



Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

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Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights October 10, 2012

SIC Meeting Attendance

Kevin	Arneson	Boise Cascade
Nicole		Boise Paper Co.
Allen	Estep	Department of Natural Resources
Harry	Bell	Green Crow
John	Ison	Green Diamond Resource Co.
Darrell	Alvord	Hampton Tree Farms
Robert	Bass	Hancock Forest Management
Tom	Hansen	International Forestry Consultants
Kathy	Troupe	Longview Fibre Paper & Packaging, Inc
Adrian	Miller	Longview Timberlands LLC
Jake	Verschuyt	NCASI
Patrick	Raymond	Olympic Resource Management
Lee	Spencer	Plum Creek
Jason	Suppington	Ponderay Newsprint Company
Chris	Lunde	Port Blakely
Peggy	Norcutt	Port Townsend Paper Corp.
Kevin	Pilemalm	Rayonier Inc.
Eric	Haller	Simpson Lumber Co., LLC
Don	Tveit	Stimson Lumber Co.
Doug	Hooks	Washington Forest Protection Association

Terry	Alexander	Weyerhaeuser
Mark	Petruncio	Yakama Nation
Doug	Olney	Yakama Forest Products

Meeting was called to order at 09:00.

Anti-trust Reminder

Updates on Participant Activities

- Hampton: Audit in June covering Oregon operations
- Yakama Nation: Fiber sourcing audit this month
- Yakama Forest Products: Land management audit last month went well with 4 OFIs and 1 NP
- Port Townsend Paper: Fiber sourcing audit next month
- Plum Creek: August audit, had several good management practices
- Boise Cascade: Procurement audit on Inland Empire lands, with 3 NPs and 2 OFIs.
- Olympic Resource Management: Next year recertification audit on Pope Resources
- Longview Timber Co: Recent recertification audit with 5 OFIs and 3 NPs
- Green Diamond: Audit in April, good results
- Weyerhaeuser: July surveillance audit, had WA DNR forest practices forester(s) contribute to audit by discussing functional drainage structures with auditors on site
- Longview Fibre Paper & Packaging: Recertification audit in August with 2 NPs
- Stimson: Procurement audit in August
- Port Blakely: Between audits
- Internal Forestry Consultants: Surveillance audit with 1 OFI
- Green Crow: Surveillance audit
- Simpson: Audit coming up
- Boise Paper: Chain of custody audit in July
- Hancock: Audit in July with 3 NPs
- Department of Natural Resources: Renewal audit in June of the South Puget and Pacific Cascade Regions resulting in one minor non-conformance from aerial herbicide application overspray and 4 NPs

The minutes from the June 6, 2012 SIC meeting were reviewed and approved.

NCASI Presentation: Retained Structures Project

Jake Verschuyt PhD; Biodiversity Research Coordinator with the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement, Inc. (NCASI) Western Wildlife Program gave a presentation on his retained structures projects. He discussed some biodiversity studies in early seral forests. Birds, ungulates and arthropods varied through variations to herbicide treatments. Jake will have more complete results in 2015 on this herbicide study and the effects of bird populations and bat use with variations in green tree retention. His contact information is: jverschuyt@ncasi.org, 360-293-8335. SIC members can contact Jake directly for access to research papers and results if not already accessible.

2012 SIC Budget Update

- Still have good (positive) fund balance. Need to distribute approved funds to WCLA.
- Harry Bell discussed advertising with American Institute of Architects. To get SFI logo into advertisement, need to be Silver sponsor or \$2500. We should make sure we know what we're getting for investment.
- Motion was offered and passed to have a \$5000 Gold Investment/Sponsorship to AIA in budget. SIC will get more opportunity than an advertisement with this level of sponsorship through

scheduled activities. Tom Swanson of Green Crow will get back to Eric Haller on process and opportunities.

Immediate Opportunities

- Presented SFI MOU with Boy Scouts of America in cooperative education from SFI Annual Meeting. Eric Haller will investigate with regional councils.
- Darrell will look into advertising through National Education Association and Washington Education Association publications to reach educators.
- With Idaho SIC, match a summer teacher workshop. Kevin Arneson will look into it.

Other Business

- Field Tour update with Chris Lunde and Kathy Troupe. There were 2 tours with engineers and architects. There were good conversations in the woods and mill. There were about 3-5 people per tour. We need to get the word out more to get more attendance. This audience needs continuing education for their licenses and they could use SFI as continuing education. Kathy will pass on SFI's education to Eric to distribute.
- Boise Cascade audit discussion of OFI. Boise received an OFI relative to the WA DNR's Forest Practices monitoring report. Auditors commented on the fact that the last report was 2009 data that was published in 2011 and it is not comprehensive or all-inclusive. Can the SIC influence Forest Practices to be more timely with this report?

A SIC member commented that it was unlikely that Forest Practices could increase the efforts in monitoring based on funding. Members could try presenting that the monitoring report is a scientifically designed study and there are other reports that are presented to the Forest Practices Board that updates trends.

Boise Cascade had used and presented other Forest Practices compliance monitoring and reports and internal corporate monitoring during audit.

Additional Information: There is information on the Forest Practices Compliance Monitoring Program including its objectives at:

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/Topics/ComplianceandEnforcement/Pages/fp_cm_program.aspx .

Also on the audit, an opportunity was given to expand the information provided to other Washington State landowners on the importance of Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value (FECV) and guidance on implementation of conservation measures. Has the SIC looked at producing a brochure for these FECVs - looking at a larger scale rather than just a single landowner? Does Natural Heritage program have anything like this?

Additional Information: There is information on the Statewide Natural Areas Program available at: http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/Topics/NaturalAreas/Pages/amp_na.aspx and the Natural Heritage Program has information on rare ecological systems and communities at:

<http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/communities.html> .

- OR SIC brochure: we can use it as WA SIC brochure with some minor edits. We will put on the WA SIC website to review.
- SAF Scholarships: gave ten \$150 scholarships at SAF convention to support students. We should put on website.
- Display was about \$360 for SIC.
- Could we look into getting a higher quality WA SIC logo for printing large scale posters? Eric will contact SFI to inquire. Motion was offered and passed to provide some funding to get better graphics for the display.

- 2013 SIC workplan recommendations are still in draft. Our region's value of education, landowner outreach and logger training were our priority rather than National marketing opportunities.

Next Washington SIC Meeting

February 6, 2013

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Port Blakely Tree Farms in Tumwater