

## **Small Forest Landowner Office Advisory Committee Meeting Notes**

**November 28, 2017**

Present: Vic Musselman, Tami Miketa, Matt Provencher, Ken Miller, Marc Engel, Don Nauer, John Henrikson, Jeffrey Thomas, Dick Alescio, Phil Hess – by phone.

Additional attendees: Rich Weiss and Dave Shweitzer, Washington Hardwoods Commission

### **Review 09/20/2017 SFLOAC Meeting Notes**

Added to notes that Marc Engel will have the Forest Practices Division Operations team review FPA questions 11&12.

### **Introduction of Matt Provencher as Technical Assistance Forester (Temporary Assignment)**

Tami introduced Matt Provencher who will be filling in as the westside Technical Assistance Forester since Josh Meek vacated the position. Matt's permanent position in the Small Forest Landowner Office is the Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP) Coordinator. Matt will fill in as the Technical Assistance Forester until the Capital Budget provides funds to the Forestry Riparian Easement Program.

Tami gave an update on the status of the capital budget. The legislature has yet to pass a capital budget for the current biennium, affecting the Forestry Riparian Easement Program, the Family Forest Fish Passage Program and the Rivers and Habitat Open Space Program. The resulting lack of funding (with no change in sight) has necessitated changes in staffing these programs that wouldn't have been made otherwise. With that said, Tami was pleased to report that DNR has found good solutions that keep all of the affected "capital" people working in DNR, while maintaining in the three capital programs (FREP, RHOSP and FFFPP) the "core" people who are so important to the on-going success.

### **Open Discussion on the last 21 questions of Eastside and Westside FPA Instructions**

Recently, the committee agreed to review the current FPA/N and instructions to see if there may be areas of clarification that might help make the form easier to understand for small forest landowners. It was suggested the committee review ten questions of each eastside and westside FPA/N questions and instructions at each SFLOAC meeting until the FPA/N forms are completely reviewed. At this meeting, the group discussed the last 21 questions of the eastside and westside FPA questions and instructions. Question 21 took up a large part of the discussion because of considerable confusion over its wording.

It was agreed once all of the FPA/N questions and instructions are reviewed, Vic and Tami will meet with the Forest Practices Operations staff to discuss the committee's comments and suggestions on the documents.

**Set SFLOAC meeting schedule for 2018**

The following dates were established for the SFLOAC meetings for 2018. All meetings will be from 12:00 to 4:00 at the NRB in Olympia:

January 9	July 18
March 21	Sept. 19
May 16	Nov. 7

Tami will send out a meeting request to all SFLOAC members for each of these meetings

**Action Plan Update**

Vic updated the Action Plan to reflect the current status of actions.

The next SFLOAC meeting will be held on January 9, 2018 from 12:00 to 4:00 at the NRB in Room 362. Conference Call # (360) 902-2916 Pin # 229161.

Meeting Adjourned