

## **Small Forest Landowner Office Advisory Committee Meeting Notes January 23, 2024**

Present:

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

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

WA Dept. of Ecology (DOE) representative: Chris Briggs

DNR: Karen Zirkle, Tami Miketa

Absent: Tribal representative: Jeffrey Thomas

Additional attendees:

DNR: Holly Haley, Todd Olson, Roslyn Henricks, Noah Nequette, Brent Haverkamp, Tom Chandler, Donelle Mahan

Small forest landowner: Ken Miller

Tribal: Jim Peters

### **Review 10/23/2023 SFLAC Meeting Notes**

Accepted as written.

### **SFLO Updates**

Tami and the entire SFLAC welcomed Chris Briggs as the Dept. of Ecology representative on the committee.

Staff Updates: Kellen Salseina started last October as our Conservation Easement Forest Check Cruiser which should greatly expedite the conservation easement acquisition process.

The Olympic Area Small Forest Landowner Regulation Assistance Forester position is currently vacant, and we are starting the recruitment to fill that position.

There is a bill currently in legislation that affects the Forestry Riparian Easement Program. Specifically, there are proposed changes to the compensation amount, the easement duration, when the qualifying timber in the easement is valued, and the compensation amount for unstable slopes. WFFA is sponsoring the bill, and we will be monitoring it as it moves through legislation.

### **Alternate Plan Booklet and Alternate Plan Brochure Review**

Tami presented to the Committee the updated Alternate Plan Booklet and Brochure and asked for comment and input. John appreciated the highlighting of conifer restoration in the brochure. Ken stated that there was no reference to “relatively low impact”. The Committee also appreciated the reference to monitoring after the activity is completed, and that Board Manual 21 Part 1:

*Guidance for Small Forest Landowners* should also be referenced in the Booklet.

### **Update on fpOnline**

Donelle Mahan, DNR fpOnline Co-Business Sponsor/Product Owner and Katherine Boyd, CEO for Halcyon Northwest, LLC gave an update on the fpOnline Project. Halcyon Northwest, LLC is the fpOnline Project’s Organizational Change Management consulting team. FpOnline will modernize the creation, submission, and review process of forest practices applications (FPAs)

and water type modification forms (WTMFs). Users will complete and submit forms online, sign electronically, pay online payment, create maps online, and attach PDF or TIFF maps. Testing and training is scheduled from April 24 to December 2024 with a target date to go live is January 2025. If you have any questions or would like more information, please go to:

fpOnline website: [dnr.wa.gov/fpOnline-info](https://dnr.wa.gov/fpOnline-info)

Sign up for the Monthly FpOnline Newsletter - [GovDelivery email list](#)

FAQ Sheet – [dnr.wa.gov/fpOnline-info](https://dnr.wa.gov/fpOnline-info)

Email - [DNRrefpOnline@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:DNRrefpOnline@dnr.wa.gov)

Visit - [Washington State IT Project Dashboard](#)

### **E. WA FPA Instructions Q19/Uneven-aged vs even-aged**

Phil Hess had a question about Question 19 on the EWA FPA Instructions. Specifically, he wanted to know what is the difference between even-aged and uneven-aged? A partial cut is shown under “even-aged” in the Instructions and states “*Partial cutting: If leaving less than 50 trees per acre that are at least 10 inches in diameter with at least 1/3 live crown*”

The instructions also state Refer to WAC 222-16-010 for definitions of each harvest type. WAC 222-16-010 states: “*Partial cutting" means the removal of a portion of the merchantable volume in a stand of timber so as to leave an uneven-aged stand of well-distributed residual, healthy trees that will reasonably utilize the productivity of the soil. Partial cutting does not include seed tree or shelterwood or other types of regeneration cutting.*”

**These are two different definitions of partial cutting. Which one is correct?**

Need to ask the Forms Committee to clarify. Tami will reach out to the Forms Committee for clarification.

### **Dates for 2024 SFLAC meetings**

Dates for the remaining SFLAC were determined as:

July 23 from 9:00 to 1:00

October 22 from 9:00 to 1:00

All meetings will have a remote TEAMS meeting option with in-person meetings at the Natural Resources Building in Room 382.

Meeting Adjourned