

**Timber/Fish/Wildlife Cultural Resources Roundtable Meeting
January 15, 2013**

**Host: Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
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Attendees:

Peter Heide, Co-Chair	Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA)
Gretchen Kaehler	Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)
Lee Stilson	Dept. of Natural Resources – Lands (DNR)
Jesse Narog	Hancock Forest Management
dAVe Burlingame	Cowlitz Indian Tribe
Sherri Felix	Dept. of Natural Resources – Regulatory (DNR)
Chad McCrea	Spokane Tribe of Indians
Justine James	Quinault Indian Nation
David Powell	Yakama Nation

FINAL NOTES

1. Introductions

Everyone introduced their selves.

2. Agenda

Jeff Thomas provided an agenda prior to the meeting: 1) Introductions, 2) Agenda review, 3) Approve meeting notes for December 18th, 4) Co-chair remarks, 5) Action Item List, 6) CRPMP Guidance Documents-Draft Review, 7) FPA Question 7, 8) FPA Flowchart, 9) WDOE/SEPA Advisory Committee, 10) Industry Workshop, 10) WAC 222-20-120 Board Report—Discussion, and 11) Agenda for February 19. Following the Action Item list it was proposed we discuss going to quarterly meetings instead of monthly meetings. Because Jeff cannot attend today's meeting we dropped the FPA Flowchart discussion and replaced it with a discussion about incentivizing site discovery. The modifications to the agenda were accepted.

3. Notes for December 18th

Sherri provided clarifying edits and some typographical corrections were made. The Notes for the December 18, 2012 meeting were accepted with these edits and corrections.

4. Co-Chair Remarks

Pete said he would make comments on specific topics.

5. Action Item List

Pete provided copies of the list with only a few edits from December's meeting. The training workshop for private industry foresters was moved back to 2014 and the lead was changed to

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“co-chair” (see item 11 below). Pete will write a cover letter for the Action Item list to the Forest Practice Board for the report to the Board for their February 12, 2013 meeting.

6. **Quarterly Meetings**

Jeff is unable to attend the meeting today due to his full schedule of classes at the University of Washington. He suggested to Pete that the Roundtable change to quarterly meetings with additional workshop meetings that would focus on specific topics. The quarterly meetings would be in January, April, July and October to correspond with preparation of documents for the Forest Practice Board meetings. It was agreed that this is a good approach for the Roundtable. We will switch to quarterly meetings after the February meeting on the 19th. Pete is retiring at the end of February so he will be stepping down as Co-Chair. He will bring Karen Terwilleger, a new WFLPA employee, to the February meeting. David agreed to become the Interim Co-Chair for Jeff while he is in graduate school on the condition that others will take on the responsibility of producing and circulating meeting notes. The scheduled Roundtable meetings for the rest of 2013 are: 2/19, 4/16, 7/16, and 10/15. dAVE offered the Cowlitz facilities to host the April 16, 2013 meeting.

7. **CRPMP Guidance Documents**

Jesse created a Google Docs account for the Roundtable Guidance documents. He is still learning how it works. Everyone will need to have an account to access the Guidance document. It is accessed through Google Chrome, which can be downloaded for free. Once it is set up, everyone will be able to edit the documents and Google documents will track all of the editing.

8. **FPA Question 7 instructions**

In November Sherri provided copies of the current question 7 and the instructions. It leaves out any information on historic sites. Pete offered to draft information on historic sites to be considered for inclusion in the instructions and bring it to the February meeting.

9. **Incentivizing Site Identification**

Lee has proposed that land managers request a pre-project meeting with Tribes to review all site types in order to identify which site types the Tribe wants to be consulted about. This way, Tribes will not be bothered about sites they do not have an interest in. The end result of the meeting would be a letter from the Tribe stating which site types they are interested in and agreeing to management strategies proposed for site types of no interest to them, such as railroad grades. The letter could then be used when submitting an FPA to satisfy WAC 222-20-120 (2) and (3) for the site types the Tribe is not concerned about. The Tribe could change its interest in any site type at any time. Lee has scheduled a meeting with Squaxin Island Tribe to discuss a list of historic site types. He will report back on the meeting. Tribal representatives cautioned that the list would need to be reviewed periodically and as there were Tribal personnel changes. Among the various Tribes there are multiple interests that the Tribal FPA reviewer needs to consider.

David had a specific concern for a site discovered exposed in a forest road in a proposed FPA on a small forest landowner's property. A standard protection measure in such a circumstance has been to cover the site with geo-filter fabric and fill to disperse the pressure of vehicular traffic allowing for the continued use of the road. The Yakama Nation considers this an appropriate, acceptable protection measure. In the past couple years DAHP has started to require an Alteration and Excavation permit in order to implement this protection strategy. The rules in WAC 25-48-060 provide the requirements to apply for the permit. They focus on requirements to excavate a site rather than to cover and protect a site. The process to receive an Alteration and Excavation permit can be up to 60 days. The

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Yakama Nation is concerned that such a lengthy and potentially costly process may be a disincentive to landowners/managers to allow archaeologists to review FPAs. The Yakama Nation wants to continue to foster cooperation with landowners/managers in site identification and protection without their feeling penalized for allowing identification of sites on their lands. Gretchen offered some suggestions for the specific situation that David described that might alleviate the Yakama Nation concerns without eliminating DAHP's opportunity to permit activities that can impact sites.

10. SEPA/Ecology Advisory Committee

Mary Rossi sent out a summary of the Advisory Committee's activities. It will be forwarded to the Roundtable participants. Phase II starts with the new year. DAHP's comments included that location not size is the important factor in assessing environmental effects to archaeological resources. It is important that the notification process to DAHP and Tribes continue regardless of categorical exemptions. Comments on 1) categorical exemptions, 2) list of obstacles to SEPA/GMA integration, and 3) issues with specific questions in the environmental checklist, must be received by January 31, 2013. Comments can be submitted to Mary at mkrossi@epardvision.org or to Ecology via Fran Sant at fran.sant@ecy.wa.gov.

11. Industry Workshop

Pete said he did not have time to work on this before his retirement. He polled WFPA members and although they are interested most cannot commit to participate right now. Jim Freed and Steve Robinson have expressed an interest in assisting with such a workshop. It would be important to find out if their interest is as volunteers or contractors. Western Forestry and Conservation Association (WFCA), who might sponsor the workshop, needs about 45 participants to break even. The item on the Action Item list was postponed until 2014 (see item 5 above).

12. WAC 222-20-120 Board Report—Discussion

A new survey needs to be developed to assess how well the revisions to WAC 222-20-120 are working. The survey needs to be no more than 15 questions. Pete has revised the questions from last year's survey and will send it out to everyone. Gretchen said we need a good list to send it to so that we get broad input from people who work on FPAs. It was suggested that the survey be sent to DNR's list of TFW participants, Washington Farm Forestry Association, Washington Forestry Protection Association, FPARs list, Roundtable list and Regional TFW breakfast list. Everyone should come prepared to finalize the survey at the February meeting.

13. Next Meeting

The next Roundtable meeting is scheduled for: **February 19, 2013 at DAHP in Olympia from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.** The agenda will include: 1) Introductions 2) Approve agenda, 3) Approve Meeting Notes for the January 15, 2013 meeting, 4) Co-chair remarks, 5) Action Item List, 6) Survey for WAC 222-20-120 7) CRPMP revisions, 8) Report on DNR-Squaxin Island meeting, 9) Pete's Good-Bye Party and 10) Agenda for April 16, 2013 meeting hosted by the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.

Note:

The Timber/Fish/Wildlife Cultural Resources Roundtable meets on the third Tuesday of every month at the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation unless otherwise noted.

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Meeting agendas, notes and quarterly action item lists are on the [Forest Practices Board](#) website.

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