Members Present:
- Doug Sutherland, Chair of the Board
- Ann Wick, Designee for Director, Department of Agriculture
- Brent Bahrenburg, Designee for Director, Community, Trade and Economic Development
- Bridget Moran, Designee for Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Carolyn Dobbs, General Public Member
- David Hagiwara, General Public Member
- Doug Stinson, General Public Member/Small Forest Landowner
- Norm Schaaf, General Public Member
- Sherry Fox, General Public Member/Independent Logging Contractor
- Tom Laurie, Designee for Director, Department of Ecology

Absent Members:
- Bob Kelly, General Public Member
- Dave Somers, Snohomish County Commissioner

Staff:
- Chuck Turley, Forest Practices Assistant Division Manager
- Danielle Sayers, Board Support
- Lenny Young, Forest Practices Division Manager
- Neil Wise, Assistant Attorney General
- Patricia Anderson, Rules Coordinator

WELCOME
Doug Sutherland called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Sutherland announced that the Forest Practices Board (FPB or Board) would convene for an Executive Session to discuss on-going and pending litigation.

The public meeting reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

Danielle Sayers, Department of Natural Resources (DNR or Department), provided an emergency safety briefing.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
MOTION: Sherry Fox moved to approve the June 6, 2007 meeting minutes.
SECONDED: Tom Laurie
ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Bridget Moran moved to approve the October 10 and 11, 2007 meeting minutes.
SECONDED: Carolyn Dobbs

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tom Laurie asked Cramer if he could reveal the names of the reviewers. Cramer stated that the process involves a blind review where the names of the reviewers cannot be revealed. Cramer stated that two reviewers are within the Adaptive Management program. There is one current and one former CMER member and two are unassociated with the Adaptive Management program—a federal employee with Pacific Northwest Research Lab and a state employee that works with ambient monitoring.
Laurie also asked how they were selected. Cramer responded that the CMER members were selected because of their expertise and availability and the others were selected because of their background and expertise in compliance monitoring and their independence from the monitoring program.

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

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

SECONDED: David Hagiwara

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE OF WASHINGTON FORESTS
Bonnie Bunning, DNR, provided a presentation to the Board showing the results of the legislative funded report on the Future of Washington Forests.

REVISED PRELIMINARY ECONOMIC ANALYSIS FOR THE DFC RULE MAKING
Chuck Turley, DNR, asked the Board for their approval to re-file the CR102 with an updated Preliminary Economic Analysis.

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

SECONDED: Brent Bahrenburg

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.