



## Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

Washington SFI State Implementation Committee  
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### Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Final Meeting Highlights June 4, 2014

| SIC MEETING ATTENDEES |              |  |
|-----------------------|--------------|--|
| NAME                  |              | COMPANY  |
| Dan                   | Thomas       | American Forest Management                     |
| Michael               | Jackson      | Association of Consulting Foresters            |
| Rick                  | Hanson       | Boise Cascade Company                          |
| Judy                  | Haney        | Boise Inc. PAC                                 |
| Jim                   | Hansen       | Campbell Global                                |
| Doug                  | Meekins      | Campbell Global                                |
| Brian                 | Norris       | Georgia Pacific                                |
| Harry                 | Bell         | Green Crow Corporation                         |
| Bonnie                | Jones        | Hampton Affiliates                             |
| Kathy                 | Troupe       | KapStone Kraft Paper                           |
| Rob                   | Vance        | Pacific Fibre Products                         |
| Lee                   | Spencer      | Plum Creek                                     |
| Chris                 | Lunde        | Port Blakely Tree Farm                         |
| David                 | Marshall Jr. | Sierra Pacific Industries                      |
| Lisa                  | Perry        | Sierra Pacific Industries                      |
| Nathan                | Brence       | Simpson Lumber Company                         |
| Doug                  | Hooks        | WA Forest Protection Association               |
| Lislie                | Sayers       | WA State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) |
| Terry                 | Alexander    | Weyerhaeuser                                   |

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| NAME                  |           | COMPANY                |
| Doug                  | Olney     | Yakama Forest Products |
| JD                    | Mann      | Yakama Forest Products |
| Mark                  | Petruncio | Yakama Nation          |

The meeting was called to order by Brian Norris, Chair, at 9:05 AM.

**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; some participants updated the group on recent activities:

- American Forest Management: recently completed a surveillance audit; received one minor NC (non-conformance) related to registered trade mark use
- Association of Consulting Foresters: n/a
- Boise Cascade Company: audit scheduled in Oregon this summer
- Boise Inc. PAC: performed a three system chain-of-custody recertification audit
- Campbell Global: n/a
- Georgia Pacific: audit scheduled for next month
- Green Crow Corporation: audit free
- Hampton Affiliates: Completed Chain of Custody audit in April for operations in British Columbia, and a recertification is scheduled for Oregon in 2015
- KapStone Kraft Paper: audit scheduled within the next two weeks
- Pacific Fibre Products: n/a
- Plum Creek: audit free
- Port Blakely Tree Farms: recently audited receiving two NPs (notable practice) for Oregon operations one OFI (opportunity for improvement) related to gap in water management systems
- Sierra Pacific Industries: concluded Washington chain-of-custody audit. California scheduled for July
- Simpson Lumber Company: Washington chain-of-custody audit scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
- WA Forest Protection Association: n/a
- WA Department of Natural Resources (DNR): surveillance audit scheduled for second week in June with documentation review at the Department’s Headquarters in Olympia and field verification in Olympic (Forks) and Northwest (Sedro Woolley) Regions
- Weyerhaeuser: audit scheduled in July for operations and fiber sourcing
- Yakama Nation and Yakama Forest Products (a Yakama Nation Enterprise): audit(s) scheduled for August

**Guest Speaker – Pacific Education Institute (PEI):** Dr. Margaret Tudor, Executive Director; Breanna Trygg, Environmental Education Program Director; and Shannon Michlitsch, Development Director,

discussed how the SIC could participate in supporting the healthy, sustainable resource that enriches our environment, our culture, and our economy by partnering with PEI in their commitment to further strengthening their program and extending their reach to an increased number of students and schools within Washington State. Using the environment as a context, the PEI provides schools and teachers with tools and support to help students become socially and scientifically literate citizens, adept at critical thinking.

Margaret and Breanna began by giving a presentation about PEI, distributed handouts about PEI and other published educational materials they're partnering with including but not limited to Project Learning Tree (PLT) with Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA) and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The three representatives referred to the letter of proposal distributed to Brian Norris, WA SIC Chair, for consideration. Ultimately, the committee made a motion to support PEI. That discussion can be found below in the Budget section of the highlights.

### **Approval of Highlights (Feb 5, 2014 meeting)**

A motion was made to approve the February 5, 2014 meeting highlights as amended. The motion was seconded, and approved. Amendments include:

- Dan Thomas reported on the [Mount Baker Council Boy Scouts of America Annual Celebration Dinner & Auction](#). The Boy Scouts initially quoted a cost of \$500 to host a silent auction room but the actual cost was \$1200. The chair approved a contribution of \$750, and the Boy Scouts waived the remainder. The event was very well attended and raised over ~~\$200,000~~ \$125,000. The WASIC was featured in the [auction book](#) and was mentioned on numerous occasions throughout the event.
  - The amount raised was \$125,000, not \$200,000.
- The creation of an SFI scholarship was discussed. David Marshall, Kathy Troupe and Duane Emmons will form a sub-committee to investigate development and advertising of the scholarship and will draft scholarship criteria.
  - Lislie Sayers (WA DNR) and Lisa Perry (Sierra Pacific Industries) were later added to the sub-committee.

Lislie will update the final February highlights to reflect the amendments and send final to Brian.

### **Budget / Financial Update:**

The 2014 budget, approved at the February meeting, was distributed to the group for the revenue and expenditure period ending May 31, 2014.

- The chair reported that 2014 contributions from members were not final and is expecting additional funds to be received. Representatives from member companies that had not yet contributed agreed to check the status of their contributions to ensure funds will be submitted to WA SIC.
- Lee Spencer distributed the Washington Hunting Regulations advertisement to the committee. (Note: the cost of this advertisement is located in the 2014 budget within the Landowner/Public Outreach-Other non-forestry publications). The committee requested that Lee research the cost of advertising in the Fishing Regulations guide and report back to the group.
- Brian distributed the letter of proposal that Pacific Education Institute (PEI) submitted suggesting that WA SIC contribute to their program(s). The letter outlined two funding options and explained the impact that the WA SIC could make to their program(s). 1) PLT (Project Learning Tree) Workshop - \$1,500 or 2) PLT Facilitator Retreat - \$2,400. The committee had

discussions about how SIC would be recognized and the difference in the contribution levels. A motion was made to contribute \$2,000 to the Pacific Education Institute, requesting that they recognize the WA SIC in their “communications.” The motion was seconded, and approved. The \$2,000 will be a line item in the 2014 budget under Other Outreach.

- SAF Working Forest Workshop (line item in budget \$1,000) is expected to take place mid-November, 2014. The goal is to educate high level decision makers within WA State about working forests. It’s a one-day workshop and the SIC display will be in attendance. ☺
- A motion was made to distribute \$1,000 to AgForestry Leadership Program. The motion was seconded, and approved. It’s currently listed in the 2014 budget as on-hold.
- A motion was made to distribute \$1,000 to the winner of the 2014 WA SIC Scholarship based on the decision of the scholarship sub-committee. The motion was seconded, and approved. This item is listed in the 2014 budget as SIC Scholarship Fund. It was agreed that Lisa Perry would inform Brian Norris once the sub-committee has made a decision of who they selected to receive the scholarship.
- The committee viewed a video promoting SFI, produced (paid for) by MN SIC. Brian indicated that WA SIC could partner with Oregon Forest Resource Institute to produce a WA SIC video. A motion was made to spend \$500 on the production of a WA SIC video promoting SFI. The motion was seconded, and approved. Brian will gather more information and distribute out to the committee as things progress. This will be added to Landowner/Public Outreach in the budget.

#### **Other Business:**

- **Website updates and member lists**  
The chair stressed the importance of updating the email contact list and list of members so that information reaches the appropriate individuals. Members - Please ensure that Brian has the most up-to-day contact information for your company.
- **American Tree Farm Update**  
Harry Bell gave a brief update of the [Washington Tree Farm Program](#) and the challenges that states may face as standards are reviewed and choices made in relationship to states being deemed as “certified”, meaning third-party review of managed lands or “recognized”, meaning adhering to the standard but without third-party review. Harry also noted that control of noxious weeds outlined in the standard may pose as an obstacle for land managers in the future. Harry noted that the American Tree Farm has employed one part-time staff person and is expected to hire another part-time staff person in the future. Harry noted that WA SIC contribution is much appreciated.
- **SFI Standard Review**  
A brief discussion on SFI Standard review timeline took place. Questions related to the sections within the upcoming revised standard on Indigenous rights took place and lack of communication and or understanding about the language and expectations of landowners. Lislle Sayers agreed to contact Jason Metnick, SFI Inc., to obtain insight on the latest approved SFI language related to Indigenous people and the SFI Program Standard. Lislle will communicate with the committee once further information is obtained.
- **SFI National Community Funds Grant**  
A brief discussion about working with the foundation to promote the link to SFI-certified land when promoting use of the grant took place. A suggestion was made to recommend the Pacific Logging Conference Working Forest Day for SW WA kids.
- **SIC Display**

Doug Olney will have the display July 18<sup>th</sup>.

- **Leadership Changes**

It was mentioned that leadership changes take place by calendar year. However, after reviewing the SIC Organization information established in 2011, outlined in a PowerPoint presentation, the Chair and Vice-Chair hold their position for one year and the Secretary two years. 2014/2015 terms are as follows:

Brian Norris, Georgia Pacific – Chair  
Judy Haney, Boise Inc. – Vice Chairman  
Lislie Sayers, WA DNR – Secretary

**Meeting Information:**

- Next meeting: October 22, 2014 - Port Blakely Tree Farms, Tumwater, WA
- Future meeting: February 4, 2015 - Port Blakely Tree Farms, Tumwater, WA

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM

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