



Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

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Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights June 7, 2011

SIC Meeting Attendance

Michael	Jackson	Assoc. Consulting Foresters
Kevin	Arneson	Boise Cascade
Richard	Lane	Boise Inc.
Allen	Estep	WA Dept. of Natural Resources
Brian	Kernohan	Forest Capital Partners
Rob	Vance	Georgia Pacific
Tammy	Mazzetti	Georgia Pacific
Harry	Bell	Green Crow
John	Ison	Green Diamond Resource Co.
Julie	Stangell	Hancock Forest Management
Kathy	Troupe	Longview Fibre Paper & Packaging, Inc
Patrick	Raymond	Olympic Resource Management
Lee	Spencer	Plum Creek
Chris	Lunde	Port Blakely
Peggy	Norcutt	Port Townsend Paper Corp.
Rick	Helman	Professional Forestry Services
Kyle	Williams	Rayonier PRU
Eric	Haller	Simpson Lumber Co.
Chuck	Gades	Stimson Lumber Co.
Jerry	Bonagofsky	WCLA
Terry	Alexander	Weyerhaeuser
Pete	Heide	WFPA
Doug	Hooks	WFPA
Mark	Petruncio	Yakama Nation

Meeting was called to order at 09:05.

Updates on Participant Activities

- Green Crow: has two clients that are SFI certified, one was audited in February encompassing 14,000 acres
- Yakama Nation: October surveillance audit
- Green Diamond: April surveillance audit, had 2 OFIs and 2 NPs
- Boise Cascade: procurement audit in summer including chain of custody
- Stimson Lumber Co: recertification audit in August
- Longview Fibre: surveillance audit in August
- Georgia Pacific: procurement audit of Washington sites in October and all of the chain of custody
- Port Townsend Paper Corp: procurement audit in November
- Olympic Resource Management: surveillance audit of the Oregon properties soon
- Port Blakely: one minor non-conformance concerning the Oregon logger program, it didn't meet the certified logging professional criteria.
- WA Dept. of Natural Resources: surveillance audit next week reviewing their NW and Olympic Regions
- Forest Capital Partners: no audits in Washington, but Idaho lands audit later this summer
- Rayonier PRU: had a nationwide audit that turned out good
- Plum Creek: next year is a full audit
- Simpson Lumber Co: recertified in December with one NP
- Weyerhaeuser: recertified last year,
- Hancock Forest Management: surveillance audit of Snoqualmie properties in July

Mark Petruncio of the Yakama Nation had a question about what other landowners are doing with spill kits. Hancock mentioned there are different types of spill kits that cover different spill amounts, but the operator needs to know how to use the kits. Hancock also requires kits to be on all vehicles. Weyerhaeuser requires spill kits on all vehicles that go off the road.

The minutes from the February 9, 2011 SIC meeting were reviewed and approved.

Kevin Arneson of Boise Cascade thanked the SIC in supporting the Northwest Natural Resources Institute's (NNRI) bid for a grant through the SFI Inc. Grant Program which NNRI received. NNRI fosters a better understanding of natural resources by educating teachers and students.

WA SIC Governance and Organization Conclusions

The proposed governance organization of the SIC was approved through electronic (email) ballot. There were a few members that could not fill the requirements of the proposal. Reiterating the proposal:

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

Brian Kernohan (Forest Capital Partners) is now the SIC Chair with Eric Haller (Simpson Lumber Co.) acting as Vice Chair. Allen Estep (WADNR) continues as Secretary. Brian and Eric will begin to look at modifying the SIC bylaws to accommodate this Governance structure. There were no objections to reviewing and proposing modifications to the SIC bylaws at the next meeting.

Scheduled SIC Leadership Rotation			
	Company		Company
1	Forest Capital Partners, LLC	15	Canyon Lumber Co.
2	Simpson Lumber Company, LLC	16	Sierra Pacific Industries
3	Plum Creek	17	Olympic Resource Management
4	Nippon Paper	18	Yakama Nation
5	Georgia Pacific	19	Hampton Resources Inc.
6	Boise, Inc.	20	Washington Alder, LLC
7	Green Crow	21	WA Dept. of Natural Resources
8	Longview Timberlands	22	Rayonier, Inc.
9	International Forestry Consultants	23	Ponderay Newsprint Company
10	Stimson Lumber	24	Port Townsend Paper Co.
11	Weyerhaeuser Company	25	Green Diamond
12	Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging, Inc.	26	Port Blakely
13	Simpson Tacoma Kraft	27	Hancock Forest Management
14	Boise Cascade, LLC		

SIC Governance Document from SFI, Inc.

SFI Inc. has published a draft SIC Governance and Structure White Paper that is a supplement to the current SIC Governance document from September 2009. It was developed to provide SICs guidance and best practices ensuring effective and efficient SIC administration for committees struggling with governance, structure and participation issues. It also demonstrates the value of relationships between SICs and forestry associations. It is available on the SFI website under the SIC members link. For transparency purposes and clarifying relationships, the WA SIC may want to approach WFPA to formalize the relationship with a Memorandum of Understanding.

Miscellaneous and Other Business

- The new Olympia Hands On Children’s Museum will be able pursue Green Globes certification for the new construction. The necessary \$7500 was raised

to pursue the certification. Phase 1 is progressing and a manager has been hired for the certification evaluation.

- SIC website: Could we have a current events section on the website where we could put event dates; for example WCLA training or Family Forest Field Days etc.? If SIC members would like to add something, send it through Brian Kernohan to have posted to the website.
- Updating the verifiable monitoring white paper from Forest Practices. Allen Estep will send the draft document and communications to date to Brian Kernohan to help facilitate Forest Practices updating the document.
- Mt. Baker High School competed in the State's FFA forestry program and has won 5th year in a row. The School appreciates the donations the SIC has made. Julie will follow-up with Mt. Baker to see if the shirts and monetary donations are helpful.
- The WCLA training program has been updated to include everything in the new SFI Standard. The SIC website has the WCLA Master Logger Program training curriculum posted with the WCLA letterhead. There is interpretation guidance from SFI Inc. on who needs to be trained and what constitutes a qualified logging professional including on-site responsibilities. See "Use of Qualified Resource and Qualified Logging Professionals" at:
http://www.sfiprogram.org/files/pdf/Interpretations_2010-2014_Requirements.pdf
A question was asked about whether operators that are removing hog fuel need to be trained. Discussion that we should have any operators that are "turning dirt" should be trained. If removing biomass, then should get the operator trained. Brian Kernohan suggested we should expand this discussion at the next SIC meeting to discuss this topic and sub-contractors and other types of operators.
- A company's internal trainings can be tracked through the WCLA training records for continual training. Company just needs to submit to WCLA the training and names of trainees.
- Inconsistent Practices Complaint
 - Terry Alexander of Weyerhaeuser recused himself from the upcoming discussion on an inconsistent practices complaint to the SIC concerning the Weyerhaeuser Company. He left the meeting at 10:15, prior to any discussion.
 - The Washington Forest Law Center (WFLC) has appealed an earlier complaint to Weyerhaeuser. The original complaint was submitted on behalf of the Sierra Club alleging "irresponsible logging on steep and unstable slopes". A response from Weyerhaeuser and its Certifying Body asserted that Weyerhaeuser was consistent with the Standard. WFLC's next recourse is to lodge a complaint of inconsistent practices to the SIC, which they have done.
 - The SIC has contacted WFLC that it is reviewing the complaint and will respond within another 30 days.
 - Brian Kernohan is requesting that a small group of SIC members evaluate the request. Julie Stangell agreed to volunteer with Brian and evaluate

the complaint. If 2-3 more members are willing to volunteer, please contact Brian. It would be nice to have some non-landowner members.

- An option is to have an independent third party review the complaint. Depending on the cost, the SIC could vote on allocating funds for an independent reviewer or request some special funds from members to cover the cost.

2011 Budget

- The budget is getting low, it's at \$1540.
- The WA Tree Farm commitment has not yet been paid.
- The advertising commitments are a function of when they come due, they will be paid.
- Contribution letters will be mailed out. A suggestion was made that email would work fine. The membership agreed that emailing would be fine.

The next meeting dates will be October 19, 2011 and February 8, 2012.

Next Washington SIC Meeting

October 19, 2011

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Port Blakely Tree Farms in Tumwater