



## Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

Washington SFI State Implementation Committee

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### Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights October 14, 2015

SIC MEETING ATTENDEES		
NAME		COMPANY
Dan	Thomas	American Forest Management
Michael	Jackson	Association of Consulting Foresters
Rick	Hanson	Boise Cascade Wood Products
John	Dick	Boise Paper, PCA
Douglas	Meekins	Campbell Global
Joel	Wilhelm	Fruit Grower Supply Company
Brian	Norris	Georgia-Pacific (via phone)
Harry	Bell	Green Crow Timberland Investment & Management Services / Forest Investment Associates
Jenny	Knoth	Green Crow Timberland Investment & Management Services
Brian	Sayler	Green Diamond Resource Company
Bonnie	Jones	Hampton Affiliates (Hampton Resources, Inc.)
Ben	Doumit	Hancock Forest Management
Kathy	Troupe	KapStone Kraft Paper Corporation
Travis	Naillon	Naillon Logging
Patrick	Raymond	Olympic Resource Management (ORM)
Rob	Vance	Pacific Fibre Products (via phone)
Lee	Spencer	Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc.
Jason	Betz	Ponderay Newsprint Company
Chris	Lunde	Port Blakely Tree Farms

<b>SIC MEETING ATTENDEES</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMPANY</b>	
Claudine Reynolds	Port Blakely Tree Farms	
John Northey	Port Townsend Paper	
Blake McMichael	Rayonier	
Jason Sappington	Rock-Tenn Company (via phone)	
Matt Moses	Sierra Pacific Industries	
David Brummer	Stimson Lumber Company	
Marisa Bass	University of Washington Forestry Program	
Jerry Bonagofsky	Washington Contract Loggers' Association (WCLA)	
Doug Kennedy	Washington Department of Natural Resources (WA DNR)	
Ryan Hinesley	Weyerhaeuser Columbia Timberlands	
Terry Alexander	Weyerhaeuser Western Timberlands	
Mark Petruncio	Yakama Nation	

The meeting was called to order by John Dick (Chair), Boise Paper, at 9:15 AM. Committee members acknowledged receipt of the pre-meeting materials including the agenda (Attachment 1) distributed via email October 12, 2015.

### **1. Anti-trust Reminder**

The group was reminded of the anti-trust agreement and participants were asked to excuse themselves if needed (Attachment 2).

### **2. Introductions and Certification Updates from SIC Participants**

Participants introduced themselves; some participants updated the group on recent certification activities:

- AFM – Recertification audit in the Spring coming up
- Boise Cascade – Certification audit in Carolinas coming up
- Boise PCA – Finished audit in July, no NCs or OFIs
- Campbell Global – Surveillance audit in August, no NCs, no OFIs
- Fruit Grower Supply Company – audited in Sept, no issues
- Georgia Pacific – no audit scheduled
- Green Crow – No audit since 2013
- Green Diamond – Recertification audit scheduled for Spring
- Hancock – Surveillance audit currently in progress
- KapStone – Audit coming up in the Spring
- Olympic Resource Management – Surveillance audit in August, one OFI
- Ponderay – Recertification audit scheduled for 11/9
- Port Blakely Tree Farm - No new updates
- Port Townsend Paper – Recertification audit in first week of November

- Rayonier – Recertification audit in June, no NCs, no OFIs
- Sierra Pacific – no new updates since Spring
- Stimson – Recertification audit in June, no NCs, one OFI
- WA DNR – wrapped audit in June, one OFI
- Weyerhaeuser – Surveillance audit in the Spring, no NCs
- Weyerhaeuser Columbia – Audit in August, one OFI
- Yakama Nation – Surveillance audit in August, no OFIs, no NCs, one NP

### **3. Nominations for New Secretary**

With Lislie Sayers of WA DNR moving to a different position, Doug Kennedy of WA DNR offered to serve as the WA SIC’s secretary. He was nominated, the nomination was seconded, and he was elected to the position.

### **4. Approval of the June 3, 2015 Meeting Highlights**

A copy of the June 3, 2015 Highlights was distributed (Attachment 3). A motion was made to approve the highlights without amendments. The motion was seconded and approved.

*Note: The June final highlights were emailed to committee members on October 12, 2015 and have been posted on the WA SIC website at: <http://www.wasfi.org/minutes/index.html>.*

### **5. Introduction to WA SIC Scholarship winner, Marissa Bass**

Marissa Bass, current MS candidate in Forest Resources Department at UW, introduced herself and thanked the committee for the scholarship opportunity. She intends to graduate in June and become a forester.

### **6. Follow-Up from Previous Meetings**

- **Display Board (Attachment 4):**
  - Kathy Troupe explained that these displays are used for outreach. All SIC members can use them for informational purposes. People use them at outdoor as well as indoor events. The current display is good for indoor but not outdoor events. A banner would work for outdoor events, preferably something eye-catching that indicates logger training is part of the SFI standard.
  - Kathy proposes we put some money aside in next year’s budget for some indoor, pop-up style displays as well as a banner for outdoor use. Lisa Perry, Kathy Troupe, and Claudine Reynolds agree to form a subcommittee for this issue.
  - Motion passed to allocate \$1000 for the banner/display.
- **WA SIC Promotion Subcommittee Report-Back (This conversation overlapped with 10. Financial Update)**
  - There is a brief discussion on whether we should place an ad in the Capitol Press publication. There are both print and digital options. This discussion segued into the “Financial Update” portion of the agenda.
  - Harry Bell of Green Crow will follow up with Tom to see if we still need to pay the \$4,500 for an ad in the Seattle Inst. of Architects magazine. That level also gets us an invitation to their forum, which offers the SIC significant exposure to relevant players.
  - Rick Hanson recommends that we have a more streamlined approach to contributions. There should be an invoice for every payment made by the SIC.
  - Who is responsible for making sure the recipient of SIC money sends the SIC an invoice:

- Society of American Foresters, Advertising Committee
- World Forestry Center, Advertising Committee
- American Inst of Architects, Advertising Committee
- Forestry.org, Advertising Committee
- Big Game Hunting, Advertising Committee
- Fishing Regulation Pamphlet, Advertising Committee
- Yakama Nation Review, Advertising Committee
- Family Forest Field Day: AFM, Dan Thomas
- WA Tree Farm Program, Advertising Committee
- The state of our finances is too unclear at this point to put together a list of upcoming expenditures. The committee agreed to table the conversation about upcoming expenses and priorities for promotion until the next meeting. Until that time, the promotion subcommittee (Heather Watson, Hancock Forest Management; Rob Vance, Pacific Fibre Products; and Bonnie Jones, Hampton Resources) will develop advertising costs and recommendations to present at the February 3 meeting.

## **7. Logger Training Subcommittee Recommendations**

- This seemed to be the most popular topic of conversation at the national conference. The consensus was that most SICs will continue to do this the way they've been doing it.
- ID, MT, and OR will continue with status quo until someone receives a non-conformance, at which point they will readdress their current positions.
- Overall, nobody seems to be having a problem with the new standard.
- John Dick explained that, as a chip purchaser, their solution at Boise Paper has been to send a letter to every log supplier to verify that they have QLPs on site and to provide a percentage of logs removed with QLPs on site.
- A motion was made to amend the *Washington State SFI Implementation Committee Direction to Program Participants Regarding the Use of Qualified Logging Professionals for the SFI 2015–2019 SFI Standard* document by making the following two changes:
  - In the first sentence of the final paragraph, change the word “must” to “should.”
  - Delete the entire final sentence of the final paragraph.
  - The motion was seconded and approved. The final paragraph of the WA SIC's Direction on QLPs now reads: “A QLP supervising multiple sites should be able to demonstrate the ability to oversee those sites to assure regulatory and Best Management Practices compliance of the operation.” (Attachment 5)
- Chris Lunde will make these changes and email the document to Doug Kennedy who will forward the document to Duane Emmons, the SIC webmaster, to get the QLP Standard uploaded to the WA SIC website.
- Jerry Bonagofsky explained that WPLA training modules meet the spirit of the SFI QLP standard.
- Chris Lunde points out that in the future the SIC could expand the definition of “continuing education” to include a number of different training opportunities including company-led training and DNR Forest Practices training. Landowners need to make sure they're documenting all those continuing education opportunities.

## **8. Report back: SFI Annual Conference (Attachment 6)**

- See first bullet of #7.

## **9. Washington Tree Farm Program Update**

- Harry Bell disseminates information on volunteering to inspect tree farms by becoming a Certified American Tree Farm System Inspector (Attachment 7). ATFS needs more certified inspectors.
- Each separate parcel requires a different number with a separate set of forms. The process is cumbersome for land owners.

#### **10. Financial Update**

- Generally, there is some confusion about the current budget spreadsheet, prepared by Karen, distributed by Claudine (Attachment 8). Issues include:
  - At the previous SIC meeting, we decided not to contribute money to the Boy Scouts, but they're still listed on the budget.
  - Weyerhaeuser Columbia has contributed \$1000, but they are not listed under "contributors."
  - Generally, the budget is difficult to read and understand.
  - There is general confusion about what money is going out and when.
- We are currently over budget by \$10,821 for the year.
- It appears Green Crow, Ponderay, and FIA have not paid dues for the year.

#### **11. Logger Recognition**

- Chris Lunde recommends the SIC develop a logger recognition program and the work loggers do to implement the priorities SFI puts forward.
- Chris Lunde, Jen, Rick Hanson, Dan Thomas, and David Brummer will form a subcommittee to define this program.

#### **12. Rozol**

- Adrian Miller (Olympic Resource Management) recommended adding this to the agenda, as many forest managers use Rozol to control mountain beavers. There is confusion about whether Rozol (Chlorophacinone) is off-base for SFI program participants.
- Chlorophacinone is on the WHO list as a Type 1A pesticide, but the formulation of Rozol pellets places it in WHO's U category (Unlikely to present acute hazard).
- Claudine Reynolds will send to Doug Kennedy a Rozol handout that was recently distributed at the Oregon SIC meeting (Attachment 9). Doug Kennedy will forward this document to the rest of the SIC, and we will discuss this at the February 3 meeting.

#### **Outreach & Events:**

- **Upcoming Events:** None mentioned.

#### **Meeting Information:**

- Next meeting: **February 3, 2015** - Port Blakely Tree Farms, Tumwater, WA

----- **The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.** -----

Attachments to the October 14, 2015 WA SIC Highlights:

1. Agenda, October 14, 2015
2. Anti-Trust Reminder
3. WA SIC Meeting Highlights, June 3, 2015
4. WA SIC Banner Information
5. WA SIC QLP Direction 2015–2019
6. 2015 SFI Conference Highlights Handout
7. ATFS Fliers and Forms
8. Financials, June 2015
9. Rozol Handout

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Unresolved items for February meeting:

1. Budget update from Karen Weiss (See item 10)
2. WA SIC Promotion Subcommittee report back (See item 6)
3. 2016 Funding of American Institute of Architects Seattle (See item 6)
4. Contact other state's committees to determine next steps related to the MOU on logger training  
– John Dick, Boise Paper
5. Rozol discussion (see item 12)