



Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

Washington State SFI Implementation Committee
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Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Meeting Highlights June 16, 2021

June 2021 WA SIC Meeting Attendee List

Member Organizations	Attending Representative
American Forest Management	Dan Thomas
Boise Cascade	Rick Hanson
Campbell Global	Doug Meekins
Canyon Lumber	Jake Hambidge
Fruit Growers Supply Co.	Tom Shorey
Georgia-Pacific	Forrest Costales
Green Diamond	Matt Nixon
GreenWood	Kat Olson
Hampton Lumber	Alan Kycek
Hancock	N/A
Molpus	Chad McElvaney
Murphy Co.	Mike Sly
NORPAC	N/A
Packaging Corp. of America (PCA)	Tom Agens
Port Blakely	Eric Cohen
Port Townsend Paper Corp.	Ryan Reith, Dan Birch
Rayonier	Jeff Curless
Sierra Pacific	Billy Langlois, Lisa Perry
Stimson Lumber	Dave Brummer
WA Department of Natural Resources	Nicole Jacobsen
WestRock	Terrell Victorian
Weyerhaeuser	Amanda Sandhop
Yakama Forest Products	Cristy Fiander
Yakama Nation	Tia Beavert
Supporting Organizations	Attending Representative
Pacific Education Institute	Denise Buck

Pacific Fibre Products	Rob Vance
Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc.	Nadine Block
Washington Contract Loggers Association	Jerry Bonagofsky
Washington Tree Farm Association	Bob Obedzenski

The meeting was called to order by Rick Hanson, at 9:02 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.

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 February 2021 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 February Highlights are now posted to the WA SIC website [here](#).

Guest Speaker: AgForestry

Matt Kloes gave a [presentation](#) about AgForestry.

Guest Speaker: Northwest Natural Resources Institute

Diahne Gill gave a [presentation](#) on Northwest Natural Resources and their [Model Forest Program](#).

WASIC Website Update

Nicole Jacobsen led a discussion about updates needed for the website. It was decided that a “Member’s Only” area would be created to house important SIC information such as contact list and budget, among other items. There was a motion and second to move forward to hire an outside firm to complete the website update. Nicole will follow up with the leadership team and give an update at the October 2021 meeting.

Scholarship Update

Lisa Perry gave an [overview](#) of this year’s scholarship process and recipients.

WCLA Certification and Continuing Education

- Rick Hanson discussed the continuing education work. Decided not to go with the SFI platform and will work with WSU instead. Rick will follow up with the leadership team and the training subcommittee and give a presentation at the October 2021 meeting.

- Oregon logging has an opportunity to get credit. It is \$25 and available to WA loggers through 12/31/2021. See www.OLC.com for more info.
- Jerry Bonagofsky reported that WCLA held an online training in April.
 - There was good participation and reviews. There are 14 new master loggers (950 total), 6 new onsite supervisors (121 total), 2 re-certifications, and 8 attendees (454 total companies) for continuing education.
 - See the [WCLA Calendar](#) for upcoming classes.

Partner Report: Project Learning Tree

Just a few updates from Denise Buck. See [PEI-PLT-SIC Presentation](#) for more information.

Partner Report: Washington Tree Farm Program

Bob Obedzenski presented on WTFP projects from 2020. There was no motion to support funding the Mill Directory proposal by Nick Kunz of the Washington Tree Farm Program.

Partner Report: SFI, Inc.

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

1. Recent conference is available online for registrants (see separate email from Gordy)
2. New SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard is [posted](#). There is a grace period and certified organizations won't need to be audited to this standard until 2023 (any audit scheduled for 2022 can be audited against old standard).
3. There will be webinars in the fall to cover the new FM Standard topics more in-depth.
4. There is opportunity for SICs to play a more significant role than in the past. SFI can help convene the regional SICs.
5. OSU presented the results of the tethered logging work funded by a WASIC-sponsored SFI Community Grant. The final report is [here](#); and the recording of the webinar is [here](#).
6. There will be a regional SIC meeting in October-November.
7. ESG (environmental, social & governance criteria) is a focus for SFI.
8. SFI is creating a Guide to Black Americans in Forestry that should be available the end of 2021.
9. SFI updated the communication tools. A recording of the February 2021 webinar is [here](#).
10. SFI SIC Members Site is <https://www.forests.org/memberssic/> password: sfi4156

Other Topics

- New ELC form will be updated by end of year.
- Landowner pamphlet needs to be updated for new SFI FM Standards and with new WASIC logo. Needs work and review and probably a new subcommittee.
- Budget has been revised/updated and sent to participants; will review in-depth at October meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 6 October 2021. A Teams 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 11:53 AM by Rick Hanson** -----