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Bold Print: Were in attendance at the June 7, 2006 meeting.

Highlights
Washington SFI Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting
June 7, 2006
Pack Forest, Eatonville

Update on AF&PA

Jay Farrell of American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) thanked the WA SIC for its active involvement with SFI at the national level. In particular, he gave special thanks to John Gorman and Pat McElroy for their contributions and leadership. Jay also updated the SIC on a number of AF&PA activities:

- Tenth Annual Report: the annual report should be available on the SFB website (www.aboutsfb.org) in the next couple weeks.
- SFI Annual Conference: the annual conference is scheduled for October 3-5, 2006 in Toronto. The conference will include a logger training workshop focusing on BMPs.
- The SFI program has earned PEFC endorsement; currently there is over 500 million acres worldwide in certification programs endorsed by PEFC.
- Changes to the LEED Green Building Rating System regarding wood credits and assessment of certification programs has been proposed and will be voted on by the US Green Building Council this autumn.
- AF&PA is working on a transition which would result in SFI being directed and managed completely independent of AF&PA. A business plan for the independent SFI organization (name yet to be determined) will be ratified later this year.

Pack Forest Update

Duane Emmons, Forest Operations Manager, gave the SIC an update on the activities at Pack Forest.

- Pack Forest celebrated its 80th anniversary on May 20th.
- Changes at the UW College of Forest Resources have led to changes at Pack Forest as well. The newly created Center for Sustainable Forestry shifts the focus of the forest to concepts in sustainability.
- Pack Forest will welcome a new director this summer. Greg Ettl will join the research faculty at CFR, as well as direct Pack Forest.

Updates on Participant Certification Activities

- Port Blakely: passed its first surveillance audit to the 2005-2009 standards. BVQi conducted the audit.
- Longview Fibre: conducting a gap analysis of standard conformance; third-party certification will be sought in 2007.
- Hancock: will have a surveillance audit of newly acquired lands September 2007.
- Pope: will have a recertification audit this summer; PWC will conduct the audit.
- Weyerhaeuser: 2.25 million acres in WA and OR certified by QMI; EMS audited as well.
- Pack Forest: passed surveillance audit to the 2005-2009 standards in April. BVQi conducted the audit.
- Forest Capital Partners: BVQi will conduct audit this December.
- Georgia-Pacific: PWC will conduct recertification audit in 2007.
- Campbell Group: self auditing twice a year.
- DNR: trust lands west of Cascades audited in April.
- Kimberly Clark: chip operations audited by KPMG.
- Penguin: will have a recertification audit this summer.
- Hampton: will have a surveillance audit of the Oregon lands this July.
- Boise Cascade: PWC will conduct their upcoming audits.

W. WA Forest Owners Field Day

Rick Dunning provided the SIC with an overview of the 2006 Forest Owners Field Day, to be held at the Pilchuck Tree Farm in Arlington on September 16, 2006. This event is open to the public. On behalf of the organizers of the event, Rick requested financial support from the SIC for this year's event. After some discussion among SIC participants, a motion to donate \$2000 to the 2006 Forest Owners Field Day was adopted. The SIC will consider putting a line item in the 2007 budget for landowner education.

Action Item: Teresa Loo to follow-up with event organizers about having an SFI table at the event.

Verifiable Auditing and Monitoring White Paper

In 2004, the WA SIC Chair, John Gorman, and DNR representative, Lenny Young, jointly drafted a white paper describing DNR's forest practices auditing and monitoring program and how this program satisfies the Objective 8 requirement for participants to have a "verifiable auditing or monitoring program in place to evaluate the results of promoting reforestation and use of Best Management Practices within wood supply systems." This white paper is now outdated and in need of an update.

Action Item: *Teresa Loo will work with Lenny Young to update the paper to reflect changes in the standards and DNR program.*

Action Item: *Teresa Loo will email current white paper to SIC participants.*

Contractor Training

Inconsistencies in interpretations of the Objective 10 requirement for contractor training have come to light in several recent audits. At issue is which contractors require training and the difference between "in woods" and "on site". After much discussion, the SIC decided to draft a position statement, seek clarification from the SFB and recommend to the SFB updated language of the July 2000 interpretation of "trained logging crew".

Action Item: *Brian Kernohan will draft the SIC statement.*

Action Item: *Julie Stangell will work with Steve Barnowe-Meyer and Brian Kernohan to draft clarification request and suggested interpretation language.*

Inconsistent Practices

Brad Holt presented a flow chart diagramming a process of how incoming complaints and concerns could be handled. The SIC reviewed the flow chart and made suggestions for minor changes.

Action Item: *Brad Holt to add explanation to accompany flow chart as well as make agreed upon changes.*

G1/G2 and S1/S2 Fact Sheets

Duane Emmons presented two examples of the fact sheets for SIC review and feedback. The SIC thanked Pack Forest for the work they have done on the fact sheets and offered a few suggestions, including revising maps to improve viewing of historic and current ranges, credit source of information, and adding a cover and introduction for print version. Brad Holt reaffirmed Boise's willingness to print a limited number of color copies.

WA SIC Website

Duane Emmons gave the SIC an update on the website progress, presented an example of what the homepage would look like, as well as offered several suggestions for hosting and maintenance. The price for a domain name (WASFI.org) is estimated to cost \$35-45/year. Hosting the website is estimated at \$150/year and would include an email address. A motion was made and approved to let Pack Forest go forward on this project and spend the amounts discussed.

Regional Regeneration Assessments

The existence and availability of statewide or regional regeneration assessments, more recent than the 1992 DNR assessment, is unknown.

Action Item: *Teresa Loo will follow up with Farra Vargas regarding regeneration assessments.*

2006 Budget

Contributions are needed to replenish the SIC budget as we have more project dollars going out this year than we do set aside from last year's budget.

Action Item: *Teresa Loo will ask John Gorman for suggested contribution matrix and will email contribution request to all participants.*

Next Meeting – tentative date and location

November 8, 2006

9:00 am – noon

Port Blakely Tree Farms in Tumwater