

1 **FOREST PRACTICES BOARD**
2 **MEETING MINUTES**
3 November 14, 2007
4 Natural Resources Building
5 Olympia, Washington
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7 **Members Present:**

8 Doug Sutherland, Chair of the Board
9 Ann Wick, Designee for Director, Department of Agriculture
10 Brent Bahrenburg, Designee for Director, Community, Trade and Economic Development
11 Bridget Moran, Designee for Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife
12 Carolyn Dobbs, General Public Member
13 David Hagiwara, General Public Member
14 Doug Stinson, General Public Member/Small Forest Landowner
15 Norm Schaaf, General Public Member
16 Sherry Fox, General Public Member/Independent Logging Contractor
17 Tom Laurie, Designee for Director, Department of Ecology

18 **Absent Members:**

19 Bob Kelly, General Public Member
20 Dave Somers, Snohomish County Commissioner

21 **Staff:**

22 Chuck Turley, Forest Practices Assistant Division Manager
23 Danielle Sayers, Board Support
24 Lenny Young, Forest Practices Division Manager
25 Neil Wise, Assistant Attorney General
26 Patricia Anderson, Rules Coordinator
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28 **WELCOME**

29 Doug Sutherland called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Sutherland announced that the Forest
30 Practices Board (FPB or Board) would convene for an Executive Session to discuss on-going and
31 pending litigation.
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33 The public meeting reconvened at 9:40 a.m.
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35 Danielle Sayers, Department of Natural Resources (DNR or Department), provided an emergency
36 safety briefing.
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38 **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

39 **MOTION:** Sherry Fox moved to approve the June 6, 2007 meeting minutes.
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41 **SECONDED:** Tom Laurie
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43 **ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously.
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46 **MOTION:** Bridget Moran moved to approve the October 10 and 11, 2007 meeting
47 minutes.
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1 **SECONDED:** Carolyn Dobbs

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3 **ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously.

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5 **STAFF REPORTS**

6 Darin Cramer, DNR, provided an update on the independent technical review of the Compliance
7 Monitoring Program Design. Five reviewers have been secured and have begun evaluating the
8 program. A full report will be provided at the February 2008 meeting.

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10 Gary Graves, DNR, provided a staff report on Proposed Harvest Activities in Spotted Owl Special
11 Emphasis Areas (SOSEAs). It summarized the total number of applications received to harvest in
12 SOSEAs for years 1999-2002, 2006 and 2007 and compared 1999-2002 data to 2006 and 2007.

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14 Chuck Turley, DNR, provided a staff report on the Board's 2007-2008 Rule Making Schedule that
15 showed the projected time line for the current rule makings. It also provided a status update on each
16 rule making.

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18 David Whipple, Department of Fish and Wildlife, provided a staff report that updated the Board on
19 the wildlife work plan and landscape level wildlife assessment.

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21 Leslie Lingley, DNR, provided a status update on the Compliance Monitoring program. Training
22 and field assessments of alternate plans and 20 acre exempt parcels are underway.

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24 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

25 Miguel Perez Gibson, Conservation Caucus, recommended that the Adaptive Management Program
26 review and answer, through science, the key questions, resource objectives and performance targets
27 listed in schedules L1 and L2. He also expressed concern that the protocols and procedures of the
28 compliance monitoring program have not been independently reviewed to assure compliance on the
29 ground. The Conservation Caucus is concerned about the accuracy of the stand table in the desired
30 future condition (DFC) Rule Proposal #2.

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32 Josh Weiss, WFPA, stated that the Adaptive Management Program needs to be tuned- up and
33 recommended that a third party conduct a program review and provide a recommendation. He also
34 recommended that Forests and Fish Policy continue to work on Water Typing and Type N Water.

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36 **COMPLIANCE MONITORING REVIEW**

37 Darin Cramer, DNR, reported that four of the five requested reviews have been turned in and the
38 Board will receive a full report at the February meeting.

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40 Bridget Moran asked Cramer if the reviews indicated a need for additional work on the program.
41 Cramer responded that yes the initial reviews did indicate additional work may be needed.

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43 Tom Laurie asked Cramer if he could reveal the names of the reviewers. Cramer stated that the
44 process involves a blind review where the names of the reviewers cannot be revealed. Cramer
45 stated that two reviewers are within the Adaptive Management program. There is one current and
46 one former CMER member and two are unassociated with the Adaptive Management program--a
47 federal employee with Pacific Northwest Research Lab and a state employee that works with
48 ambient monitoring.

1 Laurie also asked how they were selected. Cramer responded that the CMER members were
2 selected because of their expertise and availability and the others were selected because of their
3 background and expertise in compliance monitoring and their independence from the monitoring
4 program.

6 **CONVERSION ACTIVITY RULE MAKING**

7 Marc Engel, DNR, presented draft rule language that will implement Second Substitute Senate Bill
8 5883 by defining the term “conversion activity.” He requested the Board’s approval to distribute
9 the 30-day notice to Department of Fish and Wildlife and counties for review and comment.

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11 **MOTION:** Tom Laurie moved that the Forest Practices Board accept the draft rule
12 proposal that defines conversion activity and direct staff to provide notice
13 pursuant to RCW 76.09.040 notifying the counties, Washington Department
14 of Fish and Wildlife, and Tribes of rule making intentions.

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16 **SECONDED:** David Hagiwara

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18 **ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously.

20 **FUTURE OF WASHINGTON FORESTS**

21 Bonnie Bunning, DNR, provided a presentation to the Board showing the results of the legislative
22 funded report on the Future of Washington Forests.

24 **REVISED PRELIMINARY ECONOMIC ANALYSIS FOR THE DFC RULE MAKING**

25 Chuck Turley, DNR, asked the Board for their approval to re-file the CR102 with an updated
26 Preliminary Economic Analysis.

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28 **MOTION:** Norm Schaaf moved that the Forest Practices Board accept the revised
29 preliminary economic analysis for the desired future condition rulemaking.
30 He further moved that staff file a revised CR102 with the Office of the Code
31 Reviser that includes the revised preliminary economic analysis.

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33 **SECONDED:** Brent Bahrenburg

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35 **ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously.

37 **FORESTS AND FISH POLICY PRIORITIES**

38 Lenny Young, DNR, provided an overview of Forests and Fish Policy’s priorities for the next year
39 which included DFC rule making, review of the Adaptive Management Program, water typing, and
40 Type N waters.

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42 Schaaf stated that he is very supportive of Forests and Fish Policy.

44 **ADJOURNMENT**

45 Sutherland asked Board members to consider for discussion at the February meeting, the topics,
46 dates and location for next year’s Board field tour.

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48 Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.