



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, Inc.
Kevin	Arneson	Boise Cascade
Jerry	Bonagofsky	WCLA
Rick	Brooker	Longview Timber Company
Candace	Cahill	Rayonier, WFR
Ted	Carlson	Stimson Lumber Co.
Patti	Case	Green Diamond Resource Co.
George	Cave	Port Townsend Paper Corp.
Dennis	Dart	International Forestry Consultants
Bob	Dick	American Forest Resources Council
Bill	Disbrow	Simpson Tacoma Kraft Co, LLC
Duane	Emmons	Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest
Chuck	Gades	Stimson Lumber Co.
Pete	Heide	WFPA
John	Ison	Green Diamond Resource Co.
Michael	Jackson	Assoc. Consulting Foresters
Brian	Kernohan	Forest Capital Partners
Randy	Leutzinger	Kimberly Clark
Chris	Lunde	Port Blakely
Erik	Metcalf	Cascade Hardwood
Adrian	Miller	WFPA
Peggy	Norcutt	Port Townsend Paper Corp.
Patrick	Raymond	Pope Resources
Adam	Small	Simpson Tacoma Kraft Co, LLC
Julie	Stangell	Hancock Natural Resources Group
Tom	Swanson	Green Crow
Scott	Swanson	West Fork Timber Co.
Kathy	Troupe	Longview Fibre Paper & Packaging, Inc
Rob	Vance	Georgia Pacific
Lonnie	Walker	Seirra Pacific Industries

**Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights
Port Blakely Tree Farms, Tumwater
June 2, 2010**

Updates on Participant Activities

- Weyerhaeuser: Audit in July to the new 2010 standard.
- Center for Sustainable Forestry – Pack Forest: Dropping certification and laying off staff by year end due to budget issues.
- G.P.: They audited the Carolinas to the new 2010 standard. Not due on the West yet.
- Pope Resources: Hood’s Canal Farm in August
- Green Crow: Surveillance audit
- International Forestry: Moving to a group certification for the landowners they work with instead of individual certificates. Their audit is in June and will encompass 54,000 acres.
- Port Townsend: Surveillance audit December.
- Green Diamond: Passed April audit to the 2010 standard.
- Rayonier: Will audit to the new standard.
- Boise Cascade: CoC surveillance audit June 21 for Western Oregon.
- Stimson: Surveillance audit September.
- Port Blakely: Passed audit to 2010 standard in May.
- Simpson Kraft: Passed audit to 2009 standard.
- Longview Timber: Audit to 2009 standard.
- Sierra Pacific Industries: Next audit spring 2011.
- Hancock Forest Management: July 12 to new standard.
- Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging, Inc: Surveillance audit in August.

Approval of Minutes from February Meeting

Two small changes for the February minutes: p.3 second bullet should read “American Loggers Council” not “American Loggers Association.” And, p.2 Bob Dick’s replacement should read “Jacob Groves” not “Jacob Graves.”

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from February. Minutes were approved. (Changes made and minutes posted to web site)

Lessons learned with new standard

- 14.2.2 International Labor Organizations. New standard requires company policy for worker’s right to organize. Two companies have had this come up in their audits.
- New Standard – requires on-site credited individual on job sites. Debate over what is and is not “on-site.”
- One of the audits, the auditors were quizzing the foresters if they knew the bmps and forest practices act for their state. Also scrutinizing the PO’s to find terminology defining “deminimus” volume.
- Debate over “certified” vs. “trained” loggers.
- Will put this item on the agenda again for October when more companies will have completed audits to the new standard.

Update from SFI, Inc., Nadine Block Senior Director, Government Outreach.

- SFI needs to raise awareness of SFI program at government level.
- SICs – strengthen state level advocacy and even up to federal level issues.

- Most important issue now is green building – LEEDS inclusive approach.
 - Green Building Council is going to release 4th draft of benchmarks open for public comment.
 - There will be a Webinar specifically for all SICs June 23rd. All SICs are encouraged to participate.
- Nadine asked all SIC members to pass along upcoming legislation within our state as it relates to SFI issues.

Update from Bob Dick, AFRC

- DNR will evaluate FSC certification upon completion of the forest land planning efforts. Per Bob, choosing FSC certification will cause two things to happen:
 - FSC will be a tremendous added cost to certify and can the state afford it?
 - Production from state lands could drop 20-30% which would have a significant impact to the forest industry.
- AFRC has hired a Dr. Don Reimer (sp) to estimate cost to the DNR to FSC certify DNR lands in an effort to supply the DNR with real data. The Commissioner of Public Lands will get to review this study first, then AFRC intends to make the study public.
- Jacob Groves will be Bob's replacement.
- Congratulated Bob on his retirement and many years of service to the forest products industry.

Community Outreach

The Outreach Committee laid ground rules for the SIC priorities in the new standard. A brainstorming session was held to generate ideas for public outreach. The Outreach Committee will evaluate ideas and come back to the group with cost data in October. Contact Chris Lunde for a list of the brainstorming ideas or to join the Outreach subcommittee. Brian Kernohan volunteered to do a follow-up strategic plan as needed to look long term for the SIC.

Family Forest Owners Field Day – Mike Jackson volunteered to distribute SFI materials at his company's booth on July 31st.

SFI Annual Meeting and Habitat Build

SFI annual meeting will be September 21-23 in Vancouver B.C. Let Julie know if you are planning on attending.

The Western Canada SIC chair, Ian DeLisle, asked for a donation from individual companies and the Washington SIC for a Habitat build to take place in Vancouver B.C. Habitat for Humanity plans on building six homes. SFI building products needed: Framing materials, plywood, flooring materials.

There will be a joint meeting with the Western Canadian SIC and the Washington SIC to discuss mutual concerns and ideas.

DNR Participation in Logger Training Update

Washington Contract Logger Association is looking for the DNR to provide someone for the fall training. Not sure the DNR will provide assistance due to resource constraints. Last session the WCLA had to hire someone at a cost of over \$2,000 to provide some of the training content.

Oregon SIC Approval of Logger Training to Certification Status

Update provided by Chris Jarmer.

- Rex Storm sent the Oregon SIC a proposal to recognize the OPL as a certified logger in the new SFI standard.
- The Oregon SIC has approved the OPL program as meeting the new standard definition for certified logger. The SIC has deemed the third party verification requirements are met through OSHA visits, state forester visits, and other over site adequate to meet this requirement.
- Brad Holt, chair of the Oregon SIC, will send letters to Oregon SIC members in support of the certified logger for use as back up during audits.
- As yet, there is no proposal from the WCLA to recognize the Washington trained loggers as certified.

SFI Brochures

Angela created a PDF of a color SFI tri-fold brochure that has been formatted to print on most printers. Individual labels can then be used to customize the brochure.

Update Washington Position Papers to Reflect New Standard

Duane from WSU, who is maintaining the Washington SIC website, has volunteered to update the position papers to reflect language in the new SFI standard. Patty from Green Diamond has volunteered to assist.

2010 Budget

Julie has e-mailed this year's SIC contribution letter. E-mail is a much easier process.

- Motion was made, seconded, and approved to spend up to \$500 to mail booth supplies and giveaways from SFI as needed throughout the year, starting with the Family Forest Owners Field Day July 31.
- Motion was made, seconded, and approved to donate \$500 plus \$100 for t-shirts for the Mt. Baker high school students to attend the national FFA Forestry Program event.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved for the Washington SIC to donate \$2,000 to the Habitat build in Vancouver B.C.

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS

- All SIC members to pass along upcoming legislation within our state as it relates to SFI issues to Nadine at SFI.
- Submit input to USGBC 4th public comment period.
- Let Julie know if you are planning on attending the annual SFI meeting in September.
- Please send in your SIC contributions.

Next WA SIC Meeting

October 6, 2010

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Port Blakely Tree Farm in Tumwater