

# Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee (SFLOAC) Meeting

Friday, December 7th 2007, 10:00-3:00 Room 461, Olympia NRB

Meeting Attendees: Maurice Williamson, Mary McDonald, Ken Miller, Phil Hess, Marc Engel, Kristi Tausch, Dave Whipple, Mark Hicks, Sally Butts, Jeff Davis, Jeff Galleher, Adrian Miller, Donald Krug, Laurence Reeves

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Introductions were made; Mary made the announcement that Sherry Fox will be attending the SFLOAC meetings as part of a new agreement with Washington Farm Forestry and the DNR.

Went over the discussion on developing an Eastside Riparian Strategy, topics entailed the following;

- Need to figure out what to call it because different things have different energy behind them
- Our basic need is to get this information out to landowners
- Understanding that that we are trying to design a set of guidelines that everyone can agree upon
- This needs some formality or authority such as a board manual might need to occur to make this useable and
- A template would be too “cookie-cutter” to work in this instance
- This is being created to help define the decision space for an ID team during an Alternate Plan in these situations

It was decided that we needed to do some wordsmith work using some of the drafted documents that we already have. The group agreed to work with Karen Ripley’s December 15, 2005 “Indicators of Imminent Mortality”, the December 2005 “Concept Template”, and the October 26, 2007 “Discussion Draft #1, Potential Board Manual Addition”. The plan is to have this completed on March 7<sup>th</sup> and ready to present at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Policy meeting so they could approve or deny it at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. More meetings may be scheduled to in addition to our current ones to complete it.

Jeff Galleher has been working on a statistical analysis of the use of Alternate Plans. All together, sixty Alternate Plans have been implemented this year. Jeff is still working on gathering data and will send a report out when complete.

Mary had asked a Laurence Reeves and Donald Krug (two of DNR’s forest economists) to join us and answer some questions regarding the Economic Assessment Discussion. A lot of information and ideas came out of the discussion. Our original idea has turned into two things; a collection of data to create a database, and an assessment of economic neutrality in the rulemaking process. Don Krug expressed it would be great to have the latter but the information is not available. The question was asked that maybe this project is a little too big for forest practices and the SFL advisory committee because influences outside the forest practices arena relate to economic viability of a forest landowner. The next steps for SFL advisory committee are:

- answer some of our original questions,
- develop a charter for economic impact in the rulemaking process
- loose outline for a macro economic study.