

**DRAFT**  
**Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Notes**  
**September 9, 2015**  
**Ken Miller's Tree Farm**

Present: Vic Musselman, Tami Miketa, Ken Miller, Terry Jackson, Tammie Perreault, Mark Hicks, Jeffrey Thomas, Dick Miller, Steve Barnowe-Meyer, and Phil Hess (by phone).

Review of 7/7/15 SFLAC notes: corrected spelling errors and approved as written.

**Overview and Discussion of the Alternate Plan description on the Small Forest Landowner Office Website**

The committee could not access the internet from the meeting location so the Alternate Plan site could not be reviewed. Discussion centered on how to provide guidance to small forest landowners on how to work through an Alternate Plan process. The committee discussed what information needs to be provided in an alternate plan application such as:

- What are the WACs the Alternate Plan is replacing?
- How do you describe riparian functions and how they will be impacted?
- How much information needs to be provided?
- What is the overall process and the exact steps that need to be taken to complete the Alternate Plan?

The SFLAC agreed that Tami will create a "sample" Alternate Plan form that provides examples of information needed to be provided, and also a step-by-step process that needs to be taken. Tami will review this information with the Forest Practices Operations Team and then distribute this information to the SFLAC members for their review. If agreed, this "sample" Alternate Plan information will be put on the SFLO Alternate Plan webpage as a helpful tool for small forest landowners to use when completing an Alternate Plan Forest Practices Application.

**Overview of Alternate Plan information Tami has been compiling for Dick Miller**

WFFA recently presented to the Forest Practices Board a proposed small forest landowner Alternate Plan template titled "*Alternate Harvest Prescriptions for Small Forest Landowners in Western Washington*". The Forest Practices Board directed the TFW Policy Committee to review the merits of this proposed Alternate Plan template. The TFW Policy Committee formed a

subcommittee to review this proposed Alternate Plan and report their results back to the Policy Committee. One of the co-chairs of the subcommittee, Marc Engel, created a matrix table of criterion used to help the Policy Committee decide if any of the Alternate Plan prescriptions were acceptable. There are three questions that need to be addressed in order for an Alternate Plan template to be acceptable. Those questions are:

1. Does the prescription meet current Forest Practices Rule criteria?
2. Has this prescription been frequently applied in the past through ID Team review?
3. Is this prescription supported by science?

In order to answer question #2, a thorough review of previous approved Alternate Plans needs to be undertaken. Tami has gathered the pertinent information on all approved Alternate Plans from 2009 to 2015 in Pacific Cascade Region. This information needs to be collected in the other 5 regions. The plan is to solicit volunteers within WFFA and the policy committee to help gather this information.

Two members of this subcommittee, Mark Hicks and Terry Jackson, would like the TFW Policy subcommittee members to review the information that has been gathered for Pacific Cascade Region before other region information is acquired, to ensure the appropriate information is being gathered to help answer question #2 above.

Further discussion arose regarding the process in which Interdisciplinary Teams review alternate plans. The SFLAC members believe it would be valuable to have ID Team training in each region so that standardized processes are followed. It would also be prudent to have large and small landowner representatives present. The SFLAC members will discuss further if the committee should formalize this recommendation.

### **Presentation on Proposed Changes Being Discussed in the TFW Cultural Resources Roundtable (TFWCRR)**

As the small forest landowner representative on the TFW Cultural Resources Roundtable, Steve Barnowe-Meyer gave the SFLAC a briefing on discussions in the TFW CRR (see presentation attached). Steve gave a brief review of the 1987 TFW Agreement, specific definitions, pertinent WACs, current Forest Practices processes regarding cultural resources, and some of the proposals that the Yakama Nation is putting forward to implement the 1987 TFW Agreement Archaeological and Cultural goals.

## **Review of Forest Practices Board Presentation on FY2013-15 Small Forest Landowner Office Program Accomplishments**

Tami discussed the program accomplishments from this last biennium and the budget allotment for FY2015-2017 (see presentation attached). Presentation is self-explanatory. Tami also stated Carol Cloen, the SFLO Outreach Specialist/Grant Writer, will be leaving the SFLO for a position with WDFW effective September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ken Miller gave the SFLAC examples of how the silvicultural prescriptions as outlined in the "Alternate Harvest Prescriptions for Small Forest Landowners in Western Washington" proposed template would look like "on the ground".

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting will be on November 17, 2015 from 12:00 to 4:00 at the NRB in room 461.