
AB 2121

Framework for Joint Recommendations
to Chair Doduc (November 24, 2008)

Briefing for Vicky Whitney

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Form and Status of Recommendations

- **Ground Rules**
 - Neither agrees to flow elements without inclusion of other essential elements
 - Reserve right to disagree on topics not covered
 - **Form:**
 - Principles for inclusion in policy
 - Rationale and supporting analyses
 - Recommendations for further study
 - **Confidence Level:**
 - Framework is protective of fish and viable for water users
 - Some numbers explicitly “discussion draft”
 - Scheduling meetings with other stakeholders
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Scope of Policy Recommendations

- Flow recommendations
 - Procedural reform
 - Guidance for watershed approach
 - Incentives for stewardship
 - Monitoring/Reporting
 - Policy Effectiveness Review
 - Enforcement
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Approach to Flow Recommendations

- Areas of Special Focus:
 - Small projects above UPA
 - Cumulative impacts to salmonids
 - Approach:
 - Defines management objectives that can be evaluated using standard calculations, site-specific studies, watershed approach
 - Protects “sweet spot” for spawning between QWB and QS
 - Other elements of policy protect other life history stages and geomorphic processes
 - Not all impacts evaluated at POD
 - Conditions for water users not necessarily proportionate
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Flow Related Principles

- Defines QS, QWB
 - Maximizes “sweet spot” between QS and QWB
 - Includes curves for standard terms
 - Includes guidance for site specific studies
 - Above UPA
 - No Bypass if pass CET, DA <64 acres (if Class III)
 - Bypass QWB if pass CET, DA >64 acres (if Class II)
 - Bypass QS if fail CET
 - Form of CET
 - Percentage reduction in average annual volume determined at approx. 1 sq. mile DA or known spawning limit (volumetric range likely similar to Draft Guidelines)
 - Or site-specific studies demonstrating no impact to spawning success
 - Below UPA
 - Bypass QS
 - Evaluate MCD
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