

## SFLAC Meeting Notes March 7, 2012

In attendance: Tami Miketa, Michelle Peterschick, Marc Engel, Dan Pomerenk, Shane Martinez, Phil Hess, Ken Miller, Dave Whipple, Doug Hooks, David Overton  
By phone: Tammie Perreault, Maurice Williamson, Jeffrey Thomas  
Rick Dunning attended the last 45 minutes of the meeting

### - Forestry Riparian Easement Program Rule Language

Advisory Committee discussed, for clarification, the proposed changes to the FREP rules.

The FREP rulemaking and the time and location of the two public hearings (March 27<sup>th</sup> in Spokane and March 29<sup>th</sup> in Centralia) can be found at:

[http://www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/Topics/ForestPracticesRules/Pages/fp\\_rules\\_activity.aspx](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/Topics/ForestPracticesRules/Pages/fp_rules_activity.aspx)

The Advisory Committee or any individual member can testify at one of two public hearings or submit comments or proposed edits about the proposed rules to:

Patricia Anderson, FPB Rules Coordinator  
Department of Natural Resources  
Forest Practices Division  
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Olympia, WA 98504-7012  
Or  
Email: [forest.practicesboard@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:forest.practicesboard@dnr.wa.gov)

The public comment period for the FREP rulemaking is from March 7 through March 30, 2012.

**Discussion:** The Advisory Committee discussed the merits of creating and making available to the public spreadsheets showing the status of current applications requesting compensation for an FRE and showing purchased FREs areas across the state. DNR staff pointed out the FREP home page on the web offers a list showing all current FRE applications in the queue.

- **Action:** DNR staff has added an additional spreadsheet to the FREP home page where this information is available. [http://www.dnr.wa.gov/Publications/fp\\_sflo\\_frep\\_acquired.pdf](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/Publications/fp_sflo_frep_acquired.pdf)

### - Status of Long Term Application survey

**Discussion:** The status of the long term application survey was discussed. The survey has received 42 respondents. Majority of respondents were from eastern Washington. Tammie Perreault discussed groups that she would like the survey to be sent out to. Including a request for Jeffrey Thomas' help in getting tribal contacts, and everyone's help in reaching contract loggers and DNR Forest Practice Foresters.

- **Action:** Advisory Committee agreed to reach out to more respondents by March 30th and then decide at the next SFLAC meeting if the survey should be left open.

- Notification of Harvest by 20-acre Exempt Landowners

**Discussion:** The 2008-2009 Compliance Monitoring report showed that landowners who harvested under the 20 acre exemption had a high rate of non-compliance. In January of 2011, DNR made a commitment to add a condition to every 20 acre exempt forest practices application (FPA) for landowners to notify DNR 48 hours before the initiation of harvest. This would allow Forest Practices Foresters to review the RMZ boundaries with the landowner and operator prior to the initiation of timber felling and to visit the harvest site during harvest operations. Small forest landowners (SFL) are not notifying DNR, so DNR staff asked the SFLAC members to help resolve this issue and get the message out to SFL with 20 acre exempt FPAs to notify DNR before the commencement of timber felling operations as well as to help them understand and comply with Forest Practices Rules.

- **Action: No action was taken,** Committee members discussed ideas including: DNR FPFs painting the boundaries of riparian buffers; DNR making RMZ boundary tags reminding tree cutters to "call before you cut", or another form of marking that would last for at least 2 years; creating an education program consisting of articles for inclusion in the SFLO news, the WFFA newsletter; and, the creation of a fact sheet. Several other suggestions were to make the 48 hour notice to DNR a standard condition of all FPAs and to educate landowners on the purpose of the 48 hour notice; or to create a separate FPA with instructions for 20 acre exempt harvests.

- Communications and Outreach News

**Discussion:** The Small Forest Landowner News was sent out to 3500 subscribers and the newsletter is posted on the website. The Small Forest Landowner Survey was discussed and the survey remains open and ongoing, but as of the meeting date we had 269 respondents. The goal of the SFLO is to update the website and brochures. The office is also working on gaining grants to help fund the programs.

**Next Meeting:** Phil Hess proposed the next SFLAC meeting to be held during the week of April 23. The next meeting will be held on April 27, 2012.

Meeting adjourned