



Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

Washington SFI State Implementation Committee
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Hancock Forest Management

Those present at meeting:

Patrick Allen	Sierra Pacific Industries
Darrell Alvord	Hampton Resources, Inc.
Rick Brooker	Longview Timber Company
Ted Carlson	Stimson Lumber
Lee Cook, Sr.	Liberty Dirtworks
Steve Cook	Liberty Dirtworks
Allen Estep	DNR
Bob Falkner	Washington Tree Farm Program
Chuck Gades	Stimson Lumber
Brian Kernohan	Forest Capital Partners
Randy Leutzinger	Kimberly Clark
Chris Lunde	Port Blakely
Tami Smith	Nippon Paper Industries USA
Lee Spencer	Plum Creek
Julie Stangell	Hancock Forest Management
Dan Varland	Rayonier

Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights Port Blakely Tree Farms, Tumwater February 11, 2009

Updates on Participant Activities

- Hancock Forest Management: Acquired some OR lands; audit in March and surveillance audit in July, 2009 in the NW and Canada
- Cascade Hardwoods: Recertified mills in 2008
- Kimberly Clark: Procurement audit in 2008
- Port Blakely: Surveillance audit in May, 2009
- Forest Capital Partners: Surveillance audits in western and southern OR in 2009
- WA DNR: Surveillance audits in June, 2009 of their eastern WA lands
- Sierra Pacific: Surveillance audit in 2009
- Stimson: Recertification audit in 2009
- Longview: Surveillance audit in June, 2009
- Plum Creek: Recertification audit in OR in 2009
- Rayonier: Surveillance audit in 2009
- Nippon Paper: Pursuing dual certification

Green Building

- SFI Inc. has hired a green building executive (Rob Worthington).
- The WA Senate Bill 5384 is proposing to add the Green Globes assessment protocol as an acceptable evaluation for High Performance Public Buildings (RCW 39.35D).
- The Green Building Initiative is reviewing its proposed American National Standard 01-200XP: Green Building Assessment Protocol for Commercial Buildings (based on Green Globes).

WA Tree Farm Program Presentation

Bob Falkner presented some information and a video of the WTFP. WTFP is the state arm of the American Tree Farm System and works primarily with small tree farms. Traditionally they have been sponsored by the WA Forest Protection Association and now the WA Farm Forestry Association. Also receives some help from donations and federal grants. The PEFC endorsement allows these small tree farms to sell timber into certified mills. Conducted 300 audits in 2008. Each year there are 30-35 required member certification sample audits. Still have a backlog of recertification audits older than 2004. Certifications are free for members. WTFP needs volunteer foresters to help with certification audits. Received a grant from ATFS to create a video describing the WTFP and the importance of small working forests; intended to distribute to legislators and Policy makers. There is a pilot carbon credit program in WA and OR through the ATFS.

You can contact Bob at: 360-789-1265 or custercreek@gmail.com .

SFI Standard Review Process

Brian Kernohan of Forest Capital Partners LLC shared some thoughts on the SFI Standard review process. <http://www.sfiprogram.org/standard-development-process.php>

- There are several workshops scheduled for the SFI standard review process scattered throughout the US.
- There is recognition within SFI Inc that this Standard is mature and will not need major revisions.
- Characterized as small changes to the content of the Standard with structural changes to the procurement Objective. Objective 8 was divided up and spread throughout the other Objectives of the Standard.
- There may be more interest and comments submitted for the final draft than previous versions.
- The preamble of the Standard is lengthier. SFI Inc wanted to exhibit awareness that forestry is a solution to climate change e.g. carbon sequestration within the Standard. There is a new definition for bio energy and language in the preamble.
- Proposal is to have fourteen Principles instead of nine.
- The reference to the Alliance for Zero Extinction relates mostly to procurement from international sources. AZE is one of three issues to evaluate for procurement.
- Objectives 1-7 now deal with Land Management, Objectives 8-13 deal with procurement and Objectives 14-20 deal with both.
- ISO requires a 3 year recertification cycle which is likely what SFI will adopt. The continuous certification language was taken out of the Standard, but could still be evaluated by the auditor for use.

Updates from SIC chair, Julie Stangell

- Minutes from the October 15, 2008 SIC meeting were approved.
- Will be attending the Sacramento workshop and can present any questions the SIC members have on the new Standard. Especially review the logger training references in Objectives 9, 10, 16 etc. and the use of qualified and certified loggers.
- SIC won't be officially comment on the draft Standard for this round.
- SFI web page has been updated and the program participant's page is password protected.
- Julie had a Dec. 11 conference call with Amy Doty et al and SICs. Objectives of the SICs vary around the Nation. The SIC governance is being reviewed.
- Reviewed 2009 Budget and approved continued spending of advertising dollars on Building Insight Magazine, SAF, World Forestry Center, Seattle American Institute of Architects; which is still consistent with expectation of SIC.
- OR SIC may be able to complement our efforts in regional advertisements.
- Can SIC members help to identify avenues to advertise in expanding markets e.g. green building?
- Reviewed 2009 Budget and approved spending for support of the Family Forest Field Day, Washington Tree Farm Program and WA Contract Loggers Assoc.
- Approved line items in 2009 budget including moving some moneys into funding for providing information and booths at functions.
- Julie will make official changes and corrections to Budget for overall adoption at next meeting.
- Dan Varland of Rayonier agreed to be the Booth/presentation coordinator for the SIC. This position will field requests to the SIC for volunteers at booths or presentations. (Please note: Dan is unable to do this – he is no longer with Rayonier)

- SFI program participants' annual report is due the end of March.

Old Business

- Brian Kernohan inquired into Oregon and Idaho SIC's dues structure. Both have a structured dues amount based on size of the participating company. Idaho's is based on the IFA dues, Oregon's is based on company size.
- Landscape America is designed more for promotional benefits and not for actual content. Still need a more functional/operational information base for meeting the SFI Standard.

New Business at next meeting?

Should the SIC add web page links to the following to help with species accounts?

Links for listed plant species can be found at:

<http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/lists/plantrnk.html>

Contact information for Natural Heritage staff is at:

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/Publications/amp_nh_staff.pdf

WNHP main page:

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/Topics/NaturalHeritage/Pages/amp_nh.aspx &

<http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/index.html>

Next WA SIC Meeting

June 3, 2009

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Port Blakely Tree Farm in Tumwater