

Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

May 17, 2017

Present: Vic Musselman, Tami Miketa, Phil Hess, Dick Alescio, Ken Miller, Mark Hicks, John Henrikson, Marc Engel.

Review 03/22/2017 SFLOAC Meeting Notes

Remove Phil Hess as being on the phone and state he was present in person.

Update on FREP and FFFPP Budget for next biennium

The FY 15-17 biennial budget has not been approved but the Governor's budget, as well as the House and Senate budgets all allotted the FREP \$3.5 million and the FFFPP \$5 million.

Issues with completing the east side LTA Step 2 question 15

Phil Hess led this conversation by stating it is difficult for small forest landowners to complete question #15 of the LTA Step 2 form. It is very confusing. Small forest landowners don't understand the regulatory consequences of selecting "harvest type" as even-aged. This needs to be identified. There is no definition of what is meant by "uneven aged". The WAC 222-16-010 is referenced to find the definition of "even-aged". It is difficult to switch from the FPA to the WAC. The definition of both uneven aged and even aged harvest should be in the instructions.

Also the term "partial cutting" should not be in the "even aged" section of the instructions. Partial cutting can be either even-aged or uneven aged. It even aged if postharvest is <50 TPA, 10" DBH+. Partial cutting is uneven aged if postharvest is >50 TPA regardless of size (?).

Marc committed to talk with the Operations Assistant, Donelle Mahan, about this issue. When time permits, Josh will work with Phil and the Operations Team to create a draft of clarifications to send to the SFLAC.

Status of WFFA west side template and report on May Forest Practices Board Meeting

Ken Miller led this discussion. There currently is a Contract out to conduct a literature review synthesis of the five riparian functions and to answer specific questions about the WFFA template. The synthesis should be completed by the end of June. A Report on the synthesis is due to Policy in October with a report to the Forest Practices Board in November.

Tami has been working on statistics on prior approved FPA Alternate Plans for small forest landowners. This information will be submitted to the Policy WFFA Template Subcommittee to aid in evaluating the WFFFA Template alternate plan proposal.

Brainstorm on how to make the FPA Activity Map process more user friendly for small forest landowners

The discussion centered on ways the FPS Activity Map could be more user friendly. Josh will be writing several newsletter articles regarding navigating the FPA Activity Map process. The first article will be in the next newsletter set to be distributed in July.

The committee was interested in finding out how many small forest landowner FPAs are sent back for more information or are rejected per region. Josh will contact the regions and see if he can get some general answers to this question.

Discussion on the response to landowners who answer “yes” to question 13 on the FP FPA.

Ken led this discussion about Question #13 (F) on the FPA which states:

Is the Forest Practices application/notification within 200’ of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) or floodway of Type S water? If yes, check with the county or city to determine whether a substantial development permit is required under the shorelines master plan.

The FPA/N needs to reflect any requirements of the shorelines master plan.

Action Plan Update

Vic updated the Action Plan to reflect the current status of actions.

New Business

The committee agreed to review the current FPA/N and instructions to see if there may be areas of clarification that might help make the form easier to understand for small forest landowners. It was suggested the committee start with the first ten questions of each eastside and westside FPA/N and instructions to be reviewed at the next SFLOAC meeting. Vic will distribute these questions before the next SFLOAC meeting to be ready for discussion.

The next SFLOAC meeting will be held on July 26, 2017 from 12:00 to 4:00 at the NRB in Room 362. Conference Call # (360)902-2915 Pin # 229151.

Meeting Adjourned