

Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee (SFLOAC) Meeting

Wednesday, November 5th 2008, 1:00-3:30 Room 461, Olympia NRB

Meeting Attendees: Dennis Dart, Laura Till, Mary McDonald, Carol Walters, Mark Hicks, Dave Sweitzer, Dave Whipple, Bob Ziegler, Sherry Fox, Michael Ahr, Scott Potter, Dave Caudill, Chase Davis, Phil Hess, Maurice Williamson, David Powell, Glen Kohler, and Ken Miller.

FFFPP Steering Committee Update

Family Forest Fish Passage group (DNR, WDFW and RCO) gave a power point presentation (at WFFA request) to the committee that was developed for the legislature this session to highlight the program. The committee made several suggestions;

- Highlight areas that need further inventory of blockages
- Add a flow chart of the process
- Add a slide about how projects are prioritized
- Clarify if the budget package being requested is for inventory on just small landowner properties or all landowner forestland
- Add a slide showing how matching and sponsor money is broken down
- Question was asked if there have been any issues of non-native species moving into an area as the result of a FFFPP project.
- Add what the options are for people not enrolling into the project.

Legislative Reports – Carol Walters

- Demographic Report – DNR will be asking for an extension in submitting this report (it was originally due on December 1st 2008). Getting data from RTI was slow and we will need some time to analyze it. Also want to include any pertinent discussion highlights from the Northwest Environmental Forum.
- RMAP Checklist Report – Due at the end of December, hope to have a draft by December 19th. She plans to share it with the committee for preview.

Eastside Health Criteria – Mary McDonald & Glenn Kohler

- Training will not take place until the fall of 2009
- Until then, if any small forest landowners are interested in this type of alternate plan we will work with them although there are no implementation guidelines.
- Need to develop two documents; a worksheet/checklist for symptoms, and a list of guidelines for prescriptions to develop an alternate plan.
- This isn't going into the board manual, need to remember that this is not a template.
- Table 1 of the first draft from Glenn Kohler was suggested for inclusion in the criteria.
- Topic was tabled until next month due to time limit.

Hardwood Conversion Alternate Plan Reviews

- Update on the review process;
 - 23 plans total – 19 site visits taking place
 - 14 completed, will finish the last 5 this week
 - Issues the team is seeing: extreme variability between sites, maintenance of seedlings to ensure survival an issue, weed management, and need to make sure people know they are responsible for maintaining the seedlings until they are “free to grow”.

SFLO Budget Requests – Mary McDonald

- The following has been submitted for inclusion the Governor’s Budget (will be out in December). \$19.6 million total.
 - \$13.4 million for FFFPP Barrier Inventory and Removal
 - \$21.4 million for the FREP
 - \$800,000 to fund SFLO staff currently funded by soft federal money

Cultural Resources – Mary McDonald

- There has been a language change proposed on Step 2 of the Long Term Application Form.
- David Powell of the Yakama Nation will provide copies of the proposed language to Mary to distribute
- Suggestion made to have a joint meeting with the TFW Cultural committee and the advisory committee -deferred further information and questions until chairs determine date of joint meeting (Jeffrey Thomas and Pete Heide- TFW Cultural committee and Dennis Dart- SFL advisory committee).