



## Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

Washington State SFI Implementation Committee

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### Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights FINAL June 19, 2019

<b>SIC MEETING ATTENDEES</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMPANY</b>
Dan Thomas	American Forest Management
Mike Jackson	Association of Consulting Foresters
Rick Hanson	Boise Cascade
Doug Meekins	Campbell Global
Ashley Deasy	Canyon Lumber Company
Tom Shorey	Fruit Growers Association
Austin Himes	Greenwood Resources
Jon Barrett	Green Diamond
Alan Kycek	Hampton
Andrew Hall	Hancock Forest Management
Chad McElvany	Molpus
Austin Dickson	Olympic Resource Management
Tom Agens	Packaging Corporation of America
Eric Cohen	Port Blakely
Ryan Reith	Port Townsend Paper
Scott Grigg	Rayonier
Tyler Olschewsky	Sierra Pacific Industries
David Brummer	Stimson
Jerry Bonagofsky	Washington Contract Loggers Association
Doug Kennedy	Washington Department of Natural Resources
Jenny Knoth	Washington Tree Farm Program
Jason Sappington	WestRock
Amanda Brooks	Weyerhaeuser
Bryan Finley	Yakama Forest Products
Mark Petrucio	Yakama Nation

<b>SIC MEETING ATTENDEES</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMPANY</b>
<b>GUESTS</b>	
Colleen Purefoy	Scholarship recipient
Gordy Mouw	SFI Inc.
Tia Beavert	Yakama Nation
Steve Rigdon	Yakama Nation

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Brooks at 9:15 AM. Committee members acknowledged receipt of the pre-meeting materials including the agenda distributed via email from Doug Kennedy June 17, 2019.

**1. Anti-trust reminder**

The group was reminded of the anti-trust agreement and participants were asked to excuse themselves if needed (Attachment 1).

**2. Emergency evacuation procedure**

Eric Cohen explained the emergency evacuation route and passed around a sign-in sheet.

**3. Inconsistent practices update**

Doug Kennedy reported that no inconsistent practices have been filed since the last meeting in February.

**4. Introductions and Certification Updates from SIC Participants**

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

- WA DNR: Audit last week in two eastside regions. Four OFIs and five notable practices. OFIs around inadequate natural regen on one unit of one sale, an inaccurate record in our silviculture database, dispersed recreation causing soil damage across SE Region, and missing an opportunity to harvest an infested stand in June before tussock moths fly.
- Port Blakely: No audit updates
- Packaging Corporation of America: no audit updates
- WestRock: Audits coming up in July
- Hampton: No audit updates
- Yakama Nation: Audit coming up in September
- Stimson: Internal audit last week; surveillance audit coming up later in the summer
- Sierra Pacific: Recent audit resulted in one OFI to create a pamphlet for G1, G2 species for operators
- Campbell Global: Audit coming up in July
- AFM: Audit coming up in July
- Weyerhaeuser: Fiber sourcing audit last week, no findings; FM audit coming up later this summer
- Boise Cascade: Recent chain of custody audit went well
- Olympic Resource Management: Audit coming up in August

- Green Diamond: Recent surveillance audits in Atlantic region and Klamath Falls found one minor NC on training for environmental action plan and an OFI for checking for consistency across procedures and policies; NW surveillance audit coming up in September
- Rayonier: Audit coming up in July
- Hancock: Internal audit two weeks ago went well; 3<sup>rd</sup> party audit coming up in July
- Greenwood: 3<sup>rd</sup> party audit coming up in August
- Port Townsend Paper: Completed audit at the beginning of May, no findings
- Fruit Growers Supply: Recent internal audit went well, CA lands audit coming up in July
- Molpus: Certification renewal audits earlier in 2019 in GA, NC, and VA. No NCs, one NP for tracking BMPs digitally. One OFI for utilization. NW internal audit coming up later this summer.
- Tree Farm: Recent audit led to three OFIs, one NC.

## 5. Approval of highlights

Highlights from the February 20, 2019 WA SIC meeting were circulated before the meeting. A motion was made to accept the Draft 3 version of the document. It was seconded and approved. The notes will be posted to the WA SIC website in the near future.

## 6. Updates

### **Tethered logging experimental study (two votes)**

In February, Teodora Minkova presented WA DNR State Lands' proposed research study into sediment delivery and worker safety issues with tethered logging. At the June meeting, Doug presented the timber sale package for the Miller Park VRH VDT sale in Olympic Region, which will implement the control and experimental plots. The group voted to support the grant application this fall. The group also voted to support the research with \$1,000 to help pay for grad student travel to and from the research plots.

Amanda will coordinate with the Oregon SIC to seek matching funds. Teddy and the other researchers could go to that meeting and help explain the project to them. Group recommends reaching out to Idaho and Montana SICs as well to see if they are interested in supporting it.

### **WA SIC banner and materials**

Outreach subcommittee is working with Monica Gurzenski of SFI Inc. They are waiting for a mocked-up banner and don't yet have anything to share out.

### **Colleen Purefoy – scholarship recipient**

Colleen introduced herself. She just started her BS degree program at Grays Harbor College in natural resource management. Colleen is hoping to become a forester. Gary Esvelt from Kettle Falls High School also received a scholarship to attend Spokane Community College.

### **Exceptional logger form**

Rick Hanson passed out the current version of the exceptional logger form. He asked whether the group even wants this form, whether there's a use for it. The group is interested in keeping sections 1 and 2 and removing the rest of the form. Rick will follow up with Monica at SFI Inc. to get a revised form.

## 7. Report back from regional SIC meeting

Standard revision was a major point of discussion. October annual conference will be the first opportunity to review the draft revised standard. The new standard will eventually be adopted January 1, 2022, at which point all certificate holders will have the option to be audited to either standard (just for the first year). The lag between the 2019 standard and the new standard being released in 2022 comes from a need to align the new standard with the international PEFC standard, which should be done sometime in 2020. The new standard may be a 7-year standard or it may not have an end date, but SFI Inc. and SFI certificate holders are discussing that now. David recommends that all certificate holders seriously consider providing feedback.

There was also discussion around the three different SFI grant types. Other topics: SFI listserv, SIC Member Guide, and SFI's priorities (community, education, conservation, and standards) going forward. Gordy will be producing materials to send out to SICs in the coming months.

#### **8. Meeting with Gordy Mouw – updates from SFI**

Gordy introduced himself and explained his role within SFI is to accept and solicit input from SFI member companies and SICs. He is available to help us develop tools and can be a conduit for certificate holders to provide feedback to SFI.

The SIC Members Page has many useful resources for SIC members. Useful links include new members sections, SIC chair section, SIC listserv (email Gordy to join), annual reports for other SICs, etc.

Eric mentions that he wishes safety received more attention and promotion from SFI. Question about how safety can be a more prominent component of the SFI brand. Gordy recommends raising this point during the standard review process.

Anyone who is interested in participating on a standard development task group (FM, FS, CoC & Labeling) can contact either Gregor Macintosh or Gordy Mouw.

#### **9. Presentation from the Yakama Nation**

Steve Rigdon, Yakama Forest Products General Manager presents on some of the values and practices of the Yakama Nation and how they align with the SFI standards. Language, community, and relationships are critical to the Yakama Nation's identity as well as their approach to managing their lands and businesses.

The group expressed an interest in better understanding both the Yakama culture and timber operations on Yakama lands. Steve's presentation included discussion of US/Yakama Nation history, Yakama culture, and business and economic concerns.

#### **10. Outreach and Events**

- **Outreach Opportunities**
  - None
- **Upcoming Events**
  - None

#### **Meeting Information:**

- Next meeting: **October 2, 9:15AM–11:30AM**, Port Blakely Tree Farms, Tumwater, WA

----- **The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 PM by Amanda Brooks**-----

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Attachments to the June 19, 2019 WA SIC Agenda:

1. Antitrust reminder
2. February 20 WASIC meeting draft highlights
3. Tethered logging experiment layout

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Unresolved items for October meeting:

1. Could Teddy come back to report back on progress with tethered logging study (including outreach to OR, ID, and MT)
2. Question for Lisa to track scholarship applications, who is applying, where from, where are they awarded
3. Begin work on 2020 budget
4. Rick will present revised exceptional logger nomination form.
5. Outreach subcommittee will present the new banner they've been working on.
6. Speaker on climate change? Carbon sequestration?