



# Sustainable Forestry Initiative

Oregon State Implementation Committee  
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## Oregon State Implementation Committee Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2013

### **Attendees:**

Kathy Troupe, Chair, Longview Paper & Packaging  
Rod Burns, Fruitgrowers Supply  
Rex Storm, AOL  
Jim Dudley, Swanson Group  
Adrian Miller, Longview Timber (via phone)  
Joe Holmberg, Oregon Tree Farm System  
Scott Gray, Stimson Lumber  
Paul Betts, Miami  
Bonnie Jones, Hampton  
Mike Hicks, Boise Cascade  
Chris Lunde, Port Blakely  
Gary Schroeder, C&D Lumber  
Brian Tenbusch, Boise Cascade  
Rob Thomas, Starfire Lumber  
Ron Smith, Hancock Forest Management  
Mike Mackelwich, Olympic Resource Management  
Wade Stringham, MB&G  
Jeff Light, Plum Creek Timber  
Chris Jarmer, OFIC, SIC Staff

### **Guests:**

Gregor Macintosh, SFI (via phone)

Kathy brought the meeting to order at 9:00. Kathy announced that the meeting would be held in accordance with OFIC's accepted anti-trust policies. Kathy asked for additions to the agenda (none offered) and then asked for self-introductions and audit status/updates.

### **AOL Update**

Kathy Troupe asked Rex Storm to update the group on what's happening with the Oregon Professional Logger program. As an introduction to Rex's discussion, Kathy asked if anyone had experienced any issues lately related to OPL. While none had any recent experience, Rex clarified how the issues that had surfaced after the adoption of the current standard had been addressed. Rex passed out the OPL annual report and highlighted in the report the areas that had been developed to address concerns expressed by some auditors. Rex finished with a brief discussion

about plans to gather operators and landowners along with ODF field personnel in the fall to talk about forest roads and drainage from those roads.

### **Tree Farm Update**

Kathy asked Joe Holmberg to give the committee the highlights from the Tree Farm System. Joe indicated that of the four pilot states, Oregon did far better than the others in people signing up to pay for Tree Farm membership. Regardless, there was insufficient “pick up” for the system to go forward with a dues-paying model. Instead, national efforts to “enhance” donations will commence. Additionally, states will have to “opt in” and by 2018 there will be a requirement for states to pay dues to the national system.

Joe also took the opportunity to distribute a flyer for a joint Tree Farm/Small Woodlands annual meeting. Joe closed his report with a comment that a manufacturer in Idaho is currently paying a premium for Tree Farm certified wood.

There were several questions, most along the lines of tracking how much Tree Farm wood is being reported. Several manufacturers discussed how they were tracking it and how that system could be made easier for everyone.

### **SFI Update**

Gregor Macintosh joined the committee via phone. Gregor reviewed the approach and timeline for the standard review and revision. Notable dates: June 3 the comment period will open; SFI annual meeting in San Antonio 9/11-13; workshops in January and February 2014, one in Portland. There are eight task forces working on pieces of the standard, aiming for a January 2015 launch. Kathy asked if there were known issues, to which Gregor replied yes, citing land conversion, GMO issues, bio-energy, and EU concerns as a few.

### **SIC Leadership**

Kathy went through presentation on leadership (attached via email.) Modeled after the Washington SIC process, Kathy proposed a schedule of chairs that rotate among member companies. It was moved to amend the list to include a company inadvertently left off. After that, the process was unanimously accepted. It was noted that this will necessitate a change to the by-laws. That change will be drafted and presented at the December meeting.

### **Budget Review**

As a part of an overall budget review, Kathy introduced Jeff Aradine, representing the Cascade Pacific Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Jeff outlined a request for funding from the SIC that would allow their council to focus more on an already existing merit badge in forestry. Jeff was excused and the committee discussed the proposal. It was moved and seconded to fund the proposal. Motion carried.

Seeing no other business, Kathy adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Jarmer  
SIC Staff