Policy in January 2021 and policy will present recommendations to the Board at the May 2021 meeting. 5. Extensive Riparian Monitoring: Policy is planning a workshop to tentatively be held in January 2021. Policy will develop a recommended extensive riparian monitoring strategy for inclusion in the MPS.
- V. SLO Alternate Plan: Stage 1 completed with Stage 2 of the dispute resolution to start by mid-December with a facilitator hired. It is hoped that recommendations will be presented to the Board at the May 2021 meeting.
- VI. Whitmore's White Paper on Forest management and Fire Resilience: The FAB discussed and concluded that they wanted to move forward with a recommendation to the BoCC regarding the threats of fire to our forests today precipitated by Dick Whitmore's paper circulated to the FAB a couple of weeks ago. Due to the time crunch for the "asks to the leg" the FAB will not have time to meet again before the deadline. The FAB wants to primarily 1. **educate** why fires are more devastating than in the past and some actions that can be taken to make the forests more fire resilient and 2. **ensure funding** is obligated. The FAB noted that the BoCC needed to be informed ASAP and that DNR Commissioner Franz should be informed (with information coming from both individuals and our commissioners). Al has provided some links to the SC firewise program (CWPP) that the FAB has asked to be included in their recommendations to the BoCC. Some individuals may still pursue another mechanism (an ad in the paper) of informing the public based on Dick's paper. Given the time constraint, Kendra will try to pull something together and send it to the FAB and then work together online. A letter making recommendations will be sent to the BoCC.

Adjourn 9:10 a.m.