

**Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**August 5, 2009 12:30PM-3:00PM**  
**Natural Resources Building, Room 585**

**12:30- Review Notes from the June Meeting**

Notes approved after small edit made.

**12:40- Update of DNR SFLO personnel and programs**

Dan Pomerenk gave the group a brief update of the changes in staff and programs within the Department of Natural Resources, Small Forest Landowner Office. The staff changes are:

- Rick Kuykendall is the new program manager for the Family Forest Fish Passage Program
- David Bergvall is the new education and outreach specialist in the SFLO
- Mike Nystrom is now working in NE Region as an Intensive Management Forester
- John Keller is working in Olympic region as an Intensive Management Forester
- Tony Sachet is working in SE Region as a Natural Areas Forester
- Ritch Wood now works in the Forest Practices Division in the Compliance Monitoring program
- Boyd Norton is now the Northwest Region Forest Practices Coordinator

Marc Engel spoke about the changes in programs within the Small Forest Landowner Office (SFLO). The Forest Practices Division as a whole took a 20% cut due to budget reductions, however all of the programs formerly offered for small forest landowners will continue to exist but will be managed differently with workloads distributed in different areas. The Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP) is not dead it simply has no money right now. At this time DNR is looking to re-vamp FREP with the support of Senator Fraser.

**12:50 – Determine future meeting schedule**

DNR has requested that the SFLOAC schedule meetings in October and December to look over and discuss potential FREP changes before next legislative session. DNR also requests the group not meet in November as it conflicts with the Forest Practices Board meeting. The committee agreed to meet September 2<sup>nd</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>, and December 2<sup>nd</sup> leaving the remaining two meetings per year open for now. Discussed the possibility of scheduling full day meetings.

**1:30 Brainstorm invitees to Small Forest Landowner Summit**

Marc relayed to the group that the Commissioner would like recommendations for invitees to the Small Landowner Summit that is coming up. The WFFA representatives of the Committee generally agreed that the agenda should dictate who would be invited and stated they were willing to make recommendations if they would be a part of the entire planning process.

- Marc informed the group he did not know the scope of the invite list or the agenda, he recommended to the group to think broad and narrow the list later.
- The WFFA representatives of the Committee made the recommendation they believe the biggest gain from this summit would be to keep regulation issues at the top of the list and to invite people appropriate for this topic.

### **2:05 Continue work on the proposed conifer restoration template**

This segment of the meeting referred to the Conifer Restoration template version prepared by WFFA members dated July 18, 2009. Phil stated that most of the edits were made to make the document easier to understand. They request a chance for an outside party to review and edit the document for clarity. Of the edits only two were substantive.

1. On page 3 of the document the WFFA representatives of the Committee would like to see the language changed from a required 50/50 split between the harvest of a upstream and downstream buffer, if it could be changed to allow the landowner to also lump the buffer trees to all downstream of the harvest (allowing the landowner to shift the harvest in the buffer upstream). This still would not consider presence/absence of neighbor's trees, only the trees on the landowner harvesting's property. Dave Whipple responded that because Marc Hicks (DOE) was not present at the meeting they could not say whether this proposal was acceptable or not because it is a water quality issue which is not within the jurisdiction of DNR or WDFW.
2. On page 4 of the document the WFFA representatives of the Committee made the proposal to allow for harvest of up to 10% conifer into the template. Dave Whipple stated he recalled an earlier agreement that no conifer was to be removed. Ken Miller stated this 10% removal is currently allowed under the Conifer Restoration rules. Dave wanted the WFFA representatives to state the exact language proposed for the template for him to be able to respond.

Marc Engel agreed to convene a meeting soon of DOE (including Mark Hicks), WDFW, and DNR members and ask Mark H. to do some further analysis now that the proposal has been heard.

### **3:00 Meeting Adjourned**