



Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

Washington SFI State Implementation Committee
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SIC Meeting Attendance:

Darrel	Alvord	Hampton Resources, Inc.
Kevin	Arneson	Boise Cascade
Jerry	Bonagofsky	WCLA
Nathan	Brence	Simpson Lumber Co.
Candace	Cahill	Rayonier, WFR
George	Cave	Port Townsend Paper Corp.
Dennis	Dart	International Forestry Consultants
Allen	Estep	DNR
Jim	Hansen	The Campbell group
Pete	Heide	WFPA
Michael	Jackson	Assoc. Consulting Foresters
Chris	Lunde	Port Blakely
Erik	Metcalf	Cascade Hardwood
Mark	Petruncio	Yakama Nation
Wade	Pierce	Stimson Lumber Co.
Lee	Spencer	Plum Creek
Julie	Stangell	Hancock Forest Management
Tom	Swanson	Green Crow
Kathy	Troupe	Longview Fibre Paper & Packaging, Inc
Rob	Vance	Georgia Pacific
Lonnie	Walker	Sierra Pacific Industries

**Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights
Port Blakely Tree Farms, Tumwater
October 6, 2010**

Updates on Participant Activities

- WA Dept. of Natural Resources: audit in June
- International Forestry Consultants: audit in June; 6 new clients added to group certification
- Hampton Resources Inc: audit in July
- Campbell Group: certification audit in May
- Port Blakely: audit in April
- Simpson: audit in November, northeast and southeast lands
- Plum Creek: audit next year
- Rayonier: WA state audit in May, integrating audits and tree farms
- Boise Cascade: procurement audit to the new standard, had some questions on forests with exceptional conservation values and how to display this commitment if all you do is buy timber
- Port Townsend Paper Corp: audit in November
- Georgia Pacific: CoC audit for Camas mill, full audit next fall
- Cascade Hardwood: not SFI certified at this time
- Longview Fibre Paper & Packaging Inc: procurement certification in August
- Yakama Nation: certification audit next week
- Stimson: surveillance audit next year
- Sierra Pacific Industries: procurement audit in April
- Hancock Forest Management: audit in July, next year will be an audit in July for the western lands and an audit in August for the southern lands

Review of Minutes from June 2 Meeting

- Clarification to AFRC comments on DNR's FSC certification. Allen Estep added that DNR will evaluate opportunities for expanding FSC certification as forest land planning (plans) is completed and if beneficial to the Agency.
- Minutes approved.

Discussion of Audit Lessons Learned and Implementing New Standard

- Biomass operations need a trained logger on site. Port Blakely wrote in their contract that the operator needs training but they have some time to achieve this. Operators could be supervised by a trained logger.
- If a program participant primarily purchases stumpage, must still have a formal program for evaluating Forests with Exceptional Conservation Values and where volume is coming from – if it's from an FECV or not. A generic letter to the landowner was not enough for the auditor. It isn't as much of a problem for WA State procurement, but can be in other parts of the nation.

Green Building Update – Allison Welde from SFI Inc

- USGBC is reviewing previous comments to the proposed changes to their LEED rating system.
- SFI submitted extensive comments with a campaign to get support including 11 governors and 79 congressional members from 35 states and a petition with over 6,000 signatures. There's been national and international media work and trade events like the graphic arts event – pushed message for inclusiveness in the LEED Benchmarks.
- There will be no more comment periods. The Benchmarks will be final after they're voted on and if approved – likely in November.
- SFI would undergo an assessment on whether they meet the Benchmarks next year.
- LEED will begin a review in 2011 of the Materials and Resources Credits, so this process could start again.
- As a member of USGBC, SFI will likely vote No on the LEED Benchmarks as they're currently written.
- Nadine Block of SFI is conducting a lot of government outreach. She also leads SFI's activities related to carbon issues and there may be some future opportunities for the SICs to participate more in bio-energy.

SFI Annual Meeting

- Julie moderated a meeting with the Western US SICs (OR, WA, CA, AK) where they reviewed the SIC governance.
- It would be beneficial to have a brochure for western-wide website references for guidance on logger training, species information and other forms of help the SICs can provide, but at a regional level. There could be a template to fill out state specific information. Could use it to send to customers or other landowners.
- Yakama Indian Nation is pursuing SFI certification.
- SFI Webinars are very good and valuable. Could be expanded to more specific topics that could help certified companies to meet the Standard.
- Hope to concentrate on regional issues, e.g. use of wood from lands being converted.
- Chris Lunde mentioned that it appears that we're losing ground on market share in wood use in single family dwellings.
- Pete Heide mentioned that there is increased certification and logo usage – this generation is buying on a cause.
- Rob Vance mentioned that maybe there's an opportunity to combine some of the SICs or functions. He heard that Idaho's system of logger training is faltering.
- Julie also attended the Western Canada SIC conference. She heard similar conversations on public outreach and brochures. They have their own brochure.
- We donated to the Habitat for Humanity and next year's build will be in Canada.

Community Outreach

- Discussion on SIC's role and objectives for community outreach. Conducted by the Outreach Committee. The common denominator is how to disseminate information to the public.
- SFI Inc. has expectations for the SIC. Looked at SIC work plan recommendations.
- Could a regional SFI brochure take care of most of the messaging on the list?
- Maybe we need to prioritize 1 to 3 subjects and concentrate on those.
- Can we record and track when an individual company provides public outreach to be counted by the SIC? For Example, Forest Field Days are valuable to many companies and provides information to the public on certification. Yes, the SIC can utilize a company's efforts to show community outreach.
- Need to assess the SIC budget to see if Standard is met and to see if spending meets the priority areas.
- The Pacific Education Institute can take contributions to facilitate education, e.g. Project Learning Tree.
- Is there a targeted publication to focus goals on our target subjects?
- Set money aside if regional SIC efforts expand to a regional brochure?

SIC Positions

- Should there be a financial pot to help the SIC chair to fund their time and effort? Maybe a more formal stipend of help to encourage participation? No motion to stipulate funds to compensate the Chair position.
- Currently WFPA helps with SIC meetings by providing some secretarial work.
- Motion to: "By next SIC meeting, come up with a way to fill SIC positions (Chair, vice chair, secretary) if no other person is willing to fill." Motion was seconded and passed. There will be a committee to assess positions and way to fill the position, possibly a lottery. Committee members: Kathy Troupe, Chris Lunde, Kevin Arneson.

Logger Training

- Is the Washington Contract Loggers Association (WCLA) logger training program meeting all of the SFI Standard's expectations?
- Jerry Bonagofsky of WCLA felt that the invasive plants sections may need to be strengthened. Will add a slide in how to recognize noxious weeds and notify landowners. Also, increase language to discuss the use of spill kits in the BMP section.
- Forest Practices will again participate in the logger training.
- Julie will contact the Oregon SIC to try and provide a list of qualified (trained) loggers in Oregon.
- The Oregon SIC is considered a certified logger program based on forest practices compliance and other regulatory agencies.
- SFI does not show preference over trained or certified loggers.

Website Update

- Several updates have occurred to the logger training portion of the SIC website. Under the Documents section we have added the WCLA logger training curriculum and the MOU for Interstate Recognition of Qualified Logging Professionals.
- The verifiable auditing and monitoring document needs to be updated for the new SFI standard. Allen Estep will contact Forest Practices to see if we can get Darin Cramer's (FP Division Manager) signature on an updated draft document and if FP would like to update or add anything to the document. We'll post the updated/signed document to the web site.

Next Washington SIC Meeting

February 9, 2011

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Port Blakely Tree Farms in Tumwater