



## Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

Washington State SFI Implementation Committee

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### Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights FINAL February 4, 2020

SIC MEETING ATTENDEES	
NAME	COMPANY
Dan Thomas	American Forest Management
Rick Hanson	Boise Cascade
Doug Meekins	Campbell Global
Ashley Deasy	Canyon Lumber Company
Tom Shorey	Fruit Growers Supply Company
John Barrett	Green Diamond Resource Company
Alan Kycek	Hampton Lumber (Hampton Resources)
Chad McElvany	Molpus Timberland Investment
Mike Sly	Murphy Company
Austin Dickson	Olympic Resource Management
Tom Agens	Packaging Corporation of America
Eric Cohen	Port Blakely
Ryan Reith	Port Townsend Paper
Jeff Curless	Rayonier
Lisa Perry	Sierra Pacific Industries
David Brummer	Stimson Lumber Company
Doug Kennedy	Washington Department of Natural Resources
Hannah Yourd	Washington Department of Natural Resources
Jenny Knoth	Washington Tree Farm Program
Austin Schirato	Western Forest Products
Will Sloan	Western Forest Products
Kathy Troupe	WestRock
Amanda Brooks	Weyerhaeuser
Doug Olney	Yakama Forest Products
JD Mann	Yakama Forest Products

<b>SIC MEETING ATTENDEES</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMPANY</b>
Doug Olney	Yakama Nation
Ryan Sanchey	Yakama Nation
<b>GUESTS</b>	
Mike Jackson	Association of Consulting Foresters
Denise Buck	Pacific Education Institute
Rob Vance	Pacific Fibre Products
Nadine Block	Sustainable Forestry Initiative
Jerry Bonagofsky	Washington Contract Loggers Association

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Brooks, Weyerhaeuser at 9:15 AM. Committee members acknowledged receipt of the pre-meeting materials including the agenda distributed via email from Doug Kennedy January 31, 2020.

**1. Anti-trust Reminder**

The group was reminded of the anti-trust agreement and participants were asked to excuse themselves if needed (Attachment 1).

**2. Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

Eric Cohen explained the emergency evacuation route and passed around a sign-in sheet.

**3. Inconsistent Practices Update**

Doug Kennedy reported that no complaints of inconsistent practices have been filed since the last meeting in June.

**4. Introductions and Certification Updates from SIC Participants**

Participants introduced themselves. Some participants updated the group on recent certification activities:

- WA DNR: No updates, next audit in June
- Weyerhaeuser: no updates, next audit in March
- Boise Cascade: no updates
- WestRock: no updates
- Fruit Growers Supply: audits coming up in WA and OR later this year
- Olympic Resource Management: no updates
- Port Townsend Paper: audit coming up in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of this year
- Stimson: audit coming up later this year
- Murphy: no update, next audit in March
- Western Forest Products: next internal audit coming up in March, external audit coming up in September/October
- Hampton: audit in October, things went well, no problems
- Port Blakely: surveillance audit coming up in March
- Sierra Pacific: audit coming up in the summer
- American Forest Management: last surveillance audit in Oct., no updates
- Packaging Corporation of America: fiber sourcing and CoC audit in October, no findings

- Yakama Forest Products: surveillance audit in October, NP for receiving the SFI Presidents’ Award, OFI for gate wood inspections,
- Yakama Nation: next audit in September
- Green Diamond: October audit, no findings
- Rayonier: no updates
- Washington Tree Farm Program: audit this past summer included 4 NPs
- Campbell Global: no updates, audit coming up in Oregon in July
- Molpus: no updates
- Canyon: no updates

## **5. Approval of the Highlights**

Highlights from the October 2, 2019 WA SIC meeting were circulated before the meeting. A motion was made to accept the Draft 2 version of the document. It was seconded and approved. The notes will be posted to the WA SIC website in the near future.

## **6. Vote to Approve Leadership Change**

According to the leadership rotation schedule, Amanda Brooks of Weyerhaeuser will step down as chair of the group, Kathy Troupe of WestRock, previously the vice-chair, will become the group’s new chair, and Rick Hanson of Boise Cascade will be the group’s new vice-chair. Doug K. of WA DNR will remain as secretary for the group. WFPA will continue to act as the group’s treasurer. The proposed new leadership group was nominated, seconded, and unanimously accepted.

## **7. Reports Back**

Congratulations to the Yakama Nation and Yakama Forest Products, who won the Presidents’ Award for their commitment to sustainable forestry. The press release is now linked on the WA SIC website.

The standard revision process was kicked off at the SFI Annual conference in Richmond. Next year’s meeting will be in Vancouver, BC in October 20–23, 2020. At the Richmond meeting, there was a strong focus on youth and bringing youth into natural resource management. On the first day, there was a regional SIC breakout. Nadine updated on the results of that meeting, which focused on SIC staff looking for ways to provide support to regional SICs.

Doug K. provided an update on the FM standard process and the timeline for developing all three standards. Doug O. participated in the Fiber Sourcing standard revision discussions as well. Several process questions including whether the group is considering changing principles as well as performance measures and indicators. All facets of the standards are available for revision.

Jenny Knoth indicated that the tree farm standard is in 60-day review process. They are also aligning with the PEFC standard for tree farms.

## **8. Updates**

### **Heritage University funding ask**

Doug O. brought a formal ask for funding support from Heritage University. Kathy spoke to support the funding request and table the conversation until we discuss the budget later in the meeting. Rick Hanson pointed out that future letters of request should be more specific in how they intend to support the SIC and/or SFI Inc. Websites? Logos? Etc. Doug O. will take the new banners (which look fantastic!) to the career fair at Heritage University.

### **Exceptional logger nomination**

Weyerhaeuser and SPI completed and submitted logger nomination forms. Rick has asked whether the group would prefer to form a committee to vote on awardees or discuss and vote in the large group. Also, the electronic form is difficult to use, so it's being reworked by SFI. The group voted to award both nominees this year. Eric C. asked that Jerry B. and others talk about the nomination and award at the WCLA annual training to help raise awareness about it.

### **Spill kit training discussion**

Doug K. will send PP presentation and the Washington Department of Ecology that Jerry B. put together out to the larger group. There are no clear state laws or guidance from WA Department of Ecology on the definition of a spill, definition of soil, what should be in a spill kit, or the volume of what must be spilled to trigger reporting to EOC—except that any spill of any volume that could pollute water must be reported. SIC members discuss the inconsistency among auditors on how this requirement is enforced. No resolution here, except than Jerry B. will add DOE hotline numbers to his presentation.

### **Ideas to make the SFI portion of the WCLA training more Washington specific**

This conversation is about how to better use the SFI slide deck to communicate with local operators about SFI and the WA SIC. Kathy is asking for volunteers to serve on a sub-group to work on revising that slide deck. Kathy, Rick, and Dan T. will work on that sub-group. Their goal is to have something in time to present at the April 15 WCLA training.

### **Tethered logging experiment in OESF**

The application for the SFI Community Grant has been submitted to SFI. Doug K. will email out a message to the group with any updates when they arrive.

## **9. WA SIC2020 budget proposal**

Kathy points out the work that the advertising committee has done to get the retractable banners finished. They look very professional. They will be housed at Port Blakely's office in Tumwater. Rick H. recommends the group considers purchasing a second set for the east side. The group votes to approve an additional \$500 to purchase those. Nadine B. asked whether the WA SIC would support giving money to support a student attending the national conference in BC later this year. A few changes are recommended and made to the budget, including \$1000 to support a student to the annual conference and \$4000 to the scholarship budget. Plaques for exceptional logger is upped to \$500, UW architecture school is reduced to \$0, and misc. booth expenses are now \$1000. Changes to budget are seconded and adopted. Kathy T. has left the outreach committee, which will now include Amanda Brooks, Eric Cohen, and David Brummer.

## **10. NNRI educational video**

Rick H. spends some time explaining the video to the group and recommends we consider supporting NNRI financially. Kathy recommends Rick pursue an SFI community grant with them.

## **11. Outreach and Events**

### **• Outreach Opportunities**

- Joint meeting with Oregon SIC, Idaho SIC, others at the PLT International Coordinator's Conference. The group votes for Wednesday June 10 at 1PM
- Earth Day in Cowlitz County, Amanda B. will be present with new banners.
- April 6–8 is the annual SAF meeting in Leavenworth. Jenny K. will bring the new banners.

- **Upcoming Events**

- Regional SFI Standard Revision Workshop meeting in Boise on 6/2 8:30–12:30 at the Boise Hampton Inn. Registration is now open. Link here:

<https://www.sfiprogram.org/standard-revision-process-workshops/>

**Meeting Information:**

- Next meeting: **June 10, 2020, 1:00PM–3:00PM** in Bremerton. Address, room, and other details to follow.

----- **The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM by Kathy Troupe**-----

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Attachments to the February 4, 2020 WA SIC Agenda:

1. Antitrust reminder
2. October 2 WASIC meeting draft highlights
3. WFCAs Proposal for joint training
4. 2019 WA SIC Rotation Schedule
5. 2020 WA SIC DRAFT Budget

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Unresolved items for June meeting:

1. Revised SFI slide deck for WCLA training
2. Jenny Knoth to present on AgForestry at the Idaho regional SIC meeting