

**Small Forest Landowner Office Advisory Committee Meeting
Notes
January 17, 2023**

Present: John Henrikson, Tami Miketa, Phil Hess, Rich Weiss, Brandon Austin, Jeffrey Thomas, Karen Zirkle, Marc Engel

Additional attendees:

DNR: Hollis Crapo, Holly Haley, Todd Olson, Noah Nequette, Roslyn Henricks, KelliAnne Ricks

Small Forest Landowner: Ken Miller

Review 10/11/2022 SFLAC Meeting Notes

Accepted as written.

Introduce Stephan Petrovic, DNR Boards and Commissions Manager

Tami introduced Stephan Petrovic, DNR's Boards and Commissions Manager. Stephan is working with all DNR-affiliated boards to increase capacity and support existing program staff in management and coordination of these various advisory bodies. He will also be working with boards to embed environmental justice practices (as required by the HEAL Act) into board operations.

SFLO Update

Tami briefed the Advisory Committee (AC) on some outreach work that the Office is working on. Specifically, a new Small Forest Landowner Regulation Assistance brochure has been created along with Welcome Packets that will be sent to all landowners on the FREP waiting list and all landowners who sign up for the program. The Welcome Packet includes a welcome letter, a FREP Acquisition timeline, some Frequently Asked Questions, and relevant WAC's and RCWs pertaining to the FRE Program. The AC requested to look at these new outreach materials and provide any comments/edits that may enable a landowner to better understand the programs. Tami committed to sending these materials to the AC.

Ken Miller offered to meet with the Regulation Assistance Foresters to discuss how the foresters can help small forest landowners navigate the Forest Practices Rules, specifically alternate plans.

Jeffrey asked why there isn't a brochure on developing culturally significant plans. He also wants to discuss the relationship with this AC and the role of cultural resources. This will be an agenda topic at our next AC meeting.

Jeffrey would like some time at the next AC to discuss the importance of cultural resources.

Discuss SFLAC value and mission

The AC would like to discuss the committee's role within the rules outlined in RCW 76.13.110(4) which states:

An advisory committee is established to assist the small forestland owner office in developing policy and recommending rules to the forest practices board. The advisory committee shall consist of seven members, including a representative from the

department of ecology, the department of fish and wildlife, and a tribal representative. Four additional committee members shall be small forestland owners who shall be appointed by the commissioner of public lands from a list of candidates submitted by the board of directors of the Washington farm forestry association or its successor organization. The association shall submit more than one candidate for each position. The commissioner shall designate two of the initial small forestland owner appointees to serve five-year terms and the other two small forestland owner appointees to serve four-year terms. Thereafter, appointees shall serve for a term of four years. The small forestland owner office shall review draft rules or rule concepts with the committee prior to recommending such rules to the forest practices board.

It seems the AC does not have a connection with the Forest Practices Board, so what is our role?
Thoughts on the role of the AC:

- Review of Forest Practices forms relating to small forest landowners
- Review of SFLO outreach materials
- Outline 20ac exempt language on the eastside
- Help with regulation assistance outreach and training

Discuss Forest Practices Board decisions and future work

Update of Board Manual 21 Alternate Plans. Add back in the imminent mortality template. The AC would like a separate section in BM 21 for small forest landowners and to discuss site specific conditions. There is a need to gain a joint understanding of what can and can't be done on an alternate harvest template.

What role can the AC play in the update of BM Section 21?

Meeting Adjourned