

Small Forest Landowner Office Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

November 7, 2018

Present: John Henrikson, Tami Miketa, Marc Engel, Chris Conklin, Mark Hicks, Rich Weiss, Bill Kemp, Jeffrey Thomas

Phil Hess – by phone.

Additional attendees: Ken Miller, Vic Musselman, Dick Alescio, Tony Cramer - WFFA
Jennifer Kassakian - Industrial Economics, Inc.

Review Sept. 19, 2018 SFLOAC Meeting Notes

Clarification in 09.19/18 notes, first paragraph

Replace with: Per direction from Commissioner Hilary Franz, Rich Weiss and members of the Hardwoods Commission and the WA Farm Forestry Association met with Stephen Bernath, DNR's Deputy Supervisor for Forest Practices to discuss the Small Forest Landowner Office upcoming budget request for FY19-21.

SFLOAC Meeting Ground Rules

Because the SFLOAC now has two new members, Tami discussed the agreed upon SFLOAC meeting ground rules for meeting engagement that are found within each member's handbook.

FY 19-21 SFLO Budget

Rich Weiss recently met with Angus Brodie, DNR's Deputy Supervisor for Uplands. Angus told Rich that, along with the SFLO budget requests for 4 additional FTE's for Stewardship & Technical support, there are an additional 4 FTE's for Landowner Assistance support coming from the Forest Health Division budget request. The SFLO did not know about this budget request, and Tami said she would inquire about it and report back at the next advisory committee meeting.

The SFLO is also requesting one more FTE for a SFLO Outreach Specialist.

Updates on FREP/FFFPP

No change from Sept. 19 meeting notes:

FREP Update

Dan is hoping to purchase 35 to 40 easements with the \$2.5 million allotment for this biennium.

Rivers and Habitat Open Space Program (R&HOSP) Update

Through the prioritization processes, 2 R&HOSP easements have been selected with the \$1 million allotment for this biennium. One easement is for the Channel Migration Zone and one easement is for the Critical Habitat of State Listed Threatened or Endangered Species.

FFFPP Update

It is anticipated for the 2018 season, the FFFPP will remove 19 fish barriers opening an estimated 55.3 miles of habitat.

Resume discussion on criteria for defining the term “relatively low impact on aquatic resources” regarding small forest landowner alternate management plans or alternate harvest restrictions

WAC 222-12-040(2) states: *The legislature has found in RCW 76.13.100(2) that small forest landowners should also have the option of alternate management plans or alternate harvest restrictions on smaller harvest units that may have a relatively low impact on aquatic resources. These alternate plans are intended to provide flexibility to small forest landowners that will still provide protection of riparian functions based on specific field conditions or stream conditions on the landowner's property.*

Mark Hicks and Phil Hess presented a specific list of “criteria” that may be used in developing low impact prescriptions. These criteria will be discussed further at the next SFLOAC meeting.

SFLO Demographic and Road Survey

As stated in the previous advisory committee meeting, DNR, Dept. of Ecology, WA Farm Forestry Association (WFFA), the Washington Tree Farm Program (WTFP), WSU Extension and the Northwest Natural Resources Group (NNRG) will distribute the statewide Small Forest Landowner Demographic and Road Survey. WFFA is actively working to get the word out to increase participation from landowners so that Ecology's concerns about road compliance are addressed. The goal of this survey is to gain information regarding small forest landowner demographics and information regarding the condition of their roads. This survey is intended to improve the knowledge base regarding the status of small forest landowners in meeting their Forest Practices road maintenance requirements. The Small Forest Landowner Demographic and Road Survey will be posted on Survey Monkey and all survey results will be documented by the SFLO Manager. The survey can be taken at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/landownersurvey>

Identify Dates and Times for 2019 SFLOAC Meetings

The following dates were identified for the 2019 SFLOAC meetings. All meetings will now be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

January 9	July 24
March 20	September 25
May 21	November 19

The next SFLOAC meeting will be held on January 9, 2019 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the NRB in Room 362.

Meeting Adjourned