



Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

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Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights (Final 01.06.14) October 2, 2013

SIC MEETING ATTENDEES		
NAME		COMPANY
Dan	Thomas	American Forest Management
Michael	Jackson	Association of Consulting Foresters
Kevin	Arneson	Boise Cascade Company
Bryan	Tinnin	Boise Paper, Inc. (Wallula, WA)
Nicole	Meredith	Boise Paper, Inc. (Wallula, WA) (via phone)
John	Ison	Green Diamond Resource Co.
Kathy	Troupe	KapStone Kraft Paper
Patrick	Raymond	Olympic Resource Management
Rob	Vance	Pacific Fibre Products
Lee	Spencer	Plum Creek
Chris	Lunde	Port Blakely Tree Farm
Kyle	Williams	Rayonier Inc.
David	Marshall Jr.	Sierra Pacific Industries
Juli	Tuson	Simpson Tacoma Kraft Company, LLC
Jerry	Bonagofsky	WA Contract Loggers Association
Doug	Hooks	WA Forest Protection Association
Lislie	Sayers	WA State Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
Scott	Swanson	West Fork timber Company, LLC
Terry	Alexander	Weyerhaeuser

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Mark	Petruncio	Yakama Nation
Doug	Olney	Yakama Forest Products

The meeting was called to order by Lee Spencer, Chair, at 9:05 AM.

Guest Speaker – Boy Scouts of America: Dan Thomas, American Forest Management and Scout Leader introduced Gary Baker. Gary, Executive Vice President and Sr. Vice President of Development of the Mt. Baker Council, discussed how the SIC can participate in and support local scouting.

Gary began by giving an overview of the Boy Scouts program, brought handouts for distribution, and gave suggestions on how scouting and the forest industry could work together. He explained the various opportunities where WASIC could participate to support Boy Scouts such as:

- Merit Badges related to forestry (Forestry Environmental Science, Sustainability, Forestry)
- Summer camps; provide opportunities to work on badges and provide natural resources training experiences
- Cub Scouts
- STEM (science, technology, engineering math education) increase youth learning in those issues for career development
- Annual Celebration Dinner & Auction

Gary confirmed that donors are recognized via naming of summer camps, in publications, and for specific fundraising events. It was noted that the Forestry Badge would be the most appropriate place for a WASIC contribution. However, the Forestry Badge is not one of the required merit badges for Eagle Scout, unlike the Environmental Science and/or Sustainability Badges which are a required badge for Eagle Scout. Gary suggested that setting-up a program via STEM related to the forestry industry could be a possible avenue for WASIC to participate and receive recognition.

It was noted that WASIC is interested in exposing kids to forestry. However, with a limited budget and limited volunteer hours, the STEM program may be more than WASIC can “afford.” Co-developing a STEM program with other interested parties along with donating to the Annual Celebration Dinner & Auction was also discussed.

The WASIC thanked Gary for his time and agreed to discuss this issue further during the budget discussion later in the agenda.

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:

- American Forest Management: completed a recertification audit in June; received one NP (notable practice), and one OFI (opportunity for improvement) related legitimacy of sub-contractors
- Association of Consulting Foresters: n/a
- Boise Cascade Company: recently completed a surveillance audit
- Boise Paper Inc.: completed a recertification of multiple sites in July
- 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)
- KapStone Kraft Paper (previously Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging): completed a surveillance audit in July; received no non-conformances, and no notable practices
- Olympic Resource Management: completed a recertification audit in June; received three OFIs (opportunity for improvement)
- Pacific Fibre Products: starting to get involved in forest certification
- Plum Creek: audit free at this time
- Port Blakely Tree Farm: no change since the last SIC meeting. Completed a recertification audit in April; received three NPs (notable practice), zero OFIs (opportunity for improvement), and zero NCs (non-conformance)
- Rayonier Inc.: undergoing a recertification audit next year
- Sierra Pacific Industries: recently completed a recertification audit
- Simpson Tacoma Kraft Company, LLC: upcoming surveillance audit in December
- WA Contract Loggers Association: n/a
- WA Department of Natural Resources (DNR): no change since the last SIC meeting. 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
- WA Forest Protection Association: n/a
- Weyerhaeuser: completed a recertification in July covering 2 Oregon operations, 1 Washington operation and the Fiber Sourcing group for Oregon; received several NPs (notable practice), three OFIs (opportunity for improvement) for the operating areas, and four OFIs (opportunity for improvement) for the Fibre Sourcing group
- West Fork Timber Company, LLC: not audited – participant
- Yakama Nation and Yakama Forest Products (a Yakama Nation Enterprise): completed a forest land management and wood procurement recertification in September; received one NPs (notable practice) for community outreach, zero OFIs (opportunity for improvement), and zero NCs (non-conformance)

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the June 6, 2013 meeting minutes as distributed via email September 25, 2013. The motion was seconded and approved.

Budget:

An updated budget was distributed to the group for the revenue and expenditure period ending September 30, 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.

- Lee noted that we have approximately \$19000 to spend.
- Discussed the status of Mossyrock School – CISPUS line item. Follow-up is needed.
- It was noted that SFI and WASIC was highlighted as supporter for the NW Natural Resources Institute (NNRI) – Spokane Chamber; contributing \$1000 to the Annual Model Forest Program. The educational hands-on program uses critical thinking to estimate tree heights, determine the age of a tree, calculate board feet, etc.
- The Boy Scouts of America discussion was continued from earlier. Similar discussions took place around the WASICs limited budget and time commitment participation. A motion was made for the WASIC to contribute \$500 to the Annual Celebration Dinner & Auction this year and potentially do more next year. The motion was seconded and approved. It was agreed that Kathy Troupe, Kevin Arneson and Bryan Tinnin will gather more information from local chapters and bring it back to the group. Also, it was agreed that Dan Thomas will attend the event.

Other Business:

- **Hands on Children’s Museum:**
Patty Belmonte, Executive Director, gave a presentation on the Hands on Children’s Museum Green Globes Demonstration Project where SIC is recognized as a contributor; connecting the indoors to the outdoors. Patty noted that this is the first children’s museum that Green Globes has certified; making them dual certified under both Green Globes and LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design). Patty noted that being certified leverages large funders to pay attention. Patty also mentioned that Green Globes places a higher value on wood as a renewable resource than LEED. While reviewing the presentation she discussed many of the learning opportunities for children to connect with the outdoors.
- **SFI Annual Conference / SFI Program Standard Revisions:**
Kathy Troupe discussed what she took home from the Annual Conference as potential “high energy” items including certified logger program verses trained loggers, regional variations in the standard, and consulting firms having an “all or nothing” requirement. She noted that the conference was geared more toward environmentally based topics rather than forestry rotation issues. Kathy noted that there were several ways that companies could comment on the potential changes to the standard from writing a letter, contacting a member of the external review panel, or following the process on-line.

Kathy supplied two names in the event that you’d like to contact an external review panel member; Lena Tucker ltucker@odf.state.or.us and/or Jim Brown jimbrowncf@comcast.net. Kathy also suggested that another possibility of submitting comments to SFI was to possibly co-author a letter from a group of landowners. If you’re interested in that, please contact Kathy or Lee.

June 5th meeting minutes follow up:

- **Member Listing:**
Lee encouraged members to look at the list and let him know who needed added/deleted. He will add Pacific Fibre Products to the list.

- **Scan (QR) Code Availability:**
Lee confirmed that WASIC can utilize this tool and place it on anything needed. It may be possible to place a code on next publication and link to website.
- **American Tree Farm Solicitation:**
During the June 5, 2013 Meeting, American Tree Farm solicited the WASIC for a contribution. The SIC requested additional information on how the funds would be used in addition to an acknowledgment of sponsorship in the newsletter. Harry Bell agreed to bring a proposal back to the WASIC. Harry was not in attendance. This item will be carried over to the February meeting.
- **Future Farmers of America (FFA) Scholarship Criteria Sub-Committee:**
A motion was made at the June 5th meeting 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 was to 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. This item continues to be pending and will be discussed at the February meeting.

Upcoming Events or Other Outreach Opportunities:

- **Forest Management - Grays Harbor College:**
David Marshall will be giving a presentation to the Forest Management Class at Grays Harbor College related to the pros and cons of forest certification schemes; October 8, 2013.

Meeting Information:

- Next meeting; February 5, 2014 - Port Blakely Tree Farms, Tumwater, WA
- Future meeting proposed; June 4, 2014

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM

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.

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