

**Small Forest Landowner Office Advisory Committee Meeting  
Notes  
April 18, 2023**

Present: John Henrikson, Tami Miketa, Rich Weiss, Bill Kemp, Jeffrey Thomas, Karen Zirkle, Marc Engel

Note: WDFW representation (Darric Lowery) mistakenly was not sent this SFLAC meeting scheduler. This has since been corrected.

Additional attendees:

DNR: Todd Olson, Rachel Mazzacavallo, Karl Peterson, Noah Nequette, Brent Haverkamp

Small Forest Landowner: Ken Miller, Tony Crave

Other agency: Sandy Letzing, Forest Carbon Works

**Review 01/17/2023 SFLAC Meeting Notes**

Accepted as written.

**SFLO Update**

Tami updated the Advisory Committee on the retirement of Dan Pomerenk, who has been the Forestry Riparian Easement Program Manager since the program's inception in 2003. Dan had 35+ years with the DNR.

**Update on Cultural Resources Momentum**

Jeffrey and Karen collaborated on this topic. Jeffrey showed a graphic depicting the top ten DNR programs, documents, and initiatives affecting the Puyallup Tribe homelands (see attached). Jeffrey would like clarity on the SFLAC responsibilities toward cultural resources protections. What are the guidelines, procedures, and enforcement of cultural resources? How do you identify cultural resources on small forest landowner properties? Do the Regulation Assistance Foresters speak about cultural resources to small forest landowners? There is a WSU Extension Fact Sheet and a document titled "Native Forest Cultural Resources: Essential Screening Elements".

Tami stated that in order for small forest landowners to qualify for their Designated Forestland tax deferral, they need to complete a Washington State Integrated Forest Management Plan in which the plan includes guidelines for the identification and protection of cultural resources and/or historical sites. The guidelines also recommend that the landowner check with Washington Department of Archeology & Historic Preservation (DAHP) Office for any pertinent information about their property.

Tami and her staff are also working on the creation of a Cultural Resources brochure for small forest landowners, and will present the draft to the Advisory Committee when completed.

**SFLAC Charter and Work Plan**

Karen presented a "straw dog" SFLAC Charter for the Advisory Committee to review and provide feedback at the next SFLAC meeting.

Karen also introduced DNR as a non-voting co-chair, specifically the Assistant Division Manager for Landowner Services and Policy currently held by Karen, to memorialize DNR's leadership and facilitation.

The Committee was also asked to review and update the SFLAC Action Plan. Tami will distribute both the Draft Charter and Action Plan to the Committee.

### **SFLAC – WFFA member stipends**

DNR is working on a process to provide stipends to Boards and Committees that are class one groups. There should be a process in place by sometime this summer.

### **Enhanced FREP Concept**

John Henrikson discussed an all lands concept of riparian management and believes a hands off approach is not an option to ensure fully functioning riparian areas. An Enhanced Forestry Riparian Easement Program is a proactive approach to riparian management and enhancement.

With EFREP, the landowner puts together a customized plan for riparian management to present to DNR, and the landowner can get compensated for the trees left after the management action. The plan MUST be an enhancement.

John believes there should be a Categorical Alder Exemption with EFREP where the landowner harvests the alder and is required to plant species that create a better functioning riparian area.

When managing the land, need to ensure that multiple objectives are being met, carbon, environmental, and timber. Most alternate plans in RMZs are not economical.

The Chehalis Basin Plan is implementing something like an EFREP.

The Committee was asked to review the EFREP concept and provide feedback at the next SFLAC meeting.

### **Carbon Workgroup Update**

Need John's discussion here (I was out of the room).

### **Board Manual 21 – SFLAC role**

Forest Practices Board Manual Section 21 – Alternate Plans is being updated with a section specifically for small forest landowners and adding back in a section titled "*Alternate Plans for Restoring Riparian Function in Eastern Washington -Identifying Stands at Imminent Risk from Insects, Disease and Fire*". Once the document is in a final draft format, the AC will review for any fatal flaws.

Meeting Adjourned