



Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

Washington State SFI Implementation Committee
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Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights February 10, 2021

February 2021 WA SIC Meeting Attendee List

Member Organizations	Attending Representative
American Forest Management	Dan Thomas
Boise Cascade	Rick Hanson, Monica Hughes
Campbell Global	Doug Meekins
Canyon Lumber	Jake Hambidge
Fruit Growers Supply Co.	Tom Shorey
Green Diamond	Matt Nixon
GreenWood	Kat Olson
Hampton Lumber	Alan Kycek, Bonnie Jones
Hancock	Aaron Goodman
Molpus	Chad McElvaney
Murphy Co.	Mike Sly
NORPAC	Shayne Boelk
Packaging Corp. of America (PCA)	Tom Agens
Port Blakely	Eric Cohen
Port Townsend Paper Corp.	Ryan Reith
Rayonier	Jeff Curless, Ben Cazell
Sierra Pacific	Billy Langlois
Stimson Lumber	Dave Brummer
WA Department of Natural Resources	Nicole Jacobsen
WestRock	Kathy Troupe
Weyerhaeuser	James Erickson, Amanda Sandhop
Yakama Forest Products	Doug Olney
Yakama Nation	Tia Beavert
Supporting Organizations	Attending Representative
Pacific Education Institute	Denise Buck, Kathryn Kurtz
Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc.	Nadine Block

Washington Contract Loggers Association	Jerry Bonagofsky
Washington Tree Farm Association	Jenny Knoth, Nick Kunz

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Troupe, WestRock, at 9:00 AM via Skype.

Emergency Evacuation Procedure

No Emergency Evacuation Procedure was needed due to the meeting being held online.

Antitrust Reminder

The group was reminded of the [antitrust agreement](#) and participants were asked to excuse/mute themselves if needed.

Inconsistent Practices Update

Nicole Jacobsen reported that no complaints of inconsistent practices have been filed since the last meeting in October.

Introductions and Certification Updates from SIC Participants

Participants introduced themselves. Some participants updated the group on recent certification activities.

Approval of Highlights

Highlights from the October 21, 2020 WA SIC meeting were circulated before the meeting. A motion was made to accept the draft version of the document as the final. It was seconded and approved. Approved [October Highlights](#) are now posted to the WA SIC website.

SIC Leadership Change

As outlined in the [WA SIC Rotation Schedule](#), Kathy Troupe of WestRock is stepping down and the 2021-2022 SIC chair is now Rick Hanson of Boise Cascade. This year's vice chair is Canyon Lumber with Jake Hambidge taking lead and Ashley Deasy supporting. As a reminder, the chair acts as treasurer and WFPA is the bookkeeper. Nicole Jacobsen continues as SIC secretary/coordinator, as this permanent role is supported as an in-kind contribution from WA DNR. A motion was made to approve the rotation schedule as provided, and was seconded and approved.

Guest Speaker: Pacific Education Institute

Kathryn Kurtz gave an update on a PEI job study and current work.

Key findings:

- Publicly available information is insufficient
- It's difficult to define clear parameters
- Increasing rates of attrition
- Economic characteristics differ across regions
- Jobs associated with innovation are never included

PEI is implementing a new program called Expanding Green Opportunities for Youth in Forestry (EGOYF).

Commitments needed from forestry professionals:

- Review grant proposal and indicate support by emailing PEI contacts
- Participate in EGOYF meetings and programming as appropriate
- Consider offering EGOYF career launch (paid internships, pre-apprentice or apprenticeship) opportunities,

- Consider funding, or seek funding in partnership with the Intermediary, to maintain the EGOYF manager after Career Connect Washington funding is done
- Eventually, once the program is in place and students are graduating with career launch credentials that employers have confidence in, we will be looking for hiring commitments

See the [PEI-SIC presentation](#) and [EGOY Forestry Proposal](#) for more information.

Guest Speaker: WA Tree Farm Program

- Nick Kunz presented a Certified Mill Directory proposal ([see Google doc here](#)). The request is for SIC help with facilitation and support to create and maintain this directory.
- Eric mentioned that certified loggers could be added here, and Jerry mentioned there was a spreadsheet available on their website.
- WSU has silvicultural contract directory.

WCLA Certification and Continuing Education

- There are a lot of people who haven't taken core classes. Those set to expire 2020 have been granted an extension through 2021. Also need to get training this year for 2022.
- Jerry mentioned the 4-day complete training program on Zoom in April. See the [calendar of events on WCLA](#) (scroll down to MLP heading), or the direct link to the [Registration Form](#).
- Follow up with Andy Perleberg about the [WSU Forest Stewardship University](#). It's not online currently and that was previously a good resource.
- SFI meeting 2/11 regarding their online training platform with MSU (see [additional documentation here](#)).
- The WA SIC Training sub-committee is scheduled to meet 2/19 and discuss options. Rick will report back at the June meeting.

Exceptional Logger Award Discussion

- Rick Hanson went through a nomination for Laurin Tanner of T & B Logging (see [Application](#) and [Announcement](#)).
- Rick asked if this was a worthwhile program and do we see continuing it?
 - Nicole Jacobsen agreed it's a good program, and committed to being more proactive about getting the word out to field staff who work directly with loggers.
 - Dave Brummer agreed it's a good program and suggested that we don't necessarily need to have a nomination / present an award every year.

Partner Report: WA Tree Farm Program

New standards in 2021 mainly in reporting, hosting trainings for inspectors this year.

Bob Obedzinski will be taking over as Jenny Knoth is transitioning out of the SIC liaison role.

Partner Report: Project Learning Tree

Just a few updates from Denise Buck. New guides for Project Learning Tree will be out in May.

Workshops are coming soon. See [PLT-SIC Presentation](#) for more information.

Partner Report: SFI, Inc.

Nadine Block had a few updates from SFI. See [SFI-SIC Presentation](#) for more information.

1. Climate Smart Forestry.
2. Working on Fire Smart Forests as part of the Forest Management Standard; inclusion in 2022.
3. Best Practices Webinar from December is available on SFI SIC Members site.

4. SIC Chair/Coordinator online training from January is also on SFI SIC Members site.
5. 2021 Community Grant RFP closed February 5, 2021.

Reminder: SFI SIC Members Site is <https://www.forests.org/memberssic/>

WA SIC Budget Review

Rick reviewed the [2021 Budget](#).

Outreach and Events

- **Outreach Opportunities**
 - None due to COVID
- **Upcoming Events**
 - WA Tree Farm Inspector Training (see their [calendar of events](#) for more info)
 - WA Tree Farm Program Online Meeting (see their [calendar of events](#) for more info)
 - [WSU Extension Forest Owner Online Winter School](#)
 - [SFI Annual Conference](#), May 12-14
- **Reminder(s)**
 - Landowner pamphlets available

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for June 9. A motion was made to hold the **next meeting June 16 via Skype**. The motion was seconded and approved. A Skype meeting invitation will be sent by Nicole Jacobsen to WA SIC Members and Supporters. A motion to adjourn was seconded and approved.

----- **The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 AM by Rick Hanson**-----