

Small Forest Landowner Office Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

January 22, 2020

Present: John Henrikson, Tami Miketa, Mary McDonald, Jeffrey Thomas, Bill Kemp, Don Nauer, Rich Weiss, Brandon Austin

Phil Hess, by phone

Additional Attendees: Ken Miller and Dick Alescio, WFFA

Guest: Sara Shaw, FREP Forester

Review November 19, 2019 SFLOAC Meeting Notes

Accepted as written

Advisory Committee Member Updates

Don Nauer is attending as the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Representative on the Committee

Brandon Austin is the new Dept. of Ecology Representative on the Committee

SFLO Program Updates

Tami introduced the SFLO's FREP Forester Sara Shaw. Sara is our newest addition to the Forestry Riparian Easement Program.

Introduced Mary McDonald who is the new Policy and Services Assistant Division Manager. Marc Engel is still with Forest Practices but is now the Division's Policy Advisor. Before Tami, Mary was the Manager of the Small Forest Landowner Office so her experience with the SFLO is greatly appreciated.

Update on ESB 5330

ESSB 5330 is a bill that passes legislation last year that will analyze the state regulatory impact on small forest landowners. On January 16th, Tami and Mary met with the team at University of Washington who are responsible for completing the report that is due to the Legislature and the Forest Practices Board by November 1, 2020. The SFLO will be providing any assistance and information to help with the report.

Budget Update

The Governor's budget was published which provides 0.5 FTE for a Regulation Assistance Forester starting on July 1, 2020. The Governor's budget allotted FREP \$2.5 million with \$520,000 in re-appropriations, and moves \$1 million from one capital program into the FREP budget. In all, the Governor's budget allotted \$4.02 million for FREP. The Governor's budget allotted FFFPP \$5 million and \$1 million to the Rivers and Habitat Open Space Program.

SFL Low Impact Thinning Template Update

Ken Miller said that two work groups were formed from Policy; one to review the 75', the 50', and the 25' riparian buffers in the template proposal, and one workgroup to review the two State Caucus proposed experimental harvest prescriptions.

Continue Discussion on Concept of Relatively Low Impact Harvest Prescriptions

The committee continued the discussion on the working definition of “Relatively Low Impact Harvest Prescriptions”.

The next SFLOAC meeting will be held on March 17, 2020, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the NRB in Room 362.

Meeting Adjourned