

SMC PAC meeting

8/18/2015

Hancock Headquarters Vancouver, WA.

ATTENDEES

Louise de Montigny, B.C. Ministry of Forests; George McFadden, BLM; Dave Hamlin, Campbell Global; Dean Stuck, Hancock Forest Management; Chris Sexton, Lone Rock Timber; Brian Schlaefli, Plum Creek Timber; Gareth Waugh, Port Blakely Tree Farms; Ryan Schlecht, Olympic Resource Mgt; Jim Plampin, Quinault Indian Nation; Candace Cahill, Rayonier U.S. Forest Resources; Josh Misenaar, Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI); Margret Banks, Stimson Lumber Co; Greg Ettl and Megan O'Shea, SEFS-UW; Greg Johnson, Weyerhaeuser

Meeting started at 10:00 am, Greg Ettl welcomed members attending via conference call and in attendance.

Fall Meeting Agenda: The PAC reviewed the draft fall meeting agenda. The late rotation fertilization project was move up in the agenda to allow additional time for discussion, the consensus both at the spring meeting and in follow up emails emphasized a need to finalize the budget and study design of this project before allocating resources. TAC updates were moved to the end of the day, many in the group questioned the overall utility of the TAC updates, a 1-2 page summary of the ongoing projects and progress is preferred. This is something they can pass on to upper management showing what their dues support. Agenda approved with updates.

Annual fall meeting logistics were discussed, Louise requested a head and vehicle count (4x4 or truck only) for the field trip, Megan will coordinate with Louise. Those attending the field trip will have the option of hiking to Kinsol Trestle or returning to Victoria to catch afternoon car/passenger ferry back to Port Angeles or Vancouver. [Black Ball Ferry Schedule](#), [BC Ferries Schedule](#). The Clipper passenger only ferry departs Victoria for Seattle at 11:20 am and 6:45 pm. [Clipper Schedule](#).

New Member: Lewis and Clark Tree Farm previously managed by Campbell Global and transferred to GreenWood Resources effective July 1, 2015, contacted SMC in regards to continuing SMC membership for Lewis and Clark Tree Farm. Under SMC By-Laws, **Article V: Membership Categories: C. Organizations wishing to join the SMC as a Land Managing Organization member do so through a written request to the Director. The application is presented to the Policy Committee at its next meeting for approval.** Gareth Waugh made a motion to accept their official request to join the SMC and Greg Johnson seconded. Lewis and Clark Tree Farm membership approved without buy-in since the land has been part of Campbell Global's membership for years. Tally: 13 attending members yes, zero voting no.

Interim Director: SMC Director Greg Ettl will be on sabbatical from September 2015 to September 2016; Eric Turnblom will serve as Interim Director. Members agree Eric is the best choice and will provide, as much support as possible but also expressed concerns with Eric's ability to teach, take on graduate students, serve as TAC leader, SMC Director and deliver projects of the highest quality on time without relying on graduate students for core work or increasing the work load of SMC staff. A suggestion was made to have the Policy Committee Chair serve as a support person at the annual meetings by keeping the agenda moving forward in a timely manner.

SMC Field Crew: We will not be taking contract measurements this year. Bob Gonyea would like to hire and train a field crew coordinator starting April-May 2016; the new hire would work through the summer measurement season and on special projects. The goal is to ensure Bert and Bob's institutional knowledge, so critical to SMC's core values is passed on to the next field crew. The position will be advertised in February 2016, the search committee will include Bob Gonyea, Bert Hasselberg, Eric Turnblom, a PC member or Policy Committee Chair and Wendy Star, SEFS HR supervisor.

Budget: We carried over \$200,000 in 2015 and approved 3 research projects at the Spring Meeting: 1) Sunsetting of Type I Installation 722, which Greg would like to see slowdown in order to confirm everyone's on the same page; 2) Late rotation fertilization project, still evolving; needs a budget study design; 3) 2nd Generation western hemlock Trials, \$6,000 budgeted for 2015. A budget proposal was presented by Greg Ettl and approved by the PAC.

SPI bought land previously managed by West Fork and as mentioned above we added Lewis and Clark Tree Farm. PAC approved staying the course with our dues in 2016. The projected carryover for 2016 is \$123,659, (amount will increase if field crew hiring moved to February 2016). Members requested clarification on real in-kind costs verses what's budgeted, Greg will update for fall meeting. PAC approved the budget for 2016. Request for acreage updates sent; please notify Megan O'Shea moshea@uw.edu of any changes to ensure your dues are adjusted accordingly.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.