

**1.28.09 Meeting Summary  
Weyerhaeuser Office, 16703 SE McGillivray Blvd #220**

**FOREST PRACTICES BOARD POLICY WORKING GROUP  
WASHINGTON STATE NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL**

Members Present

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| Ken Berg           | USFWS           |
| Shawn Cantrell     | Seattle Audubon |
| Nina Carter        | Audubon WA      |
| Vicki Christiansen | DNR, FPB        |
| Mark Doumit        | WFPA            |
| Kevin Godbout      | Weyerhaeuser    |
| Chris Lipton       | Longview Timber |
| Robert Meier       | Rayonier        |
| Bridget Moran      | WDFW, FPB       |
| Vic Musselman      | WFFA            |
| Tom Robinson       | WSAC            |
| Paula Swedeen      | Seattle Audubon |
| Chuck Turley       | DNR             |

Absent

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| Don Halabisky | Sierra Club |
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Also Present

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| Lois Schwennesen | Facilitator       |
| Josh Weiss       | WFPA              |
| Paul Henson      | USFWS             |
| Paul Phifer      | USFWS             |
| Jim Thraillkill  | USFWS             |
| Jodi Bush        | USFWS             |
| Carolyn Dobbs    | Evergreen College |
| Cindy Mitchell   | WFPA              |

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This is a summary of the second meeting of the Forest Practice Board's Policy Working Group (Group). Members met with the USFWS NSO Recovery Plan Executive Group and Work Group leaders to become familiar with the Federal Recovery Plan implementation structure, met the Federal participants, and received briefings on the Federal structure, goals and activities. The Group will continue to coordinate with Federal activities and research related to northern spotted owl conservation in order to pool knowledge and minimize overlap and costs.

After the joint meeting with the Federal Executive Group, the Group reconvened to discuss coordination on research, funding, and work products with Paul Henson, Oregon USFWS State Supervisor and lead of the Federal NSO Recovery Plan Executive Group; Paul Phifer, NSO Recovery Plan Coordinator; and Jim Thraillkill, Barred Owl Work Group lead. The Group also welcomed Chuck Turley as a new member from the DNR, who also serves on the NSO Implementation Team and thus will provide an ongoing bridge between the State and Federal work groups. The Group wishes to avoid doubling up on the analysis or rehashing work already done.

The Group then discussed the opportunity to collectively consider and support proposed state legislation. The group does not want to get side tracked from its focus on developing effective ways to correct current landowner disincentives to protect endangered species on their property, but agreed that it would like to send a message that the Group is working collaboratively and is able to work together to address a variety of public and private interests related to northern spotted owl conservation. The Group agreed to develop a joint letter to the legislature regarding HB 1484 and SB 5401, which create a habitat open space program to facilitate strategic acquisitions of northern spotted owl and other endangered species habitat located on private lands. The Group may also choose to comment on related issues.

Group members discussed specific questions with which to focus technical briefings over the next few meetings, to both build a common information base and move the Group towards its goals. It

was agreed that two subgroups would prepare briefing proposals for consideration at the next meeting on February 3.

The first subgroup composed of State and Federal representatives will focus its proposed briefing package on the question: **Where can incentives most usefully be applied?** This would involve data and science regarding where species are present and what might be the optimal size and spacing of reserves. Subgroup members will prepare a proposed briefing package designed to inform Group decisions on where it might focus for northern spotted owl conservation.

The second subgroup composed of forest products industry and landowner group members will prepare a proposal for a briefing package on the economics of forest management focused on the question: **What factors will affect the success of incentives?**

Key goals for the next Group meeting on February 3 will be to finalize recommendations to the legislature and reach consensus on initial technical briefings to focus the Group's work.

**Meeting Adjourned**