

**TAMWG bylaws amendments proposed by Arnold Whitridge
for TAMWG consideration December 7, 2005**

SECTION 302. ALTERNATIVE REPRESENTATIVES. Each member of the TAMWG may nominate an alternate representative authorized to speak and vote for the primary member in his or her absence. Nominations shall be in writing and should include 1. name and title or position of nominee; 2. contact information (mail, phone, e-mail, fax); 3. brief resume; 4. statement of qualifications (experience, education, familiarity with issues); and 5. certification that nominee would not have a personal financial conflict of interest serving on the TAMWG. Nominees must be approved by the Interior Secretary before serving as alternate representatives.

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SECTION 400. Election of Officers. At the first TAMWG meeting of each calendar year, members shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson to serve until the next election. A special election for chairperson and/or vice-chairperson may be held at any meeting upon the request of nine members.

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SECTION 501. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the TAMWG shall be held at the request of nine members, with the time and location designed to accommodate the majority of all members, subject to the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Section 500 above.

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SECTION 503. VOTING. No member shall have more than one vote. An affirmative vote by at least nine (9) members is required to pass any motion.

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SECTION 504. SEEKING CONSENSUS. Although the TAMWG has formally adopted a nine-vote requirement for decision-making, the TAMWG will seek to resolve issues and make decisions through consensus. The term consensus refers to a voluntary process in which members agree "to live with" the prevailing opinion even though it may not be a member's preferred ideal. In these cases, members agree to strive for a decision that is a fair and mutually acceptable resolution to an issue.

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SECTION 506. BUSINESS. The business at meetings shall be in compliance with Robert's Rules of Order, and shall be conducted as follows:

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SECTION 701. RECORDS OPEN TO INSPECTION. Minutes of each TAMWG meeting, including motions, seconds, and recorded votes, as well as recommendations made and copies of all studies and reports received, issued, or approved in conjunction with the TAMWG activities, will be available for public inspection and copying at the Trinity River Restoration Program office, and at the Fish and Wildlife Service Arcata Office website: www.fws.gov/cno/arcata

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SECTION 800. BYLAWS. These bylaws may be amended by approval of at least nine TAMWG members at any meeting held according to the requirements spelled out in Article V above.

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