

June 1, 2022

DRAFT Steering Committee Meeting Summary

Webinar/Teleconference

1:00-2:00 PM



Formal Approvals

Item	Action-Decision
Meeting Summary from March 3, 2022	Approved with corrections. The final will be posted online at: https://www.ncwfhc.org/meetings/

Next Steps

Item	Follow-up
UWPP/ Opportunities for prescribed burning in fall 2022	Sarah will ask Erica Taecker to provide update
Continue CFLRP coordination	Sarah will add CFLRP to July SC agenda
Coordination on OWNF review of FRS review-refresh report	Andy Hart to follow-up with Bill Gaines, confirm 06/07/22 meeting
Mission Monitoring Subgroup	Sarah will add Mission Monitoring Subgroup, Monitoring Work Group to July SC meeting agenda
ID top "external" challenges for joint follow-up discussion with OWNF leadership staff	ASAP, Sarah will redistribute the SNW Leadership Team mtg. notes. Anjolene will Doodle SC members to select a date to discuss before 6/16.

Welcome and Regular Business

The facilitator welcomed participants. Co-Chair Anderson opened the meeting and walked through the meeting agenda and preparatory materials. Feedback request from PWG re: path forward for community outreach added to agenda.

Mike Liu is retiring from CNW at the end of June. Co-Chair Anderson thanked him for his commitment to the NCWFHC and his work as co-chair of the PWG. Tiana Luke and Anjolene Ngari will transition to PWG Co-Chairs beginning in June.

Members approved the April 13, 2022, SC meeting summary. The final summary will be posted online at: <https://www.ncwfhc.org/meetings/>

OWNF

Outcomes of Initial LSRA Update Meeting

TWS contracted Bill Gaines through September to work on the LSR update, provide science support to the Forest Service. The first Oversight Committee meeting laid down the framework for a Forest-wide LSRA update and promoted shared understanding of some issues (e.g., Wenatchee v. Okanogan LSRA). Committee will assess, agree on what data and methods to use then develop IDT to work on update.

Q: How are we going to get the work done?

Estimate 8–9-month schedule to complete. Need to assess whether OWNF will need to use a contractor to get the work done.

Q: Does the OWNF plan on re-assessing the UWPP?

If changes are significant enough on the ground then yes, project-level updates; however, hold with what has been submitted.

Re: UWPP, OWNF and Region are scheduling a level 2 meeting to discuss consultation/ bull trout issue. Implementation prep continuing for Brushy DXP sale; OWNF is working with Blue Forest. Regardless of 90-day moratorium on prescribed burning to evaluate what happened in SW region of US, no UWPP area activities can occur until consultation finished, signed decision. Sarah will reach out to Erica, who was unable to be on the call.

Central Washington Initiative and CFLRP Updates

Kari shared a map of the CWI 2022-2023 projects and Sarah emailed it to participants. The OWNF is working on contracts and agreements for

- 6 Fuels reduction projects
- \$2 million of aquatic restoration
- TU Beaver analog
- \$2.5 million with Good Neighbor
- Tribal forest protection project with YN
- Forest working on FY2023 program of work
- Other pieces to CFLRP botany and invasive \$1.4 million working on defining that work
- Monitoring protocol for the CWI

Q: Will the FS be hiring a CFLRP staff? Looking to hire Implementation leader?

Sendi Kalcic is CFLRP lead, Kerry Kemp will be leading the monitoring component. Follow-up proposed for July SC meeting.

Forest Restoration Strategy Review-Refresh

Status Update

The FRS review team is currently doing field interviews. Plan is to have all field interviews in the next week or two and have draft to the FS. Target is end of June to have a final deliverable to the NCWFHC. Participation by Bill Gaines in any FRS roll out Workshop will require separate funding.

YN has been working on aquatics piece. Aquatic and terrestrial data are of differing levels of intensity, scale. OWNF will decide what-how to incorporate, meld. Aquatics component should be ready for SC review by end of June. OWNF may not be able to complete their review by the end of June because a listening session was postponed. Bill is coordinating with OWNF to ensure their feedback on deliverables.

Mission Implementation Field Tour

Anjolene asked that folks keep holding the 6/23 Mission Tour date; it will be used for a rehearsal. Plan is to move field trip out 2-3 weeks, to July, with focus on collaborative members. A larger public field tour will be planned for a later date. Anjolene outlined proposed speaker-topic ideas.

Sam Israel is scheduling a Mission monitoring subgroup meeting and would like discussion around possible need for formal monitoring work group as part of the NCWFHC. Roadwork has already started. Hampton will be releasing a press release asap.

Midnight Restoration Project/ Community Outreach

Co-Chair Anderson shared the TWS SOW with Resilient Forestry. There was concern about the focus and timing of the planned in-person outreach event about forest restoration need in the Methow valley. Participants brainstormed other options for outreach and how to share current forest health science. A specific date and time will allow real-time Q&A vs. an entirely pre-recorded webinar. Remote platform text box will be configured, moderated. Follow-up outreach and a Midnight Project field tour component will be scheduled for August to coincide with Resilient Forestry's deliverable due dates.

The SC agreed by consensus to a virtual format and landscape-level focus for outreach, and to retain the June 29, 6pm-8pm Outlook invite placeholder

Leadership Training Follow-up on June 16 with OWNF, SNW

Sarah reminded members to confirm their availability to participate in joint follow-up discussion with OWNF, with goal being an equal subset of SC representation. Sarah asked the SC to revisit the notes from their leadership training and ID top priority external challenges to talk about with OWNF. Anjolene offered to set up a meeting.

Other/ Wrap-up

Co-Chair Anderson adjourned the Steering Committee meeting at 2:01pm. The SC Member/ Governance review subgroup will reconvene separately at 2:10pm.

The next remote Steering Committee Meeting is planned for 1:00pm to 3:30pm on 07/06/2022

The next NCWFHC Quarterly meeting is planned for 10:00am to 4:00pm on 8/01/2022

Meeting Attendance:

SC Members-Alternates Present

American Forest Resource Council (AFRC): Tom Partin; **Chelan County:** Bob Bugert ABSENT, Mike Kaputa ABSENT; **Conservation Northwest (CNW):** Jen Syrowitz, Mike Liu; **Department of Natural Resources (DNR):** Chuck Hersey; **Hampton Lumber:** Anjolene Ngari; **The Nature Conservancy (TNC):** Lloyd McGee, Katie Pofahl; **Okanogan Conservation District (OCD):** Lorah Super, Eli Loftis; **Okanogan County:** Chris Branch; **Trout Unlimited:** Crystal Elliot; **Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR):** Chuck Hersey; **The Wilderness Society (TWS):** Mike Anderson, Tiana Luke; **Yakama Nation:** Brandon Rogers.

NCWFHC Members-Entity Participants

Cascade Fisheries: Jason Lundgren ABSENT; **Cascadia Conservation District (CCD):** Patrick Haggerty; **C6 Forest to Farm:** Tom McCoy; **Lake Wenatchee Fire Adapted Community:** Jim Passage; David Walker; **Methow Valley Citizen Council:** ABSENT; **Vaagen Bros. Lumber Co:** Josh Anderson ABSENT; **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW):** ABSENT

Ex-Officio Participants

OWNF: Kristin Bail, Chris Furr, Kari Grover-Weir, Andy Hart, Kerry Kemp, Sendi Kalcic, **Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board (UCSRB):** Ryan Niemeyer, Nicole Jordan, Alicia Meier, Sarah Walker (Facilitator)

Other Attendees

None