

Stand Management Cooperative Annual Fall Meeting

September 16-17, 2013 Vancouver, WA

ATTENDEES

Bureau of Land Management, George McFadden; **Campbell Group**, Jim Carr, Dave Hamlin; **Cascade Timber**, Bill Marshall; **Flewelling Consulting**, Jim Flewelling; **Green Diamond Resource Company**, Randall Greggs; **Hancock Forest Management**, Nate Blacklock, Patrick Clune, Florian Deisenhofer, Matthew Kamp, Brent Keefre, Bruce Ripley, James, Vander Ploeg; **Lone Rock Timber Co.**, Tim Drake; **Mason, Bruce & Girard**, Donald Gagliasso; **Olympic Resource Management**, Sean Garber, Scott Holmen; **Oregon Department of Forestry**, Tod Haren; **Oregon State University**, Doug Maguire, Nathaniel Osborne; **Plum Creek Timber Co.**, Steve Gravelle, Connor Fristoe; Mic Holmes; **Port Blakely Tree Farms**, Gareth Waugh; **Quinault Indian Nation**, Jimmy Hargrove, John Mitchell, Jim Plampin, Larry Wiechelman; **Rayonier Forest Resources**, Candace Cahill, Mike Oppenheimer, John Paul McTague; **Roseburg Forest Products**, Tony Powell; **Sierra Pacific Industries**, Barry Armstrong; **Stimson Lumber Co**, Margret Banks, Roger Van Dyke; **TimberWest**, Andres Enrich; **University of Washington**, Bob Gonyea, Greg Ettl, Rob Harrison, Kim Littke, Megan O'Shea, Eric Turnblom; **USFS PNW RS**, Eini Lowell, Erin Smith-Mateja; **West Fork Timber Co.** Gene McCaul, Katri Rahkonen; **Weyerhaeuser Columbia**, Andy Hopkins; **Weyerhaeuser NR Company**, Scott Holub, Greg Johnson, Dave Marshall

The fall field trip on September 16th looked at the Type I installation, #704, Ostrander Road, Longview, WA, (handouts Appendix A), the business meeting on September 17th was at Fort Vancouver, Vancouver, WA beginning at 9:00 AM with the agenda in Appendix B. There were 51 attendees from 23 organizations. Candace Cahill, Policy Committee Vice-Chair opened the meeting welcoming the attendees. Director Ettl outlined the meeting objectives:

- 2013 at a Glance
- 2013-2014 Budget Status
- Dues Options
- Technical Reports
- Field Trip Follow Up

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed measurements
 - Type I: 10 installations (111 plots) re-measured; 4 installations (5 plots) thin check
 - Type III: 6 installations (65 plots) re-measured; 3 installations (3 plots) thinned;
 - Type IV: 3 installations (66 plots) re-measured
 - Type V: 33 installations re-measured
- 2 MS degrees completed, 8 active students

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- Installation and Measurement Review Committee Reports
- Joint TAC Meeting
- Call for, and review of proposals: Turnblom's PCT Analysis funded at spring meeting
- Data distributed to members
- 15N fertilization project, and Type V paired tree study –CAFS funded (\$38,000)
- Effect of genetic gain and spacing on wood quality of Type IV—CAFS funded (\$31,000)
- Long-term site productivity -NCASI funded (\$40,000)

BUDGET

- PAC/Budget Committee conference call meeting September 4, 2013
 - Budget discussion led to consensus we need to look at dues increase
 - Dues flat for the last 20 years (\$629,000 in 1995)
 - SMC has scaled back staff in response to inflation, Database Manager moved to ½ time in July (free up \$research)
 - State mandated raises projected to cost another \$40,000 by 2017
 - Stayed in the black and added research this year
 - Increased research will require increased resources
- 2013 available funds \$619,710
- Projected 2013 Ending Balance \$44,084
- DNR will be back to full dues in 2014, in 2013 they will be at ¾ (owing to DNR's fiscal calendar)

Greg Johnson brought up the subject of Longview Timber now being part of Weyerhaeuser NR, Longview will be known as "Weyerhaeuser Columbia" and will not be paying separate dues in 2014, their acreage will be included with Weyerhaeuser NR's which will put Weyerhaeuser (and BLM) back at the max dues of \$79,514, (lowered to \$72,166 in 2013 due to a decline in Weyerhaeuser's land base). Longview's 2013 dues were \$35,406, with BLM and Weyerhaeuser back at the max dues our net loss in 2014 will be \$20,710.

Director Ettl presented 4 dues scenarios for the next 3-years with the goal to try and grow the dues to \$731,887 in 2016.

1. No Change
2. 4% each year
3. 4%,4%, 10%
4. 10%,4%,4%

The discussion following centered on the question of being able to maintain the quality of SMC's data collection with the existing budget, cleaning up the database errors so members can use it to its fullest and hiring an analyst.

Randall Gregg's proposed making a motion to support dues scenario #4. Scott Holmen second it. George McFadden said a 10% increase will put the BLM in a position that necessitates

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looking hard at the value of SMC data, Sean Garber pointed out even with a 10% increase the SMC would have a hard time hiring an analyst unless there is carryover. Greg Johnson moved to amend the motion to raise dues by 10% in 2014 without the 4% increases. Tod Haren and George McFadden said a 10% increase puts a large burden on the public agencies; there was some discussion about introducing a “dues cap” for the public agencies. The motion to raise dues by 10% in 2014 passed with 12 in favor, 3 opposed and 1 abstaining.

TECHNICAL REPORTS posted on the SMC Events web page

<http://www.sefs.washington.edu/research.smc/pages/events.html>

- TAC
 - Wood Quality, Eini Lowell
 - Modeling, Dave Marshal
 - Silviculture, Eric Turnblom
 - Nutrition, Rob Harrison
 - Field Trip Follow up, Eric Turnblom
- Model Validation Using SMC Dataset, Greg Johnson, Weyerhaeuser NR
- ORGANON-N-R: Simulating the Effect of Spacing on Wood Quality Using ORGANON in R, Nate Osborne, Ph.D. Student, OSU
- Response of Wood Density to Thinning and Fertilization on SMC Type I Installations, Doug Maguire, OSU
- Genetic Gain Type IV Joint Report of 3 Installations (year 9), Eric Turnblom
- Model Estimates of Fertilization Effects in Douglas-fir Plantations Type V Update, Kim Littke
- Long-term Site Productivity: Fall River Update; Tracing the N, or Why Fertilizer Doesn't Always Reach the Intended Trees, Rob Harrison

The meeting adjourned at 4:30