

Small Forest Landowner Office Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

May 21, 2019

Present: John Henrikson, Tami Miketa, Chris Conklin, Mark Hicks, Rich Weiss, Bill Kemp, Jeffrey Thomas, Phil Hess by phone.

Additional attendees: Ken Miller, Vic Musselman – WFFA

Review 03/20/19 SFLOAC Meeting Notes

Mark Hicks provided edits to the discussion topic “Discuss List of Potential Low Impact Harvest Prescriptions”. Updated meeting notes from 03/20/2019 are attached.

FY19-21 Budget and Legislative Initiatives

SB 5330, which will analyze the state regulatory impact on small forest landowners passed by the Legislature. This bill states the University of Washington School of Environmental and Forest Sciences must complete a trends analysis that examines whether the number of small forestland owners has increased or decreased, whether the acreage held by small forestland owners has increased or decreased, and if certain forestlands previously held by small forestland owners have been converted to other uses. The University of Washington School of Environmental and Forest Sciences must also determine which factors contributed to small forestland owners selling their land and recommend actions the Legislature can take to keep forestland working. In addition, the analysis must review the effectiveness of the SFLO, the Forestry Riparian Easement Program, and the use of alternate harvest management plans. The University of Washington School of Environmental and Forest Sciences must report its findings to the appropriate committees of the Legislature by November 1, 2020. The report must include recommendations to improve mitigation measures for small forestland owners and improve retention of working forestland held by small forestland owners.

The Advisory Committee is encouraged by the initiative and hopes the results of the analysis will show the financial and technical support that small forest landowners need.

The FY19-21 Capital Budget allotment is as follows for the SFLO Programs:

FREP \$2.5 million

FFFPP \$5 million

RHOSP \$1 million

No funding was provided for the four Stewardship & Technical Assistance positions that were requested.

Discuss Concept of Potential Low Impact Harvest Prescriptions

John distributed a concept paper outlining a proposed definition of a relatively low impact harvest. The Advisory Committee reviewed, discussed and edited the document. Further discussion of this document will take place at the next meeting.

FPA Forms and Updates

Teresa Ann Ciapusci and Chris Baus from the Forest Practices Operations Team discussed the Long Term Application form update, which is almost completed. The main point they wanted to convey is that the cultural resources question is being rewritten as an informational question only.

Action Plan Update

The Committee updated the Action Plan to identify additional short term actions.

The next SFLOAC meeting will be held on July 24, 2019 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the NRB in Room 362.

Meeting Adjourned