

Trinity River Adaptive Management Working Group

June 16-17, 2015
Weaverville, CA

- DFO Report

- Election of officials (chair and vice-chair)
- Review of charter and by-laws
- Administrative procedures
- Action Tracker
- AFWO web site with TAMWG information:
 - <http://www.fws.gov/arcata/fisheries/tamwg.html>

TAMWG Charter

- Charter developed by FWS and approved by Secretary of the Interior
 - Identifies the need for the committee and general rules
- TAMWG established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)
- Final EIS/R identified TAMWG as part of the TRRP's Adaptive Environmental Assessment and Management organization
 - Provides an opportunity for stakeholders to recommend policy and provide management input in an advisory capacity about restoration efforts to the TRRP through the TMC
- Records of working group meetings maintained by AFWO
- Charter reviewed and needs approval by the Secretary of the Interior every two years (signed Jan 2015)

TRRP Structure from Appendix C, Implementation Plan October 2000

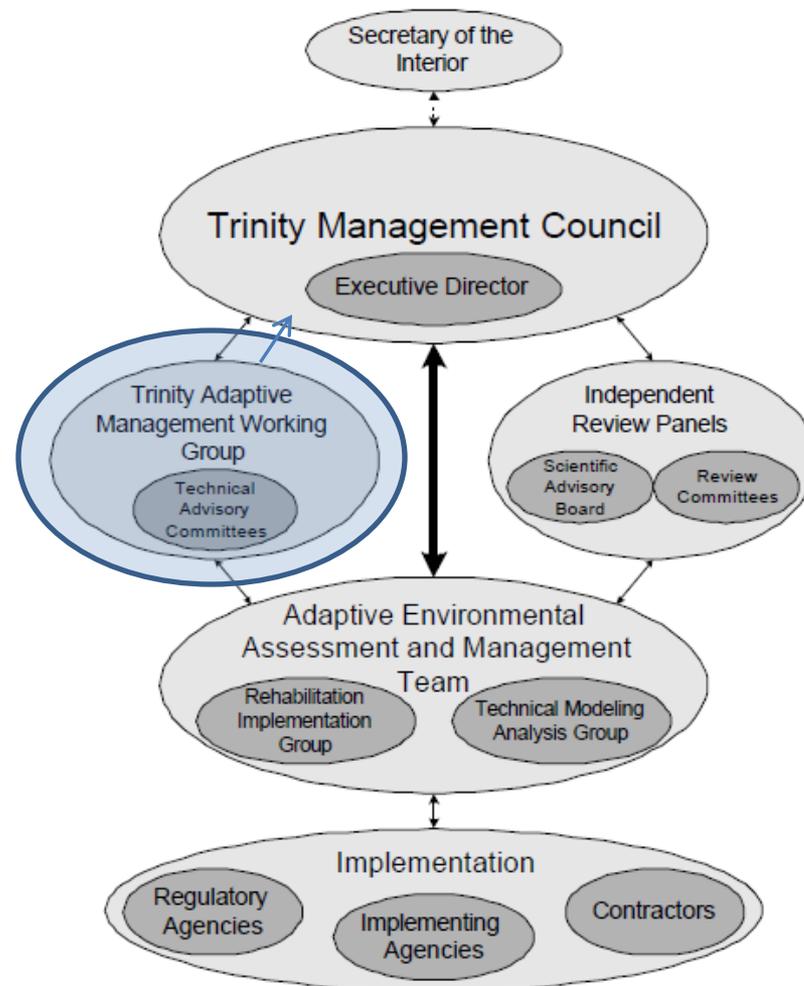


Figure 1 Trinity River Adaptive Environmental Assessment and Management organization structure.

Duties of TAMWG

- Provide policy and management recommendations and advice to the TMC on
 - Effectiveness of management actions in achieving restoration goals
 - Priority for restoration projects
 - Funding priorities
 - Other components of the TRRP as requested by the DFO
- Develop and submitting alternative hypotheses for consideration by the TMC
- Recommending management actions and studies for Requests for Proposal development and implementation.
- Meet at least quarterly.
 - Can form subcommittees with DFO approval.

TAMWG Members

- Up to 20 members and 20 alternates.
- Members represent stakeholders, agencies, and tribes with an interest in and commitment to the implementation of the Trinity River Restoration Program.
- Members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior from nominations submitted by interested parties.
- Ethics responsibilities of members: cannot participate in activities with the Department in which the member has a direct financial interest (#13).
- TAMWG members serve 3-year terms

TAMWG By-Laws

- Incorporates information from Charter
- Operating procedures developed by the TAMWG and DFO.
- Last updated June 2013.

TAMWG By-Laws

- **Election of Officers.**
 - At the 1st meeting of the calendar year members elect a chair and vice-chair.
 - A special election of for chair or vice-chair may be held as the request of a quorum of members.
- **Duties of Chair** – preside over meetings and represent the TAMWG at TMC meetings.
- **Duties of Vice-Chair** – Perform the duties of the Chari when the Chair is not available.

TAMWG By-Laws

- **Quorum:** to conduct business a quorum of the majority of the currently appointed members must be present.
 - Currently 14 approved primary members
 - Quorum > 7
 - Section 305: Absence from Meetings: If a member misses without good cause three consecutive TAMWG meetings, that member's membership will be terminated. Good cause will be determined by the chair. Attendance by an approved alternate is considered attendance by the primary member.
- **Voting**
 - seek consensus (members agree to live with the prevailing opinion even though it might not be a member's preferred ideal).
 - Affirmative vote by a majority of the members present.
 - Minority opinion may be provided on any motion passed by the TAMWG and forwarded along with that approved motion.

TAMWG By-Laws

- Business:
 - Typically quarterly meetings that coincide with TMC meetings
 - Special meeting (joint TMC/TAMWG, Phase I review lessons learned, etc.)
 - Administrative conference call to develop agenda for upcoming meetings.
 - Subcommittees can be formed if desired (Article VI)
 - Generally follow Robert's Rules of Order
 - Minutes taken and after 10 day review draft minutes are posted on FWS-TAMWG web page.