



Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

Washington SFI State Implementation Committee
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From: **Julie Stangell**, Hancock Forest Management

Those present at meeting:

Terry Alexander	Weyerhaeuser
Darrel Alvord	Hampton Resources
Kevin Arneson	Boise Cascade
Jerry Bonagofsky	WCLA
Rick Brooker	Longview Timber Company
Ted Carlson	Simpson Lumber Co.
George Cave	Port Townsend Paper Co.
Bob Dick	American Forest Resource Council
Duane Emmons	UW CSF-Pack Forest
Allen Estep	DNR
Bob Falkner	Washington Tree Farm Program
Chuck Gades	Stimson Lumber Co.
Tom Hanson	International Forestry Consultants
Michael Jackson	Assoc. Consulting Foresters
Thijs Jacobson	Washington Alder
Randy Leutzinger	Kimberly Clark
Chris Lunde	Port Blakely
Peggy Norcutt	Port Townsend Paper Co.
Terry Pelt	Simpson Lumber Co.
Tim Raschko	Pope Resources
Adam Small	Simpson Tacoma Kraft
Julie Stangell	Hancock Forest Management
Angela Stringer	The Campbell Group
Steve Stinson	Family Forest Foundation
Tom Swanson	Green Crow
Kathy Troupe	Longview Fibre Paper & Packaging
Rob Vance	Georgia Pacific
Lonnie Walker	Sierra Pacific Industries

**Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights
Port Blakely Tree Farms, Tumwater
February 10, 2010**

Updates on Participant Activities

- DNR: SFI audit is planned for this June (South Puget Sound and Pacific Cascade Regions), certifying to new Standard
- Green Crow: initial SFI audits scheduled in summer
- Pack Forest: audit in early July
- Port Blakely: certification audit in April, certifying to new Standard
- Campbell Group: Oregon and Washington in process of being certified
- Port Townsend Paper: audit in fiber sourcing
- Kimberly Clark: not scheduled
- Longview Fiber: Auditing Oregon tree farms
- Weyerhaeuser: recertification in mid July
- Stimson: audit this summer to new Standard & surveillance audit in summer
- Boise Cascade: systems audit in 2010
- Simpson: recertification audit in December, surveillance audit tomorrow
- Georgia Pacific: Southeastern US in spring and Washington in 2011
- Washington Alder: recertification to old standard in October
- Pope Resource: Audit in August
- Hancock Forest Management: Audit in July to new standard

AFRC; Comments by Bob Dick

Jacob Groves will be replacing Bob when he retires. Jacob is from Oregon and will be at the next meeting. Bob mentioned that DNR's Strategic Plan was out for review and it concentrates on FSC certification goals for the Agency. He also mentioned concern over DNR's management team claiming added value to the Agency's timber sales program from FSC certification. A question was raised on how DNR could show an increased value from FSC certification. Bob did not have an answer.

Allen Estep of DNR mentioned that the FSC goals in the draft Strategic Plan were based around the Agency's analysis of FSC certification through the Forest Land Planning process and Sustainable Harvest calculation. Currently, DNR is conducting Forest Land Planning efforts within the Olympic Experimental State Forest.

Family Forest Foundation; comments by Steve Stinson

Steve passed out the 2010 Family Forest Field Days handout. It is an opportunity to discuss forest health and other topics with landowners. Landowners with at least 10 acres will have this mailed out to them. They are requesting continued funding assistance from the SIC and past contributions have been helpful.

Conference Call with SFI's Rick Cantrell, Allison Welde, Jason Metnick

Jason – Update on Green Building – Email coming out later today discussing the third round of comments on USGBC's benchmarks, highlighting changes from the drafts, asking for comments only on the changes with a 20 day comment period to USGBC. This is probably the final round, and then it will be voted on and finalized and the assessment phase of the Certification Standards begins. SFI will release comments on

the benchmarks, there were changes centered around governance and an accounting of genetically modified organisms.

Rick – 2010-2014 final Standard is out. More webinars on the new Standard will occur on Feb. 18 and March 18. There are different formats of the Standard available including an Adobe document. There is a package available for participants including a three ring binder, Standard and tabs. Rick mentioned Kathy Abusow's correspondence with Commissioner Goldmark and DNR confirmed that it was maintaining its SFI certification.

Allison – Discussed SFI grants - \$400,000 is the total partnership budget, awarded to projects that help improve the SFI Standard. Examples include other State wildlife action plans, also looks at a Regional level and coordinating through SICs. March 1 deadline for applicants. DNR (State Lands) was interested in applying to the grant to conduct unstable slopes study.

New Business and Updates from SIC Chair Julie Stangell

- MOU on SFI logger training signed with Idaho. Oregon SIC did not sign the agreement and does not plan to sign.
- WA logger training in April needs volunteers to do the SFI overview. American Loggers Council has approved WCLA's training template to meet their expectations and standards. Does the WCLA training need to be updated? MOU and training are separate issues.
- Forest Practices has withdrawn its funding and staff support for the WCLA training.
- Most of the green building legislation died this session. USGBC is still the preferred certification standard in the high energy building RCW. Natural Heritage maybe cut back in this budget and may have to charge for use of its database. It would impact certified landowners. Could SIC or WFLPA get an account for the majority of users?
- Pack Forest is maintaining the SIC website.
- WA Tree Farm; Comments by Bob Falkner. Added 70,000 acres of certified tree farms. Pursuing a grant to create a template for creating a management plan. There will be 3 meetings to demonstrate how small forest landowners can create a management plan.
- Brochures. Looked at examples of SFI and SIC brochures. SFI brochures can be printed off from webpage, but it's time consuming and costly. More efficient to keep it at a local level and advertising. Could have SIC labels printed off and placed on SFI brochures – what are prices?
- SFI new advertisements, standardized for printing in publications. Previous ads have been placed through SIC. SFI will pick up costs of updating ads in current advertisements already in contract. Group discussion – there appears to be more emphasis on landowner assistance rather than advertising in the new Standard. Would money be better spent in purchasing pins & handouts than advertising to reach landowners, suppliers and those who source certified products? Could take part of budget to create a packet to be handed out to interested landowners. Perhaps come up with alternatives to the budget, prior to adopting 2011 budget.

2010 Budget

- Motion seconded and approved to continue funding for the Family Forest Field Day at the \$4000 level.
- Motion seconded and approved to continue funding for the WA Tree Farm at the \$4000 level.
- Motion seconded and approved to amend the contribution to \$5,000 for the WCLA. The additional contribution over last year's \$4000 level is to help supplement DNR support for the program.
- Motion seconded and approved to not exceed current advertising budget of \$8,434 (down from \$10,409 in 2009 due to sharing cost of some ads with Oregon SIC) and look for opportunity to save money by shrinking NW Woodlands ad to ¼ page. Passed with 16 ayes and 5 nays.
- Chris Lunde volunteered to head subcommittee to examine advertising budget and evaluate options to advertising. Subcommittee formed to look at options: Chris Lunde, Terry Pelt, Darrol Alvord, Kathy Troupe. Group will report at June meeting
- Motion Seconded and approved to provide \$500 for website advertising.

Other Business

- Election of SIC officers. Membership endorsed Julie's continued roll as chair of the SIC and to keep other officers in place.
- Upcoming SFI annual meeting will be in Vancouver, BC; Sept. 21-23.
- Rob Vance to check on habitat house in Vancouver for annual meeting.

Next WA SIC Meetings

June 2, 2010

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Port Blakely Tree Farms in Tumwater

October 6, 2010

9:00 a.m. to Noon

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