



## Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

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### SIC Meeting Attendance 2/9/11

Michael Jackson	Assoc. Consulting Foresters
Kevin Arneson	Boise Cascade
Erik Metcalf	Cascade Hardwood
Allen Estep	DNR
Brian Kernohan	Forest Capital Partners
Rob Vance	Georgia Pacific
Harry Bell	Green Crow
John Ison	Green Diamond Resource
Darrel Alvord	Hampton Resources, Inc.
Julie Stangell	Hancock Forest Management
Tom Hanson	International Forestry Consultants
Kathy Troupe	Longview Fibre Paper & Packaging, Inc
Patrick Raymond	Olympic Resource Management
Chris Lunde	Port Blakely
George Cave	Port Townsend Paper Corp.
Ben Cazell	Rayonier (by telephone)
Matt Moses	Sierra Pacific Industries
Bill Disbrow	Simpson Tacoma Kraft Co, LLC
Adam Small	Simpson Tacoma Kraft Co, LLC
Jim Hansen	The Campbell group
Jerry Bonagofsky	WCLA
Terry Alexander	Weyerhaeuser
Pete Heide	WFPA
Mark Petruncio	Yakama Nation

## **Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights Port Blakely Tree Farms, Tumwater February 9, 2011**

### Updates on Participant Activities

- WA Dept. of Natural Resources: Surveillance audit in June, sites in Northwest and Olympic Regions
- Port Townsend Paper Corp: had a November surveillance audit; auditor suggested having Forest Practices Notice to Complies be sent to SIC pertaining to sedimentation and streams
- Sierra Pacific Industries: audit in March on the Ryderwood tree farm and Aberdeen Mill
- Hampton: also had a similar suggestion from auditor as Port Townsend Paper concerning Notice to Complies being sent to the SIC
- Olympic Resource Management: August 2010 audit, no major or minor non conformances, 3 BMPs
- Georgia Pacific: western procurement audit in October
- Boise Cascade: southern operations audit this summer
- Forest Capital: audit of Washington properties last summer and entire certificate audit this year, but none in Washington
- Port Blakely – This spring, surveillance audit
- Yakama Nation: initial audit last October and certified on lands in December, pursuing CoC on Yakama Forest Products program
- Green Crow: audit on one client next week, 16,000 acres
- Simpson: March audit
- Campbell Group: five properties going through audit in 2011
- Weyerhaeuser: reassessment audit of OR and WA lands last July, next audit in July. Found it more difficult to prove logger training in Oregon than Washington
- International Forestry Consultants: August surveillance audit
- Longview Fibre: summer audit
- Green Diamond: April surveillance audit
- Hancock Forest Management: surveillance audit in July, initial audit of new property in April
- Rayonier: scoping audit in May for Washington now have one certificate

Review and approval of minutes from October 16, 2010 SIC meeting. Program participants will see SIC funding requests in the mail soon.

### SFI Inc. Update

- Conference call with Jason Metnick, Allison Welde and Amy Doty, Nadine Block.
- Green Building update: LEED benchmark review process is continuing. Only 2% of the USGBC membership voted in the last period. USGBC is currently

reviewing the standards and credits but not the benchmarks yet. SFI is watching to see when they can get their voice heard in the USGBC process. Many state and national elected officials commented in writing to USGBC. SFI connecting to newly elected politicians and Nadine Block of SFI Inc. is working on this. There are other more inclusive green building standards including: ANSI, Green Globes, Built Green. SFI is looking to contact builders and architects to look for other options. The International Green Construction Code of the International Code Council includes standards for commercial and residential buildings and will be voted on next year to be finalized. The IGCC incorporates SFI products.

- Nadine Block mentioned the 2009 correspondence between Commissioner of Public Lands Goldmark and Kathy Abusow. SFI Inc. was wondering if a meeting is still necessary as referred to in the correspondence. Allen Estep and Julie Stangell will work with SFI Inc. on considering this. SIC membership mentioned American Forest Resource Council's assessment of FSC expansion on DNR managed lands. SFI Inc. would be interested in reviewing the document. (Follow-up note: Due to budget constraints, DNR will not be pursuing FSC certification at this time, so no meeting necessary.)
- SFI has new on-product labels and guidance. There will be a webinar on this subject at 15:00 EDT on February 15, 2011. Changes include updating definitions and "matching terms".
- Open Request for Proposals for SFI Grant Program. New track for small scale grants and small cities. \$200,000 could be awarded in mid to late March. The grants support SFI program and related to SFI goals and objectives.

### Funding Requests

- Family Forest Foundation: Steve Stinson gave an update of the Foundation. Last year the Foundation conducted four Family Forest field days which included 816 family foresters. Used Rural Tech to contact family forests. 95% new attendees, there were 35,000 mailings utilizing the SFI logo including distribution of brochures. Tentative upcoming events include Klickitat County on June 18 and Jefferson County on August 20. The Foundation respectfully requested continued financial support from the SIC.
- Washington Contract Loggers Association: Jerry Bonagofsky There will be a Chehalis logger training in April and one in Colville in March. There may be additional trainings on the Olympic Peninsula but it would be based on the availability of Forest Practices staff. It might additionally be beneficial to biomass operators. WCLA curriculum is on the WA SIC website. Continued financial support is appreciated.
- Society of American Foresters: There will be joint Oregon/Washington SAF annual meeting May 11-13 at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion in Portland. Request sponsorship letters were sent to OR and WA SICs. Support of the meeting would help bring in speakers and make a great meeting.
- Olympia Hands On Museum Green Globes Certification: The Hands On Children's Museum is a new construction, 30,000 square ft. building being built in Olympia, WA. The building is slated to become LEED certified; It appears that the donated lumber will only receive locally grown product points within LEED as

much of it does not meet the LEED FSC requirements. Since Green Globes recognizes four certification programs in its environmental rating and assessment system and is a nationally accepted alternative to LEED, wood contributors felt that the building should also be Green Globes certified so that their wood contributions would be given allowable points. Dual Certification could be a win/win for the wood industry: 1) It gives SFI at the national level a case study to talk about how wood is treated both within Green Globes and LEED 2) The museum gets two nationally recognized building certifications 3) It demonstrates a collaborative effort between industry, a highly visible museum and two national organizations, SFI and the GBI, who will use this achievement for their marketing efforts. Funding request to help achieve the Green Globes certification evaluation.

### Budget

Discussion on proposed budget. Final motion made and seconded to approve draft proposed budget with \$8,050 in additional spending. Expenses include Print Advertising totaling \$6,920 and sponsorship/contributions to: Family Forest Field Day \$4,000, WA Tree Farm Program \$4,000, Booth Expenses \$500, FFA Forestry Program \$650, Regional SIC Brochure \$4,000, SAF annual meeting \$1500, Olympia Hands On Museum Green Globes Certification \$2500. The Hands on Museum contribution is pending the additional \$5000 (total needed for certification is \$7500) being raised through contributions. Budget approved. (Follow-up note: The additional \$5000 in contributions were made by several companies.)

### WA SIC Governance and Organization Proposal

Proposal to have a rotation of program members to fill SIC organizational positions. Motion was approved to have Program member representatives given two weeks to discuss with respective management on proposal. Presentation will be circulated through email and request to approve or deny through email by March 1.

Positions and terms include:

- ▶ SIC Chair – 1 year term
- ▶ SIC Vice Chair – 1 year term
  - Vice Chair to become Chair the following year, this is a two year commitment (this is to provide continuity for the SIC)
- ▶ Secretary – 2 year term
- ▶ Treasurer – a non-SFI program participant
  - To be outsourced, currently to WFPA

Follow-up note: The motion to adopt a rotation of companies to serve as chair, vice chair and secretary was approved. Twenty votes were cast in favor, and two votes were cast against.

### Miscellaneous and Other Business

- SIC voted to endorse a Boise Cascade request for proposal in the SFI Inc. Grant Program. Grant would be related to the Northwest National Resources Institute, which fosters a better understanding of natural resources by educating teachers

and students. (Follow-up note: Letter from SIC was written in support, NNRI received grant.)

- Tom Hanson volunteered to submit a grant proposal from the SIC for funds to develop a landowner outreach brochure. (Follow-up note: Grant proposal submitted with letters of support, did not win grant.)
- Harry Bell suggested an opportunity to promote SFI at the upcoming Elwa Dam removal. There will be much National attention in September. Suggest looking into volunteers to help with a display. (Follow-up note: Harry is working with SFI, Inc. to secure display.)
- Suggestion for June SIC meeting: Have a discussion on the levels of training necessary for the Standard when comparing personnel and on-site supervisors and company.
- It was shared that for those multi-site organizations that are utilizing alternate approaches to sampling provided for in 5.1 of the Audit Procedures and Auditor Qualifications and Accreditation document that they will need to maintain an internal audit or monitoring program. See Section 9 of the Requirements for the SFI 2010-2014 Program.
- Documents have been posted on the SIC website that have been updated to reflect the current SFI Program Standard. SIC is working with the DNR Forest Practices Division Manager to obtain an updated verifiable auditing and monitoring program document. Thank you to Duane Emmons for updating documents and Alan Estep for working on the verifiable auditing and monitoring document.
- Annual Reports are due to SFI Inc. by March 15.

**Next Washington SIC Meeting**

June 7, 2011

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Port Blakely Tree Farms in Tumwater