



## Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

Washington State SFI Implementation Committee

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### Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights FINAL October 2, 2019

SIC MEETING ATTENDEES	
NAME	COMPANY
Mike Jackson	Association of Consulting Foresters
Rick Hanson	Boise Cascade
Doug Meekins	Campbell Global
Tom Shorey	Fruit Growers Supply Company
Alan Kycek	Hampton
Andrew Hall	Hancock Forest Management
Chad McElvany	Molpus Timberland Investment
Mike Sly	Murphy Company
Jay Simmons	NorPac
Austin Dickson	Olympic Resource Management
Rob Vance	Pacific Fibre Products
Tom Agens	Packaging Corporation of America
Eric Cohen	Port Blakely
Ryan Reith	Port Townsend Paper
Jeffrey Curlless	Rayonier
Scott Grigg	Rayonier
Tyler Olschewsky	Sierra Pacific
David Brummer	Stimson Lumber Company
Doug Kennedy	Washington DNR
Kathy Troupe	WestRock
Amanda Brooks	Weyerhaeuser
Doug Olney	Yakama Forest Products
Ryan Sanchey	Yakama Forest Products
Tia Beavert	Yakama Nation
Amberlie Jones	Yakama Nation

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMPANY</b>
Mark Petruncio	Yakama Nation
Ryley Smartlowit	Yakama Nation
<b>GUESTS</b>	
Richard Zabel	Western Forestry and Conservation Association
Denise Buck	Pacific Education Institute
Cindy Mitchell	Washington Forest Protection Association
Nadine Block	Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Brooks, Weyerhaeuser at 9:15 AM. Committee members acknowledged receipt of the pre-meeting materials including the agenda distributed via email from Doug Kennedy September 27, 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 complaints of inconsistent practices have been filed since the last meeting in June.

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

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

- WA DNR – No updates
- Weyerhaeuser – recent audit in Vermont; best practices around using Google Earth to assess aesthetics
- Port Blakely – No updates, audit coming up in March
- Pacific Fibre – No updates
- Fruit Growers Supply Company – recent internal audit, but no other updates
- Port Townsend Paper – no updates
- Sierra Pacific – no updates
- Campbell Global – Recent audit found OFI around the size of reportable oil spills
- Murphy Company – No updates
- Hampton – audit next week
- WestRock – Recent audit, lots of questions about landowner outreach but no findings
- Boise Cascade – recent COC and fiber sourcing audit in the Carolinas, nothing to report
- Hancock – internal audit in June, ran into the spill size issue as well. Third party audit in July resulted in no NCs, no OFIs, and a couple of NPs. Southern audits will be wrapping up in Florida in October.
- Yakama Forest Products – Surveillance audit coming up at the end of October

- Rayonier – Surveillance audit in July, one notable practice for reducing roads through using different methods such as cable yarding
- Olympic Resource Management – 3<sup>rd</sup> party audit in July resulted in one OFI related to the California’s SIC website not being available
- PCA – Third party audit last month in Louisiana, another audit coming up next month
- Nadine Block with SFI is now based in Portland
- Stimson – external audit in July for fiber sourcing and forest management; 5 BMPs including one for spill kits and one for use of drones for inspecting skid trails
- Molpus – internal audit in August resulted in no NCs
- Yakama Nation – surveillance coming up at the end of October
- NorPac – external audit coming up next week

## **5. Approval of the Highlights**

Highlights from the June 19, 2019 WA SIC meeting were circulated before the meeting. A motion was made to accept the Draft 2 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**

### **Exceptional logger nomination form**

Rick Hanson worked with the SFI office to simplify the exceptional logger nomination form. Doug K. will post the new form on the WA SIC website [done, 10/10/2019]. Rick encourages the group to think of a contractor to nominate. The goal would be to have one recognized on the west side and one on the east side. Once we award loggers, we could possibly get it published in Timber West magazine and promoted by WCLA. Doug K. will also contact DNR Forest Practices managers to see if they’d be interested in contributing names or nominating.

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

Kathy and Eric have no updates. They will work to get the banner printed before our February meeting.

### **Tethered logging experiment in OESF**

Interfor purchased the sale. Oregon State University researchers will be working with the contractor in the coming months tied into the prework. Harvest should begin early spring – February/March. Next week, the OSU lead researcher is phoning in to the Idaho SIC meeting to seek their support. Still waiting for the RFP for the SFI Community Grant, which the WA SIC will apply for on behalf of the researchers.

## **7. Guest Speaker: Richard Zabel (WFCA)**

Richard Zabel represents WFCA, which conducts educational opportunities for foresters across the country. WFCA is proposing an SFI-centric training to foresters in Washington, specifically a one-day training in 2020. The training could also be an interstate training where we’re partnered with Oregon. In the WA SIC, there is concern that this might be redundant with what WCLA already provides, and it could possibly create confusion among foresters. Kathy recommends Richard direct his training to builders, architects, and designers to help strengthen the link between SFI-certified production and consumption/retail. The group will reach back to Richard if we see the need to adopt his proposed training.

## **8. Guest Speaker: Denise Buck (PEI)**

PEI does professional development for teachers to encourage what they call FieldSTEM – in-class and in-the-woods educational modules and unit planning. PEI has had a good deal of recent success working with school districts around the west side (especially) to get classes into nearby forests.

Project Learning Tree: PLT is SFI's central education instrument. Denise holds a leadership position with PLT. One of PLT's latest initiatives is to educate teachers and students on forest jobs. PLT will have their international conference in Bremerton in June of next year. WA SIC members are interested in holding our June meeting at the same time/place, possibly as a joint meeting with the Oregon SIC.

Denise also has developed a Washington Forest Literacy framework for educators. One of the goals with that framework is to grow FieldSTEM at the state level.

### **9. Guest Speaker: Cindy Mitchell (WFPA)**

Came today to discuss WFPA's work in tracking forestry-related jobs in Washington and in each Washington county. Private, state, county, and tribal forests constitute the majority of working forests, while federal forests constitute the bulk of forests that are not being harvested.

Currently, Washington is the #2 producer of soft wood in the country (Oregon is #1). WFPA's economic report is on their website. WA exports more lumber and paper products than any other state in the country. Across the state, direct, indirect, and induced wages for 2017 for WA Forest Products Industry Supports add up to about \$5.5 billion. WFPA has a variety of tools that allow the public to analyze forest and forest-products related jobs across the state by county. Their tools also include data on attitudes toward logging across the state and by county.

Cindy will send PDFs of her brochures and Doug will post them on the website, along with a link to their suite of data tools [done, 10/10/2019].

### **10. WA SIC 2020 Budget**

Amanda asks the group to help identify whether several 2019 planned expenses have gone through. We have not received invoices. Doug Olney asks the rest of the WA SIC whether we could donate \$500 to support Heritage University. Their group usually meets in July or August. Doug O. will ask the Heritage University lead to produce a formal ask at the February meeting. A recommendation to Denise to ask the SIC for a donation for the PLT International Conference. A recommendation to increase the amount we contribute to the scholarships. A few other line-item changes. Amanda and Kathy will prepare a budget to vote on for our February meeting.

### **11. WA SIC Leadership Rotation**

Letting the group know that the next meeting will include a change in leadership, as we do every year. Kathy is next in line for chair, Rick Hanson is next in line for vice chair. Doug K. offered to remain the secretary.

### **12. Outreach and Events**

- **Outreach Opportunities**
  - Joint meeting with Oregon SIC at the PLT International Coordinator's Conference?
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Annual SFI conference in Richmond, VA beginning 10/21

### **Meeting Information:**

- Next meeting: **February 4, 2020, 9:15AM–11:45AM**, Port Blakely Tree Farms, Tumwater, WA

----- **The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 PM by Amanda Brooks**-----

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Attachments to the October 2, 2019 WA SIC Agenda:

1. Antitrust reminder
2. June 17 WASIC meeting draft highlights
3. Exceptional Logger Form
4. WFCAs Proposal for joint training
5. 2020 WA SIC DRAFT Budget
6. 2019 WA SIC Rotation Schedule

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Unresolved items for February meeting:

1. Spill kit issue, perhaps groups could share out what they've had success with and maybe WCLA could talk about what they cover in their training
2. Report back from annual conference (Amanda Brooks, Doug K., Doug O.)
3. At the November WCLA, there is an SFI presentation. Kathy is asking for ideas to present information that is more relevant to WA. Andrew Hall will do the SFI piece at the upcoming WCLA training in Chehalis.
4. Kathy recommends we have our June SIC meeting at the PLT international conference.
5. Doug O. will ask the Heritage University lead to produce a formal ask at the February meeting.
6. Vote to approve change of leadership.