

Small Forest Landowner Office Advisory Committee Meeting Notes October 24, 2023

Present:

WA. Farm Forestry Association (WFFA) representatives: Chair: John Henrikson, Bill Kemp, Phil Hess

Tribal representative: Jeffrey Thomas

WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) representative: Brandon Austin

WA Dept, of Ecology (DOE) representative: None

DNR: Karen Zirkle, Tami Miketa

Additional attendees:

DNR: Holly Haley, Todd Olson, Martin Pillow, Roslyn Henricks, Noah Nequette, Brent Haverkamp, Tiffany Pratt, KelliAnne Ricks, Matt Provencher, Maggie Franquemont

Small forest landowner: Ken Miller, Tony Craven

Review 07/18/2023 SFLAC Meeting Notes

Accepted as written.

Discussion on SFLAC Charter, Mission, and Work Plan

Brandon Austin had some comments on the Charter:

In the objectives section add Review “Publications to inform small forest landowner community”.

Change: When **new ideas come up**, the SFL Office Manager will request time on the FPB agenda to share information and/or recommendations to the FPB.”

To: When **new concerns, or policy or rule recommendations are developed by the committee**, the SFL Office Manager will request time on the FPB agenda to share information and/or recommendations to the FPB.

Brandon’s comments accepted.

Tami will remove the “Project Deliverables and Project Timeline” section and create a separate Action Plan.

Roles and Responsibilities of the SFL Regulation Fish & Wildlife Biologist

Brent Haverkamp, DNR’s Small Forest Landowner Regulation Assistance Fish & Wildlife Biologist, gave a presentation about his roles and responsibilities. Brent can help landowners with stream typing and, where appropriate, he can conduct protocol electrofishing surveys to determine the Type F/N break. Brent can also help landowners delineate wetlands, complete Water Type Modification Forms and Forest Practices Applications. Brent can provide landowners with guidance on fish and wildlife habitat and the best management practices that can be used to increase fish and wildlife populations.

Cultural Resources Update

Karen told the Committee the Small Forest Landowner Office, and the Service Forestry Program were working on a Cultural Resources brochure and wanted to brief the Committee on the draft.

Forest Carbon and Habitat Enhancement Plan (FCHEP) or Riparian Ecological Enhancement Plan (REEP) Concept

John discussed the status of FCHEP, which is a riparian easement enhancement program which will be presented in the Carbon Work Group recommendations. Idea is to manage for habitat and carbon ONLY with the intention to maximize the carbon sequestration rate. The plan will design a Smart Buffer, which is a variable width buffer which is reviewed and approved by DNR. There will be a need to monitor the riparian conditions over time. The easement would be perpetual. The Categorical Alder Exemption proposal will most likely need to go through the Adaptive Management Program. The proposal is to remove alder in a riparian area to promote the Desired Future Condition.

Dates for 2024 SFLAC meetings

The next SFLAC meeting will be on January 23, 2024, from 1:00 to 4:00. The dates for the remainder of 2024 will be determined at that meeting.

Meeting Adjourned