



## Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

Washington SFI State Implementation Committee

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### Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Final Meeting Highlights February 5, 2014

SIC MEETING ATTENDEES		
NAME		COMPANY
Dan	Thomas	American Forest Management
Michael	Jackson	Association of Consulting Foresters
Rick	Hanson	Boise Cascade Company
Jim	Hansen	The Campbell Group LLC
Brian	Norris	Georgia Pacific
Harry	Bell	GreenCrow Corporation
Dave	Backstrom	Green Diamond Resource Co.
Julie	Stangell	Hancock Forest Management
Kathy	Troupe	KapStone Kraft Paper
Patrick	Raymond	Olympic Resource Management
Lee	Spencer	Plum Creek
Chris	Lunde	Port Blakely Tree Farm
Peggy	Norcutt	Port Townsend Paper
Kevin	Pilemaln	Rayonier Inc.
David	Marshall Jr.	Sierra Pacific Industries
Juli	Tuson	Simpson Tacoma Kraft Company, LLC
Erik	Davis	Stimson Lumber
Duane	Emmons	WA State Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
Terry	Alexander	Weyerhaeuser

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Doug Olney	Yakama Forest Products

The meeting was called to order by Lee Spencer, Chair, at 9:05 AM.

**Anti-trust Reminder:**

The group was reminded of the anti-trust agreement and participants were asked to excuse themselves if needed.

**Introductions and Certification Updates from SIC Participants:**

Participants introduced themselves. The following participants updated the group on recent activities:

- American Forest Management: will undergo an audit in June
- Association of Consulting Foresters: n/a
- Boise Cascade Company: will undergo a surveillance audit of southern Oregon operations in the summer
- Georgia Pacific: none scheduled
- Green Diamond: will undergo a surveillance audit in the spring
- Hancock Forest Management: surveillance audit scheduled for July
- KapStone Kraft Paper: will undergo a chain of custody audit in April
- Olympic Resource Management: will oversee an audit of its Poulsbo operations in the summer and an audit in California in August
- Plum Creek: audit free at this time
- Port Blakely Tree Farm: will undergo a surveillance audit in May
- Rayonier Inc.: nothing to report
- Sierra Pacific Industries: will undergo a surveillance audit on Washington operations this year
- Simpson Tacoma Kraft Company, LLC: a surveillance audit in December found no OFI's or Notable Practices
- WA Department of Natural Resources (DNR): will undergo a surveillance audit in May of the Northwest and Olympic Regions
- Weyerhaeuser: audits for fiber sourcing in June, for Central WA and Springfield in July
- Yakama Forest Products (a Yakama Nation Enterprise): will undergo a surveillance audit in August

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made to approve the October 2, 2013 meeting minutes as distributed via email January 28, 2014. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Budget:**

A year-end budget was distributed to the group for the revenue and expenditure period ending December 31, 2013.

- The chair noted that we will have approximately \$13000 that will carry over to the 2014 budget.
- Dan Thomas reported on the [Mount Baker Council Boy Scouts of America Annual Celebration Dinner & Auction](#). The Boy Scouts initially quoted a cost of \$500 to host a silent auction room but the actual cost was \$1200. The chair approved a contribution of \$750, and the Boy Scouts waived the remainder. The event was very well attended and raised over \$125,000. The WASIC was featured in the [auction book](#) and was mentioned on numerous occasions throughout the event.
- The chair read a letter of thanks from the Yakama Nation Tribal Council for the WASIC donations of \$500 to [Camp Chaparral](#) and \$500 to the Yakama Nation Review Newspaper.

The 2014 budget was distributed to the group for review and a discussion of fund levels and ideas for new expense opportunities occurred.

- The chair reported that contributions from members were down in 2013 but that the 2014 budget assumes that donations will be at traditional levels. Julie Stangell requested that the chair read the list of members who contributed and the chair did so. Representatives from member companies who were not listed stated they would inquire as to the status of contributions. It is assumed that personnel changes likely caused contributions to be overlooked.
- The chair remarked that funding letters for 2014 would go out in March. The chair stressed the importance of updating the email contact list and list of members so that funding letters and other materials reach the right people.
- The chair noted that the Washington Hunting Regulations advertisement was \$1610 for a ¼ page color advertisement in 2013 but that the price quoted was for a black & white ad and that the new price in 2014 would be \$1860 for a ¼ page color advertisement.
- Rick Hanson discussed funding for [Northwest Natural Resources Institute](#). The institute brings middle school students out for a full week of forestry & natural resources education. Approximately 700 kids participate every year. The event is held in eastern Washington and is a good way to engage students in that part of the state.
- The creation of an SFI scholarship was discussed. David Marshall, Kathy Troupe and Duane Emmons will form a sub-committee to investigate development and advertising of the scholarship and will draft scholarship criteria.
  - Lislle Sayers (WA DNR) and Lisa Perry (Sierra Pacific Industries) were later added to the sub-committee.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the new 2014 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Other Business:**

- **Website updates and member lists**  
The chair reported on changes to the SIC website requested by the SFI national office and reviewed the membership list. Changes to the membership list will be completed after the chair verifies the status of member companies.
- **American Tree Farm Update**

Harry Bell gave a brief update of the [Washington Tree Farm Program](#). He noted that the program is striving to become financially self-sufficient and hopes to require no funding from the national program in the future.

- **WFPA email**

The chair read an email from Doug Hooks of the Washington Forest Protection Association. Doug hopes to invite a presentation to the SIC from the Pacific Education Institute at a future meeting.

- **New SFI Standard Review**

Harry Bell reported on the workshop for the new SFI standard revisions held in Portland, Oregon on January 28<sup>th</sup>. He remarked that the meeting was not as well attended as he would have hoped but that there was good discussion in a number of areas. He noted that some significant changes are being proposed.

Discussion on changes to the sections on Indigenous rights, trained loggers, chemical use, chain-of-custody took place. It was suggested that member organizations should respond to provide input on the proposed changes to the standard. The SIC would refrain from submitting comments.

- **Leadership Changes**

Brian Norris (Georgia Pacific) will assume the role of Chairman after this meeting. The Vice Chairman position will be filled by a representative of Boise Inc. once that person has been identified by Boise.

**Meeting Information:**

- Next meeting; June 4, 2014 - Port Blakely Tree Farms, Tumwater, WA
- Future meeting proposed; October 1, 2014

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM

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