

# AMPC August Meeting Summary

Aug 26, 2024  
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
In Person & Virtual

**Facilitator:** Emily Martin/Seth Barnes (Co-chair)      **Note taker:** Jacob Wise

**Attendees:** AMPC members only: Wendy Gerlach, David Bugni (virtually), Josh Seeds, Seth Barnes, Stacey Detwiler, Casey Kulla, Rex Storm (proxy for Amanda Sullivan-Astor), Courtney Zambory (proxy for Julie Firman), Will Tucker, Jason Robison (virtually), Kim Kratz (virtually), Adam Coble (virtually)

Not in Attendance: NA

ODF staff: Emily Martin, Jacob Wise

## Summary

**Agenda item:** 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Public comment & Approval      **Presenter:** Emily Martin/Seth Barnes of Agenda & Summary notes, updates

**Summary:** Roll call. House Keeping overview. No Public Comment. Budget update from Seth Barnes, AMP coordinator update, & work group updates.

**Conclusion:** No objections, consent agenda approved, executive summary approved.

**Agenda item:** 2. Amphibians brainstorming, questions, focus.      **Presenter:** Seth Barnes/Stacey Detwiler

**Summary:** Discussion on general questions surrounding Amphibians (particular sensitive Salamanders species)

- Review and discuss (adding notes to slide): General Knowledge and Life History, Demographics, Effects of Forest Practices Over Time, Research Design, and Research Process.

**Action Item:** No actions.

**Agenda item:** 3. Discuss IRST-honed Eastern Oregon Steep Slopes Research Questions.      **Presenter:** Seth Barnes/Stacey Detwiler

**Summary:** Review and discuss the response letter from the IRST on the Eastern Oregon Steep Slopes Research Question package.

- There are no substantial decisions to be made on the letter, the IRST has accepted the question package as the AMPC sent it, no edits or corrections of the question package will be made today.

**Action Item:** No actions.

**Agenda item:** 4. Discuss AMPC Process for Prioritization of Research Questions      **Presenter:** Stacey Detwiler/Seth Barnes

**Summary:** Discussion on the AMPC research questions prioritization process, made edits to document for finalization.

**Action Item:** Approve AMPC Process for Prioritization of Research Questions.

*The Adaptive Management Program Committee (AMPC) approves the Process for Prioritization of Research*

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*Questions (as edited at the August 26, 2024 AMPC meeting) and approves of adding the document to the AMPC Charter.*

All members agree to approve the motion. See approved document that will be added to the AMPC Charter starting on next page.

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**Agenda Item:** 5. Meeting adjourned

**Presenter:** Seth Barnes/Stacey Detwiler

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## Research Questions Process

### Document purpose:

To outline the process for moving research questions from conception to the AMPC deciding to develop preliminary research question packages per OAR 629-603-0200(3), and to document the status of questions in that process.

### Proposing research questions

#### Section A. Frequency for reviewing proposed preliminary research questions

The AMPC will consider proposed preliminary research questions in the fourth quarter of odd years, starting in 2025. (*Note: this deadline will also be added to section VII of the charter*). However, the AMPC may decide *ad hoc* to develop a preliminary research question package per OAR 629-603-0200(3), based on e.g., natural disasters, regulatory/legal issues, unforeseen circumstances, and emerging research, as well as Board recommendations or federal agency recommendations.

#### Section B. Proposing preliminary research questions

- a. At least 6 weeks before the AMPC meetings discussed in Section A, ODF staff will place a call for preliminary research question proposals from AMPC members.
- b. When an AMPC members proposes preliminary research questions, the following information is required in 500 words or less:
  - i. The rule, Biological Goals and Objectives (BGOs)<sup>1</sup>, or issue the question relates to; and,
  - ii. The outcomes and/or concerns the proposer would like to learn about.
- c. ODF will communicate each proposed preliminary research question to the AMPC at least a week in advance of the meeting at which they will discuss the questions.
- d. Per rule<sup>2</sup>, the Board of Forestry may direct the AMPC to develop preliminary research questions.

Note that proposed preliminary research questions that the AMPC considers but does not move into developing preliminary research question packages<sup>3</sup> may be considered at subsequent AMPC meetings described in section A.

#### Section C. Background information for discussing proposed preliminary research questions

To inform AMPC discussions on proposed preliminary research questions, ODF staff will develop background material on the questions, including items such as:

- a. Useful information about the question based on communication with the AMPC member or other entity who proposed the question;
- b. Information outlined above in Section B.b;
- c. Whether the question is directly relevant to the BGOs or addresses other rules;
- d. The current budget situation;
- e. The status of the current research agenda (e.g., timing, awarded contracts, RFPs in development, IRST work plans);
- f. Other relevant information including context, urgency, and need (e.g., HCP status); and,

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<sup>1</sup> Per OAR 629-603-0000(6)(c)

<sup>2</sup> Per OAR 629-603-0200(3)(b)

<sup>3</sup> Per OAR 629-603-0200(3)

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- g. For proposed preliminary research questions that the AMPC has previously considered, a summary of these previous discussion(s).