



Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

Washington State SFI Implementation Committee

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Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights October 21, 2020

SIC MEETING ATTENDEES	
NAME	COMPANY
Kathryn Olson	GreenWood Resources
Tia Beavert	Yakama Nation
Yazmina Venegas	Weyerhaeuser
Ryley Gray	Weyerhaeuser
Elisa Schiffman	Packaging Corp
Tom Shorey	Fruit Growers Supply Co.
Jeff Curlless	Rayonier, USFR
Rick Hanson	Boise Cascade Wood Products
Dan Thomas	American Forest Management
Ryan Reith	Port Townsend Paper Co.
Mike Sly	Murphy Company
Chad Washington	GreenWood Resources
Eric Cohen	Port Blakely
Doug Meekins	Campbell Global
Jerry Bonagofsky	Washington Contract Loggers' Association
Kat Olson	GreenWood Resources
Kathy Troupe	WestRock
Nathanial (Nate) Hayden	Hancock Forest Management
Alan Kycek	Hampton Lumber
Chad McElvany	Molpus Timberland Investment
David Brummer	Stimson Lumber Co.
Chad McElvany	Woodlands Group
David Passauer	Georgia Pacific
Doug Olney	Yakama Forest Products
Nicole Jacobsen	WA Dept. of Natural Resources

SIC MEETING ATTENDEES	
NAME	COMPANY
Ashley Deeseey	Canyon Lumber
Billy Langolis	Sierra Pacific
Aaron Goodman	Hancock
GUESTS	
Gordy Mouw	SFI
Monika Gurzenski	SFI
Denise Buck	Pacific Education Institute
Jenny Knoth	Washington Tree Farm Program

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Troupe, WestRock, at 9:14 AM. Committee members acknowledged receipt of the pre-meeting materials including the agenda distributed via email from Nicole Jacobsen, WASIC Secretary, October 19, 2020.

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. Inconsistent Practices

No inconsistent practices have been reported to Nicole Jacobsen, WA SIC Secretary.

3. Introductions and Certification Updates from SIC Participants

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

- AmFor – Dan Thomas reported that they had surveillance audit 4 in August that went well. They brought their Montana holdings into the certificate group, which will be audited next year.
- Doug Meekins – had surveillance audit 4 in July and brought in new California properties into certificate. The remote document review went really well, may do this remotely going forward.
- Canyon – held their audit in May and everything went fine.
- Fruit Growers – Tom Shorey; held virtual surveillance audit in May.
- Greenwood – Chad Washington introduced Kathryn Olson as the new member taking over next year. They had a combo field audit and virtual document review in August.
- WA DNR held a fully remote office and field audit in June.
- Woodlands Group has an audit next week [October 2020].
- Hancock has had a couple audits that went well and received a couple notable practices for wetland restoration and minimizing herbicide use.
- Olympic Resource was absorbed by Rayonier in merger with Pope; Resolute / Pend Oreille in bankruptcy
- Stimson had surveillance audit in August. The office portion was done virtually, field audit was in person and limited in scope. The next audit will be under the new standard.
- Port Blakely had remote audit in May and field audit in late August.
- Weyerhaeuser finished in-person audit in early October.

- Yakama Forest and Yakama Nation – Tia Beavert is the Tribal forest manager at Yakama Nation; completed field audit in early October and office audit in early November. Yakama Forest Products fiber sourcing audit in September went well.

4. Approval of June Highlights – Dave Brummer motioned to approve; Eric Cohen seconded

5. Lessons Learned from Virtual Audits

- Nicole Jacobsen – Planning is essential; document review could have gone better in that we could have walked through the documents via screen share instead of me prepping everything and dumping into a drive the auditors did not review. Remote field review went really well in that the auditors picked the locations/activities and field staff flew the area with drones and our internal videographer held on-site interviews with the relevant personnel. Again though, although this material was provided prior to the audit, the auditors did not review before and we ended up watching the videos together so it wasn't exactly the best use of time.
- Eric Cohen – PLANNING is essential. The office audit/document review was all remote. Eric Cohen requested auditor to identify exactly which objectives, so Eric Cohen could schedule in-house subject matter experts and plan out the day and keep on task. Had prepped documents ahead of time in case of tech issues (be prepared for tech issues!); be flexible.
- Chad Washington – Teams platform lent itself well for virtual audit, organized by Objective with associated documentation. One thing well-received and well-represented was 3D models and pictures from units on feathered edges – definitely encourage 3D models. Make sure you have Clean Water, Clean Air, MBTA documents (high-level documents) for documentation to cover all your bases. If have units you want to highlight use drone footage over those – put thought into what units are flown and presented.

6. AgForestry Report

- Jenny Knoth; slides and pictures available on request. Went to Cambodia and Vietnam; class demonstrated resilience and gratitude; supported/donated to drinking water wells and research in Cambodia since Vietnam is more well-funded

7. SFI New Website Tour

- Changed to www.forests.org with 5 or 6 main themes, changed maybe once/quarter; scroll down and at top have main pillars; two other buckets for relevant others; main screen is: Why It Matters – reframing of SFI not just as certification but how to solve climate issues, etc.
- Community – brief description and interactive map; let her know if any WA info is incorrect; if anyone needs updated logo, let Gordy Mouw or Monika Gurzenski know (Nicole Jacobsen also has them)
- Where to go for SFI Certificate – search for products or FM, fiber searching, and chain of custody
- Resources section – year end scorecard, update December; scroll down for factsheets; updating SIC factsheet; click on different tabs at top for different factsheets; also have SFI YouTube Channel

- Network is a Member Login page, with toolkits, logos, marketing tools, etc. if anything needed specifically for marketing, let Monika Gurzenski know (landowner guide for Texas); sample ads with new design – if different sizes/specs are needed, let her know

8. ELC

- Extended continuing education for a year due to COVID; what do we need to do for CEs for 2021? Jerry Bonagofsky: a lot out there already, allowed online training for many years; a lot through OSHA and UI, OSU, WSU extension and available via YouTube, a lot available hour-wise; if COVID restrictions through 21, Master Loggers may be video format and know there will be challenges
- Kathy: question to Gordy, what guidance is being given to auditors; Gordy: issued guidance said not issue CAs for 2020-2021 but can issue OFI, does say if there's a remote way to complete training, that is suggested/recommended; will reissue at end of the year to remind auditors; second thing: online logger training – Michigan has created online platform (presented at April SFI regional meeting); SFI taking more active role and contracting with MI State and others to utilize at different tier levels and develop online trainings for the state or take nationwide modules
- Rick Hanson volunteers to take the lead and evaluate what's already available and then what's needed for WA
- Gordy Mouw's proposal to SICs is 1st tier use generic SFI modules; 2nd tier is MI State host; \$15k they'll develop and host and WA specific; some are looking at combo since just want access to national modules as supplement to other specific stuff already done; note that CE part not core learning
- Kathy Troupe asks if folks willing to serve on a committee to explore WCLA remote continuing education – Jerry Bonagofsky and Rick Hanson, Dave Brummer, Amanda Sandhop volunteered in absentia

9. ELC Awards

- Rick Hanson – presentation to C&C and B&M; see photos sent via email to email list 10/29. Levi Beardsly is a local guy that does really great work at B2 Metal Works. Also has a proposal / request for Stevens County, don't probably need money this year, can talk in Feb.
- Kathy Troupe asks if any ELC nominations for 2020? Rick Hanson responds no; send the actual nomination form to email list (10/29 email)

10. Spill Kits

- Slides attached
- David Brummer mentioned that at Stimson they internally defined what is / is not a spill; auditors need to know that employees know what to say when auditor asks
- Group determined there was no further follow up needed by the SIC.

11. Partner Reports

- Denise/PEI – going to do first professional development; CTE approved and out in use, some teachers using only parts; going virtual has really helped reach more people in more of the state; DNR urban and community forestry grant – all on track staff were in, now looking at environmental justice parts of this to see if/how income interacts with how many trees are in the neighborhoods
 - Engaging Communities in Forest and NR Education: had to put it on hold, hope for this spring
 - Project Learning Tree: cancelled June 2020, hoping for May 2021 but probably not until vaccine; moved virtual with all conferences and have reached more people that way
 - EGE – highlight in this Western Forester issue, Kathryn would like to talk with this group
 - Through the trees video contest – for high school students; deadline of 11/13; www.thruthetrees.org
- Jenny – update on WA tree farm; taking advantage of remote with info dissemination;
 - Elmore Tree Farm; two others – ASK; also awarded inspector; leadership awards within their own program;
 - One thing coming up – rural forest market act, have Zoom with folks at AM forest to learn more about impacts to Climate and Family Tree Farms;
 - Vanity plate for FFA funds go to tree farm program for grants, sign petitions online, hitting legislature again this session

12. Budget

- Revenue 31k, noticed a few haven't contributed (39k was optimistic)
- UW didn't want money, wanted materials this year
- PLT conference sponsorship to 2021
- Not spend anything on family forest
- MISC booth expenses – thinking about 2021, need second set of booth materials for EWA
- Probably have another \$5k to spend in 2020; end the year around \$25k in bank
- Doug Olney – move \$1k from Camp Chapparral to 21 or 22? Kathy supports but needs committee vote
- For 2021, Kathy take a look at companies contributing and come up with new revenue projection when put together strawman 21 and send to group to vote to finalize in Feb
- Have advertising subcommittee – if anyone has updates or thoughts... other opportunities?
- Outreach – recommend keep them in place
- Rick Hanson suggests adding a placeholder for online of \$15k
- Billy Langolis seconds, put \$15k as placeholder
- David Brummer motions to rubber stamp 20 budget and roll forward to 21 with additional placeholder; Eric Cohen and Doug agree

13. Meeting Information

- Next meeting: **February 10, 2021, 9:00AM–11:30AM** via Skype
- [Join online meeting](#)

Join by Phone

1 (360) 407-3861 (DNR Forest Resources Division) English (United States)

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Conference ID: 75527

----- **The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 PM by Kathy Troupe**-----

Attachments to the October 21, 2020 WA SIC Agenda:

1. Antitrust reminder
2. October 21, 2020 Agenda
3. June WASIC meeting draft highlights
4. 2020 SIC Budget

Unresolved items from October meeting:

None at this time.