



Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

Washington SFI State Implementation Committee
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Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Final Meeting Highlights June 5, 2013

SIC MEETING ATTENDEES		
NAME		COMPANY
Dennis	Dart	American Forest Management
Dan	Thomas	American Forest Management
Michael	Jackson	Association of Consulting Foresters
Kevin	Arneson	Boise Cascade Company
Nicole	Meredith	Boise, Inc. (Wallula, WA) (via phone)
Harry	Bell	Forest Investments Associates (FIA)
Brad	Norris	Georgia Pacific (via phone)
John	Ison	Green Diamond Resource Co.
Eric	Jacoby	Hampton Tree Farms
Julie	Stangell	Hancock Forest Management
Kathy	Troupe	Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging, Inc.
Adrian	Miller	Longview Timber Corporation
Patrick	Raymond	Olympic Resource Management
Lee	Spencer	Plum Creek
Chris	Lunde	Port Blakely Tree Farm
George	Cave	Port Townsend Paper Corp.
John	Northey	Port Townsend Paper Corp.
Kevin	Pilemalm	Rayonier
David	Marshall	Sierra Pacific Industries

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Erik	Davis	Stimson Lumber Co.
Jim	Hansen	The Campbell Group LLC
Lislie	Sayers	WA State Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
Terry	Alexander	Weyerhaeuser
Ryan	Spencer	Yakama Nation
Doug	Olney	Yakama Forest Products

The meeting was called to order by Lee Spencer, Chair, at 9:00 AM. Lislie Sayers, DNR, will be taking the notes for the meeting.

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:

- Plum Creek: audit free at this time
- Sierra Pacific Industries: recently completed a surveillance audit
- Hancock Forest Management: undergoing a recertification audit in July
- Olympic Resource Management: undergoing a recertification audit in June
- Port Blakely Tree Farm: recently completed a recertification audit; received three NPs (notable practice), zero OFIs (opportunity for improvement), and zero NCs (non-conformance). This makes their first audit without any NCs or OFIs
- Hampton Tree Farms: undergoing a recertification audit in September
- American Forest Management: recently completed a recertification audit; received one NP (notable practice), and one OFI (opportunity for improvement). They recently switched third-party auditing firms to Bureau Veritas Certification North America, Inc. Their experience with the new auditing firm was great
- WA Department of Natural Resources (DNR): recently completed a surveillance audit in May of the Northeast and Southeast Regions; received zero NPs (notable practice), zero OFIs (opportunity for improvement), and one NC (non-conformance) related to DNR's eastside sustainable harvest calculation
- Yakama Forest Products: undergoing a fibre sourcing audit in October
- Boise Cascade Company: recently completed a surveillance audit; results pending
- Longview Fibre Paper & Packaging, Inc.: undergoing a surveillance audit in July
- Longview Timber Corporation: undergoing a surveillance audit in August
- Weyerhaeuser: undergoing recertification on two tree farms and fiber sourcing group in Oregon, and one tree farm in Washington in July

- Port Townsend Paper Corp: undergoing a surveillance for fibre sourcing in December
- Rayonier: undergoing a surveillance audit in October
- The Campbell Group LLC: undergoing two surveillance audits in August
- Stimson Lumber: undergoing a surveillance audit in July
- Green Crow: have clients that are undergoing recertification audits
- Green Diamond: completed a recertification audit in April; received one NPs (notable practice) related to electronic documentation, two OFIs (opportunity for improvement), and zero NCs (non-conformance)
- Boise Inc.: undergoing a recertification of multiple sites in July

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the February 6, 2013 meeting minutes as distributed via email May 17, 2013. The motion was seconded and approved.

Budget:

An updated budget was distributed to the group for the revenue and expenditure period ending May 31, 2013. Agenda items include a review of the 2013 income/expenses to date, status on other remaining budgeted expenses, and new ideas for expense opportunities.

- Contributions from SIC members are continuing to coming in; \$17500 has been received to date for 2013.
- Total revenue for 2013 is approximately \$42000 with total expenditures being around \$23000.
- Expenditures include two new items; ½ page advertisement in Washington's Big Game Hunting Seasons & Regulations April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014 publication (page 6) and a contribution to the WCLA (Washington Contract Loggers Association) Logger/Forester Training program.
- Currently there is approximately \$7000 in the budget that's not spent. In addition, member contributions are continuing to come in that are not yet accounted for.
- SIC members discussed possible ways to spend the additional funds including scholarships for forestry students, donations to schools and/or organizations in support of forestry, and additional advertising.
- It was noted that the funding approved at the last meeting for Boy Scouts of America may or may not come to fruition. Kathy Troupe will send Lee Spencer information on this subject.
- A question was raised on the status of the National Education Association (NEA) ad approved at the last meeting. It was noted that Lee Spencer will check with Eric Haller, who was not in attendance, regarding the status.
- A motion was made to contribute \$3000 to Future Farmers of America (FFA) consisting of three (3) \$1000 scholarship awards. A subcommittee was developed consisting of Adrian Miller, Longview Timber Corporation and David Marshall, Sierra Pacific Industries. The subcommittee will develop a short list of criteria and bring back to the SIC (October 2013 meeting) for approval which will be submitted to FFA along with the contribution. The motion was seconded and approved.
- A motion was made to contribute \$1000 to the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation (AgForestry), a leadership development program for adults working within and connected to Washington State's agriculture, forestry, and fishing industries, as a sustaining member and contingent upon available funds. The motion was seconded and approved.

- It was noted that the SIC received a thank you from Stevens County Conservation District (coordinator of the event) for being a financial sponsor in the WA State FFA Forestry Contest.

Other Business:

- SAF Annual Meeting Report – Lee Spencer (SFI SIC Display and promotional material distribution). Most of the crowd was aware of SFI. Received overall good feedback.
- Longview City Earth Day – Kathy Troupe (SFI SIC Display and promotional material distribution): Most of the crowd consisted of parents and children looking for handouts. Conversations were not very in-depth. The display was nice. The SIC received a thank you card from Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging's marketing department to thank the SIC for loaning them the traveling display for the event.
- SFI Resource & Media Page <http://www.sfiprogram.org/resources-media/>. Discussion focused around resources found on this page.
- The group briefly discussed the recent Forest Ethics complaint against SFI, Inc., the outreach efforts Kathy Troupe made to companies listed in the article and their response of unintended negativity portrayed against SFI in the article.
- Website Update: The discussion focused around whether or not the SIC member list has been updated on the website and the potential of utilizing a scan code for SIC purposes.
 - Lee Spenser will ensure that the SIC member list is updated.
 - Lislie Sayers will discuss scan codes with Duane Emmons (SIC webmaster) and get back to Lee Spenser.
- American Tree Farm System (ATFS) / WA Tree Farm Committee Report – Harry Bell:
 - It was noted that there is continued concern on how the Tree Farm Program at the national level will be self-sustaining.
 - WA State is participating in the dues program which may result in a decrease in landowners maintaining ATFS certification.
 - WA has opted in for 3rd party certification.
 - 2012 Inspection Results include 114 completed inspections (21 new, 6 pioneers, 73 re-certifications, and 14 de-certifications). De-certifications were due to letting their certificate lapse. It was noted that new landowners were mostly intergenerational. It was noted that there are approximately 700-800 Tree Farms in WA State.
 - There was a brief discussion about pulp mills in the south moving toward FSC certification which has been a big change in the last 12-18 months.
 - Rick Dunning is retiring July 1st.
 - Nikki Dizon is the part-time Administrative Assistant.
 - The group discussed fundraising efforts. SIC requested information on the solicitation for donations from Harry and that he come back to the SIC at the October 2, 2013 meeting with a proposal on how the funds will be used. The SIC requested an acknowledgment of sponsorship in the newsletter in return.
 - Next WA ATFS meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2013.
- SFI Standard Revision Process:
 - The SFI Standard Review Process opened up for public comment on June 5, 2013 for a 60-day comment period which ends August 6, 2013. During this period, respondents suggest improvements to the current SFI 2010-2014 Standard program requirements.
 - The second public comment period begins in January 2014 to solicit comments on a working draft of proposed SFI 2015-2019 program requirements.

- SIC encourages landowners to participate in the SFI Standard Review Process.

Upcoming Events:

- Forest Landowners Field Day June 22 - Kevin Arneson: DNR's Small Forest Landowner's Office will be sponsoring Forest and Range Owners Filed Days. Kevin Arneson, Boise Cascade Company will be manning the SFI SIC booth on June 22nd in Tonasket.
- Other Outreach Opportunities:
 - Kathy Troupe brought the group several boxes of the Sustainable Forestry Practices for Landowners in Washington Brochure and encouraged participants to take some.

Vice Chairman Change:

- The new SIC Vice-Chairman will be Brian Norris of Georgia Pacific, not Steve Witherspoon.

Meeting Information:

- Next meeting; October 2, 2013 - Port Blakely office in Tumwater
- Future meeting proposed; February 5, 2014
- Lee Spencer noted that he'd be distributing the draft notes for comment. Lislie Sayers agreed to provide a draft to Lee within two weeks.

SIC Implementation Committee Access:

The SFI Implementation Committee member's page provides SFI Implementation Committee members with online resources to help carry out individual educational, operational and promotional activities. All SIC partners are welcome to use these materials and are encouraged to let SFI know what else might be useful.

To access this information:

- go to www.sfiprogram.org
- click on Members Area (top of page)
- click on SFI Implementation Committees (right of page)
- enter User Name: implementation
- enter Password: sfi4156

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM