



Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

Washington State SFI Implementation Committee

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Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights FINAL June 20, 2018

SIC MEETING ATTENDEES	
NAME	COMPANY
Dan Thomas	American Forest Management, Kirkland
Mike Jackson	Association of Cutting Foresters
Brad Holt	Boise Cascade
Rick Hanson	Boise Cascade Wood Products
Douglas Meekins	Campbell Global
Tom Shorey	Fruit Growers Supply Company
Robert Marr	Green Diamond
Heather Druffel	Hancock Forest Management
Kathy Troupe	KapStone
Mike Sly	Murphy Company
Austin Dickson	Olympic Resource Management
Rob Vance	Pacific Fibre Products
Tom Agens	Packaging Corp of America
Claudine Reynolds	Port Blakely
Scott Grigg	Rayonier
Tyler Olschewsky	Sierra Pacific
David Brummer	Stimson Lumber Company
Jerry Bonagofsky	Washington Contract Loggers' Association
Jenny Knoth	Washington Tree Farm Program and Green Crow
Amanda Brooks	Weyerhaeuser
Kyle Shields	Yakama Nation
GUESTS	
Riley Mowry	Grays Harbor College
Denise Buck	Pacific Education Institute
Pat Coleman	Washington DNR Forest Practices

The meeting was called to order by David Brummer, Stimson, at 9:15 AM. Committee members acknowledged receipt of the pre-meeting materials including the agenda distributed via email from Doug Kennedy June 13, 2018.

Claudine Reynolds explained the emergency evacuation procedure and sent around a sign-in sheet.

1. Anti-trust Reminder

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

2. Emergency Evacuation Procedure

Claudine of Port Blakely passed around a sign-in sheet to those present in Olympia and explained the evacuation procedure for the Port Blakely building.

David Brummer mentioned that, as of the time of this meeting, no inconsistent practices complaints had been received by the SIC.

3. Introductions and Certification Updates from SIC Participants

Participants introduced themselves. Some participants updated the group on recent certification activities:

- Washington DNR – SFI audit today, Thursday, and Friday in South Puget Sound and Pacific Cascade regions.
- Weyerhaeuser – FS internal audit last week, OFI: training and training documentation. FM internal audit in May, OFIs: soil identification, debris in stream channels, unit closure checklist complete, skid trails closed and abandoned, utilization of fiber. C of C external audit, OFI: How we implement landscape level analysis of conservation priorities
- Stimpson Lumber Company- Surveillance audit with no OFIs, 7 or 8 Good Management Practices
- Boise Cascade- Surveillance in September
- Port Blakely- Surveillance in March: Post audit report on SFI Inc. website after report (got written-up) it was SFI Inc.'s responsibility.
- KapStone- Surveillance in March went well.
- American Forest Management- Surveillance in May, logger didn't have all required fire equipment.
- Olympic Resource Management- Internal Surveillance, internal audits a year in advance was OFI from last year and this is the first time we did that.
- Sierra Pacific- If only a portion of the raft logs are certified, none of them are certified. Training documentation. G1, G2 species checking program needs to be updated.
- Fruit Growers Supply Company- External Audit is coming up.
- Yakama Nation- Audit coming up in September.
- Murphy Company- DNR is auditing two parcels today.
- Packaging Corporation of America- OFI: documentation and receiving document and invoices for recycled content.
- Campbell Global- External Audit in July, last year we had the recommendation of adding Public Comments into the Notes. Minor Nonconformance in SE region for not using wordmarks.

- Rayonier- External Audit in Oregon in July, master logger certification notation changed to look like Washington's.

4. Approval of Highlights

No changes were recommended. Doug will post the February 7 highlights to the WA SIC website. (Note: 2/7/2018 WASIC highlights were posted 8/22/18)

5. SIC Scholarship Recipient Introduction

Riley Mowry, first class to graduate with a 4-year degree from Greys Harbor College.

6. Updates

Update: Review Revised Landowner Brochure

Kathy thinks the updates are complete. We have some money for booklets, just need to check pricing for printing.

Update: WA SIC Brochure

Idaho is fine with us using the trifold. David will draft the WA SIC trifold for the October meeting. Include PEI information, under Project Learning Tree title, to the trifold.

7. Landowner Brochure

Kathy has updated the existing landowner brochure to include "Reducing Wildfire Risk" along the lines of what the Oregon SIC does.

8. Idaho SIC Brochure

David Brummer recommends the WA SIC develop a brochure along the lines of what the ID SIC has done. Their brochure was distributed to the group before this meeting.

9. Guest Speaker: Pat Coleman, Washington DNR Forest Practices

BMP Compliance

- Enforcement levels:
 - Informal Conformance Notes (ICN) is the most frequent
 - Notice to Comply (NTC)
 - Stop Work Order (SWO)
 - Civil Penalty
 - Notice of Intent to Disapprove (NOID), you cannot work in the state until this issue is resolved

Compliance Rates Over Time

- PC region is above 98% compliance

Problem Areas for Land Managers and Operators

- Maintenance/Prevention is the key to BMPs
- Problems: roads, water typing, and unstable slopes. These come back to training.
 - Need from member companies for water typing training.
 - The last one was 5 years ago or more.
- What is the procedure to writing an NTC?
 - Forest Practice Forester was provided a photo of an issue. Verbal SWO. No issues when Forest Practice Forester went out there.
 - Enforcement cannot happen until something is wrong.
- Leave strips along highways- DOT permission required

10. Report Back from SIC Regional Meeting

2020–2024 Standard Timeline

- SFI is pushing the release of the 2020–2024 standard back to 2022 to allow PEFC time to finish their standard revision, which should be completed in 2020. That way, the new SFI standard can be written to align with the PEFC standard.
- SFI Inc. Brand Repositioning with a more consistent message and updated language
 - Is this going to be state specific?
- SFI Community engagement funds with 2 “pots” of money
 - SIC Community Outreach, “2018 SFI Community Engagement Fund”
 - For anyone really, “2018 SFI Community Grant”
- SFI Small Land Groups
 - Not endorsed by PEFC yet, but will be by end of 2018
- Not to replace ATFS, but giving another opportunity for landowners
 - Program started for Canadian landowners and is moving to the states
- WA ATFS proposes to make a formalized agreement with the WA SIC to support FS companies and how we will work together (MOU)
- Regional Roundtable
 - SFI Inc. will use all three SFI pillars to engage the SIC
 - National SFI needs to speak about the requirements that the member companies have to conform to.

11. Washington SIC’s Marketing Direction

- What are our core principles on our governance document?
 - Community involvement has been addressed in donations and outreach
 - Do we want to continue with some of the donations and advertising?
 - Are we getting the bang for our buck? Should we redirect the funds?
 - We don’t need generic ads anymore, we need more targeted ads
- PEI/PLT has asked for a larger donation
 - Take two brochures out and move those funds to PEI
 - Maybe advertise on a billboard at a zoo to reach out to a targeted audience

12. Discussion around Increasing Dues

- David requests the member companies increase dues by 10%
- Our total revenue is \$33,150, so it would add some money
 - We have been running at a deficit. We need to change that.
- There is no structure for dues in this organization, it’s voluntary
- There needs to be a note on the invoice with the ask and why

- Should we sponsor the three scholarship winners to go to the National SAF Conference?
 - \$200 each for registration
 - What about the SFI Inc. Conference?
 - Denied

13. Outreach and Events

- **Outreach Opportunities**
 - First weekend in May: Spin the Wheel, Win a Tree with Tom Shorey

- Master Gardeners' Fair
- Sultan Shindig July 9th
- **Upcoming Events**

Meeting Information:

- Next meeting: **October 3, 2018, 9:15AM–11:30AM**, Port Blakely Tree Farms, Tumwater, WA

----- **The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM by David Brummer**-----

Attachments for June 20 WA SIC meeting:

1. Antitrust reminder
2. WA SIC Highlights: February 7, 2018
3. Draft updated WA landowner brochure
4. Draft Idaho SIC brochure
5. Regional SIC meeting materials

Unresolved items for next meeting:

Exceptional logger nomination form (Rick Hanson)
Budget discussion
Draft WA SIC trifold
Costs for printing landowner brochures
American Tree Farm MOU for the SFI Small Lands Group Certification Module
Upcoming National Conference (October 16–18)