



Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

Washington State SFI Implementation Committee

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Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights FINAL February 20, 2019

SIC MEETING ATTENDEES	
NAME	COMPANY
Dan Thomas	American Forest Management
Douglas Meekins	Campbell Global
Kate Evans	Canyon Lumber Company
Tom Shorey	Fruit Growers Supply Company
Jon Barrett	Green Diamond
Austin Himes	GreenWood Resources
Alan Kycek	Hampton Lumber
Heather Druffel	Hancock Forest Management
Andrew Hall	Hancock Forest Management
Chad McElvany	Molpus Timberland Investment
Jay Simmons	North Pacific Paper Company (NORPAC)
Austin Dickson	Olympic Resource Management
Tom Agens	Packaging Corporation of America
Eric Cohen	Port Blakely
Scott Grigg	Rayonier
Tyler Olschewsky	Sierra Pacific Industries
David Brummer	Stimson Lumber Company
Doug Kennedy	Washington DNR – State Lands
Jenny Knoth	Washington Tree Farm Program
Kathy Troupe	WestRock
Amanda Brooks	Weyerhaeuser
Jessica Homyack	Weyerhaeuser
Bryan Finley	Yakama Forest Products
Crystal Sampson	Yakama Forest Products
Doug Olney	Yakama Forest Products
Mark Petruncio	Yakama Nation

SIC MEETING ATTENDEES	
NAME	COMPANY
GUESTS	
Teodora Minkova	Washington DNR – State Lands

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 on February 15, 2019.

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

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

3. Update on Small Landowner Module (last-minute addition to the meeting agenda)

Jenny Knoth from the Washington Tree Farm Program provided an update on the new SFI Small Landowner Module of the SFI FM Standard. Jenny has joined a task force on behalf of tree farms to work with SFI on the Small Landowner SFI Module. American Tree Farm has worked with small tree farms to help them get certified, and she is soliciting feedback (via rjknoth@gmail.com) on making sure neither the tree farm certificate nor the Small Landowner Module would get watered down. In Washington, the SIC agrees it is important to maintain the integrity of the tree farm program, which will likely continue to be the premier tree farm program for certification in this state.

4. Inconsistent Practices Update

Doug Kennedy reported that, as of the time of this meeting, no inconsistent practices complaints have been received by the SIC.

5. Introductions and Certification Updates from SIC Participants

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

- Washington DNR – Eastside forestlands audit coming up in June of 2019
- Weyerhaeuser – Internal FM audit coming up in March, FS audit in May, both external audits will follow in June
- AFM – Surveillance audit coming up in May
- Green Diamond – nothing to report
- Hancock – external audit coming in June
- Port Blakely – Surveillance audit coming up in March
- Hampton – audit coming up in October
- Fruit Growers – surveillance audit in California coming up
- GreenWood – internal and surveillance audits in June and August
- ORM – internal audit end of April, surveillance audit at the end of July
- Sierra Pacific – audit coming up in June
- Molpus – no updates, internal audit coming up this summer

- North Pacific Paper – had an external audit back in September, no NCs
- Stimson Lumber – internal audit coming up in June, surveillance in July
- Yakama Nation/Forest Products – Notable practice during last audit for community outreach, next surveillance audit coming up in September
- Packaging Corp of America – chain of custody audit upcoming next fall
- Rayonier – external audit coming up in July
- Campbell – external audit coming up in July
- WA Tree Farm – Audit coming in May
- WestRock – Audit coming up in July in Tacoma and Longview

6. Approval of Highlights

10/3/2018 meeting highlights were approved without edits.

(Note: 10/3/2018 WASIC highlights were posted on 4/1/2019 by Doug Kennedy of WA DNR)

7. Proposed Leadership for 2019

Per the group's rotation schedule, Amanda Brooks of Weyerhaeuser was voted in as the WA SIC Chair for 2019. Kathy Troupe of WestRock was voted in as the Vice Chair. Doug Kennedy of Washington DNR will remain the group's Secretary for 2019. The vote was unanimous. Amanda and Kathy would like to establish two new goals: establish a grants committee and bring in speakers more regularly.

8. Updates

Update: WA SIC Banner

Heather Druffel, Eric Coen, and Kathy Troupe provide the updates. The committee proposes making three banners, which they presented to the group. The next step would be to send the files to SFI, who would then send us a proof which the group would need to approve. Another idea that Heather introduced is purchasing VR headsets to have at these booths so visitors could put on and experience forests. Someone else suggested making the banners into trifolds pamphlets to hand out. Andrew Hall will be stepping into Heather Druffel's role on the outreach committee.

Update: Exceptional Logger Form

Rick Hanson made a few changes to the existing form. Doug recommended expanding the checklists in the first two sections and removing the remaining sections, then just keeping one or two of the text boxes. Other comments will be emailed to Rick and Doug, and the two of them will create a mocked-up version (or perhaps multiple versions) for the group to vote on at the June meeting. David recommends we set a goal of handing one award out by next year. Doug and Rick will present one version of this at the June meeting for the group to vote on.

2019 Budget

A couple of updates from Amanda. There is some discussion about the UW architecture school and our level of engagement with them. It is no longer a contest, but we will continue to donate money to the school.

9. SIC Conservation and Community Grant Opportunity for 2019: OSU Tethered Logging Study

Teodora Minkova of Washington DNR presented a potential grant application the WA SIC may want to sponsor in 2019. It is an OSU study on tethered logging that is designed to better understand the impacts tethered logging systems could have throughout the Pacific Northwest on soil and stream

health and worker safety. This project is an example of an operational investigation that covers both ecological and economic concerns.

Teodora briefly outlined the research proposal and some of the research objectives. The project currently represents one unit and one contractor, but the project is scalable as well. Potentially, depending on resources going forward, the research could be replicated on different harvest units and with different contractors.

There are several potential benefits to SIC members, including increasing the profile of the SIC (and SFI), better understanding operational costs, and maintaining compliance with Forest Practices.

Once concern raised by SIC members is the study's absence of long-term monitoring of impacts (particularly following rain-on-snow events). Teodora indicated that adding a long-term monitoring component for sediment delivery would be possible.

Teodora asked the SIC for support in applying for the grant *and* for a \$1,000 donation to help illustrate to SFI the SIC's interest in the study. The group has ideas about the experiment design that would make the results more useful to members:

- Should be a clearcut
- Should be a contract harvest
- Research needs to be replicated (this appears to be the largest concern)
- Site diversity

10. Report Back from 2018 SFI Annual Conference

The SFI National Conference took place on October 16. Amanda and Heather both attended. Major themes from the conference were education and "It Takes a Forest." The new standard is expected to be released in 2022. We are also expecting a revamped MOU between SFI and the SICs.

11. Outreach and Events

- Next Regional SIC meeting is in Coeur d'Alene on June 11.
- Master Gardner Fair in Elma on May 19.
- Statewide SAF meeting April 3–5.

12. Meeting Information:

- Next meeting: **June 19, 2019, 9:15AM–11:30AM**, Port Blakely Tree Farms, Tumwater, WA

----- **The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM by Amanda Brooks**-----

Attachments for June 20 WA SIC meeting:

1. Antitrust reminder
2. WA SIC Highlights October 3, 2018
3. WA SIC Rotation Schedule
4. Exceptional Logger Form – Revised
5. WA SIC 2019 Budget
6. OSU Research Plan_Cable-assisted Harvesting_ver2

Unresolved items for next meeting:

- WA SIC banner/materials

- Exceptional logger draft form
- Amanda Brooks will work on finding a speaker to come to the June meeting
- Report back from Regional SIC meeting