

WASHINGTON SFI[®] IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE BYLAWS

MISSION

It is the mission of the Washington SFI[®] Implementation Committee (SIC) to promote and foster an understanding of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative[®] (SFI) program, and to promote sustainable forestry practices on all forestlands.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

1. Fulfill the key elements of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc. (SFI, Inc.) including, but not limited to, logger training, inconsistent practices monitoring, landowner outreach, and public recognition.
2. Carry out an annual work plan developed by SIC members to guide the SIC in fulfilling the SIC's mission and MOU.
3. Implement a SIC communications strategy to educate and promote the SFI program and sustainable forestry practices.
4. Core Priorities:
 - a. Establish criteria and identify delivery mechanisms for logger and forester training to define what it means to be "SFI trained".
 - b. Establish protocols for addressing inconsistent practices.
 - c. Focus landowner outreach efforts on education and technical assistance.
 - d. Focus public outreach efforts on increasing SFI program recognition and support with local opinion leaders and forestry professionals.
 - e. Submit the SIC Annual Progress Report to SFI, Inc.
 - f. Protect the integrity of the SFI program by: a) ensuring proper SIC service mark usage, b) alerting SFI, Inc. when improper communications or misleading claims are observed, and c) avoiding the appearance of participation or compliance by non-SFI program participants.
 - g. Support the efforts of state and federal agencies to report harvest and regeneration statistics.

MEMBERSHIP

General Members:

Membership is open to all SFI participants who own and/or manage forestlands, own or operate facilities, or procure fiber within the state.

In addition, loggers, forest products companies, non-industrial landowners, forestry consultants, and representatives from the state and regional forestry associations, the state forester's office, forestry schools, state and university extension services, technical education centers, conservation organizations, and other stakeholders are also encouraged to participate as general members.

ORGANIZATION

Chair: Shall be an SFI participant. The Chair shall serve for a term of two years. Chair may be re-elected to succeeding terms without limitation.

Additional Officers: Shall include a Co-Chair and a Treasurer. The Co-Chair shall be an SFI participant. The Co-Chair and Treasurer shall each serve a term of two years. The Co-Chair and Treasurer may be re-elected to succeeding terms without limitation.

SUB COMMITTEES

Sub Committees may be established to assist the SIC pursue its goals and objectives.

SIC DECISION MAKING

Decisions of the SIC shall require a majority of the total number of general members as opposed to a simple majority of general members present at a meeting. All budgets must receive the approval of the majority of the SFI participants.

FUNDING

Funding sources, other than SFI grants and voluntary contributions from SIC members, may be used if approved by the SIC.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining an accounting record for the SIC funds. The Treasurer shall provide a "Treasurer's Report" to the SIC at each regularly scheduled SIC meeting.

MEETINGS

The SIC shall meet at least three times a year. Additional meetings are at the discretion of the Chair.