

Small Forest Landowner Office Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

January 9, 2019

Present: John Henrikson, Tami Miketa, Chris Conklin, Mark Hicks, Rich Weiss, Bill Kemp, Phil Hess and Jeffrey Thomas by phone.

Additional attendees: Ken Miller, Dick Alescio

Review 11/07/2018 SFLOAC Meeting Notes

Accepted as written

FY 19-21 SFLO Budget

Tami discussed the FY 19-21 budget request for the SFLO and an overview of the Governor's budget.

	<u>Agency Budget Request</u>	<u>Governor's Budget</u>
FREP	\$17.3 million	\$3.5 million
FFFPP	\$20 million	\$6 million
RHOSP	\$6 million	\$1.5 million
Technical Assist.	4 Full Time Staff	0 Full Time Staff

WA Farm Forestry Association is interested in introducing a bill that includes a trends analysis to report on certain impacts to small forest landowners since the implementation for the Forests and Fish Law 20 years ago.

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.*

The Committee discussed a list of potential low impact harvest prescriptions that were drafted by Mark Hicks and Phil Hess.

Discussion centered on the need to define "relatively low impact"

- Is this the impact on species and habitat?
- Are there any biological thresholds?
- Is it multi-dimensional?
- Relatively Low Impact is different in western WA and eastern WA.
- Water type should be the driver as to whether a harvest is relatively low impact.
- Could include a short term loss for a long term benefit.
- Should have more flexibility to be applied on the eastside fuels reduction and forest health reasons.

Phil Hess described concerns with FPA Appendix A Eastside Water Type Classification Worksheet. This worksheet shows that there can be a Type F water that is classified as such but does not have to connect to a downstream channel. Phil will provide a write-up outlining this issue and distribute it to the Committee.

For next meeting: Review the List of Potential Low Impact Harvest Prescriptions document and prepare for discussion of these prescriptions at the next meeting.

The next SFLOAC meeting will be held on March 20, 2019 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the NRB in Room 362.

Meeting Adjourned