

Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee (SFLOAC) Meeting Notes

Wednesday, June 3rd 2009, 1:00-3:30 Room 461, Olympia NRB

Meeting Attendees:

Ken Miller
Phil Hess
Jeff Galleher
Marc Engel

Dan Pomerenk
Sherry Fox
Mark Hicks

Maurice Williamson
Dennis Dart
Dave Whipple

Old Business

- Dennis Dart moved that the previous meetings minutes be approved, Ken Miller seconded.
- Dan Pomerenk asked for the group to review the meeting schedule for the rest of the year. The issue was tabled for the July or August meeting.

New Business

- Conifer Restoration Template
 - Marc Engel stated that the TFW caucuses had been contacted per WAC 222-12-090 to review the preparation of the Conifer Restoration template as an amendment to Board Manual Section 21. All of the caucuses stated that they would like to review the template after it is completed.
 - Dennis Dart thanked everyone for their hard work, and stated that he wished that the directions given to landowners were more simplistic because implementation of a variable buffer width might be difficult for small forest landowners to understand.
 - Sherry Fox stated that small forest landownership is often in mixed-use zones. She stated that there are no rules preventing landowners from doing something based on what their neighbor has already done. Mark Hicks said that this is really not that much of an issue that landowners still can submit an alternate plan. He stated that the template is supposed to be an easy way for small forest landowners to conduct a conifer restoration harvest for those who qualify.
 - Sherry Fox promoted the idea of having small forest landowners collect water temperature data.
 - Mark Hicks stated that there are too many variables to be able to gather valuable data, that first there is the need to establish baseline data, and that this typically takes three years to establish.
 - Dennis Dart supports simplifying template guidance; no one wants to create a template that no one uses.
 - Dave Whipple suggested that the group could develop a list of scenarios that landowners could use as an index to identify which buffer they would use.
 - Dennis Dart stated that the neighbor issue would still be a big problem.

- Dave Whipple stated that this template could end up in a first come, first served scenario like the owl circle rules.
- Mark Hicks stated that the one-to-one ratio concept might work, he will work on the issue further.

The group decided to table further discussion on the conifer restoration template until the July meeting.

Next meeting will be July 1st. NRB 461