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**Washington SFI Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights  
June 4, 2008  
Port Blakely Tree Farms, Tumwater**

Updates on Participant Activities

- Port Blakely: passed surveillance audit with one OFI – re: documentation of calibration records
- Weyerhaeuser: surveillance audit scheduled in two weeks
- Georgia Pacific: surveillance audit scheduled for fall
- Boise Cascade: trim system audit and CoC audits on mills in fall
- Sierra Pacific: certification audit of Centralia mill
- International Forestry Consultants: audit in July
- Stimson: audit in two weeks
- Rayonier: audit one month ago; discussed logging contractor training guidelines on SIC website
- Forest Capital Partners: WA audit next year
- Murphy Company: audit sometime this year
- DNR: Olympic Region surveillance audit completed in May, NW Region audit end of June
- Hancock: passed surveillance audit in early May
- Cascade Hardwood: surveillance audit sometime this year
- Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest: audit end of July

WA Tree Farm Program (WTFP) update

Bryon Loucks from the WTFP attended the SIC meeting and presented an update. WTFP is a member of the American Tree Farm System (ATFS). A sample inspection process is mandatory. In WA, 14 of 28 inspections have been completed to date. Re-inspections occur every 5 years with random sample inspections occurring in between. Expect ATFS to be PEFC endorsed in July. WTFP offers a service to SFI certified mills to verify whether a tree farm is certified under the ATFS. WTFP requests a donation for this service and inquiries can be made to Bryon. Requests for verification of multiple tree farms (bulk request) can be made.

Updates from SIC chair, Julie Stangell

- Julie Stangell and the SIC recognized Teresa for her leadership and two years as the SIC's chair. Julie presented Teresa with a letter of recognition and gift.
- The Feb. 6, 2008 SIC meeting notes were reviewed and adopted.
- The SIC's contact at SFI, Inc. is now Amy Doty.
- Distributed a copy of letter from Kathy Abusow to the Seattle Times editorial staff concerning the 5/23/08 article on DNR's FSC certification. Kathy emphasized the value of being green certified rather than which standard is considered better.
- Julie passed around examples of SFI advertisements the SIC has placed in Seattle Architect, Western Forester, Building Insight Magazine and NW Woodlands. The SIC will be a sponsor at the American Institute of Architects of WA annual meeting this fall. Considering underwriting a National Public Radio segment on KUOW or possibly KPLU. Looking into whether SFI has information on comparisons of media for advertising.

**Action Item: Julie will ask SFI, Inc about the value of radio advertising, polling?**

- Allen Estep (DNR) will evaluate opportunities to expand species accounts and information primarily for small forest landowners.

*Action Item: John will contact John Gamon of DNR's Heritage Program and invite to next SIC meeting to discuss possibility of improving data and links from SIC webpage.*

- Discussed annual donations to SIC rather than asking for donations when we are low on money.

*Action Item: Julie will contact other SICs for examples of how they request funds.*

*Donation requests will go out late summer.*

- Rick Brooker from Longview Timber volunteered to manage the booth at Forest Owners Field Day

*Action Item: Rick to contact Teresa Loo for booth, update booth display as needed*

### Green Building in WA

Pete Heide of WFPA gave a presentation on green building initiatives and movement in WA. Currently, several Implementation Working Groups of the Climate Action Team are drafting plans for green building and reducing green house gas emissions. Green building is continuing to gain momentum and it will be important for SIC members to monitor process especially in ensuring SFI is recognized in these plans. Links:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=39.35D>

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/2008CAT\\_iwg\\_bee.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/2008CAT_iwg_bee.htm)

<http://www.k12.wa.us/SchFacilities/pubdocs/HighPerformanceSchools/WSSPFinalDraft2006.pdf>

<http://cted.wa.gov/site/886/default.aspx>

<http://www.ga.wa.gov/EAS/green/StateGreenBuildingReport-2006.pdf?12.X=\&12.Y=3#Page=5>

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/greenbuilding/Materials.html>

WFPA's government relations group has an upcoming retreat to discuss green building.

*Action item: Invite Jason Metnick for conference call to our next meeting to discuss SFI's participation and activities in green building and if SFI has any green building media/information or videos.*

### SFI standard review

June 2 begins the 60-day public comment period of the SFI 2005-2009 standard as part of the process leading to the SFI 2010-2014 standard. SIC created a subcommittee to take comments from SIC members to organize and present to SFI from the SIC. Brad Holt, Chris Lunde, Kevin Boyd & Julie Stangell will take comments from group and develop proposed input for SIC, Inc..

*Action item all: Send comments to subcommittee members.*

### Support of Mt Baker High School Forestry Program

SIC voted to donate \$1000 and SFI t-shirts to the Mt. Baker HS forestry program to compete in the National forestry competition in Indianapolis.

*Action item: Julie will send donation and have t-shirts made up.*

### **Next SIC Meeting**

October 8, 2008

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Port Blakely Tree Farm in Tumwater

Attachments: SFI, Inc. letter to the editor