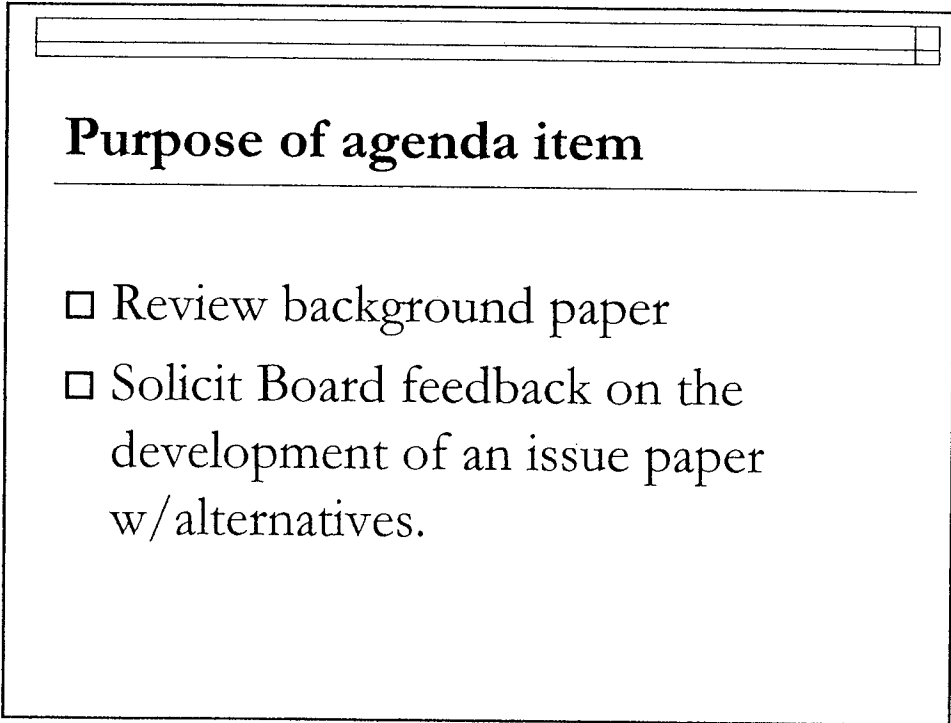


**Assessing and Revising
the State Forests planning,
decision making, and review
framework**

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Purpose of agenda item

- Review background paper
- Solicit Board feedback on the development of an issue paper w/alternatives.

Board Products

- A Framework that identifies and describes:
 - Planning – the relationship and integration of planning components (PMs, FMPs)
 - Decision making – authorities associated with planning components
 - Reviews – Process for review and adjustments of PMs and FMPs.

Background Paper

State Forests Planning, Decision making & Review Framework:

- 1980s
- 1990s/early 2000s
- Current framework

Background – 1980s

- Planning: Formally adopted “Board policies” guided the development of relatively simple harvest plans.
- Decisions: Harvest plans reviewed by BOF – but approved by State Forester.
 - 1983: specific statutory limitation on Board directing harvest volume.
 - State Forester approved harvest plans and more detailed implementation plans.

Background – 1990s

- 1993 - “Friends of Abiqua” questions on ODF timber sale decision making.
- 1995 – ODF agrees to enter into OAR development on long-range planning and “greatest permanent value”.

Background – 1990s, early 2000s

- Planning: BOF policies replaced by OARs;
 - Greatest Permanent Value, Forest Planning & associated OARs (1998)
 - Forest Planning rule specifies that FMPs are to be adopted as OAR
 - Board policies rescinded (1998)
 - FMPs adopted in OAR (2001)
- Decisions:
 - BOF approved OARs (including FMP adoption):
 - State Forester approves IPs (w/ harvest levels);
- Review & adjustment:
 - Adaptive management noted in OARs and outlined in FMP.
 - Change occurring at various levels.

Background – 1990s, early 2000s

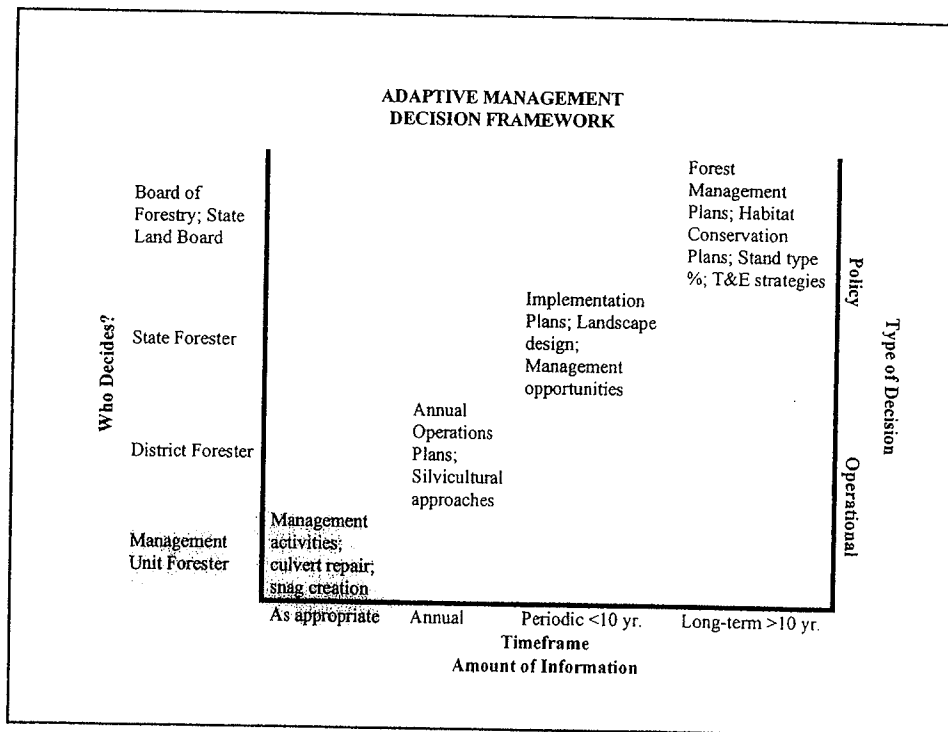
State Forests Program Policy & Planning Structure (1998)

- The main BOF policy document is the FPFO;
- All other BOF policy is codified in OAR (e.g FMPs), & where beneficial intent statements;
- All ODF policy in form of directives; procedures, guidelines, technical materials in handbooks.
- BOF rescinded policies in 1998.

Background – 1990s, early 2000s

Decisions and Review:

- Adaptive Management structure introduced:
- BOF – Policy level direction & decisions
- State Forester – Implementation Plans, including harvest levels
- Adaptive Management review process – information feeding various actions & change occurring at various levels



2008 – current framework

- Planning & Decision:
 - BOF adopted NW/SW FMPs under OAR framework, and adopted FMPs as OARS. FMPs include broad strategies and some specific standards;
 - State forester approved IPs in 2003.
 - Board adopted Performance Measures in 2007

2008 – current framework con't

- Review and adjustment:
 - Formal approach described in FMP not yet fully implemented;
 - Some informal adjustments made to practices;
 - Performance measures will be incorporated into the review process.

Background - Summary

- ❑ Over 2 decades State Forests policy framework has evolved;
- ❑ Board now has the opportunity to contribute to that evolution by integrating PMs, examining decision authorities, and adjusting the review framework.

Next Step - Issue Paper Development

Issues to be explored:

- ❑ How and where should performance measures be codified into policy?
- ❑ Are any adjustments to BOF/State Forester decision authorities warranted?
- ❑ What adjustments to review framework to incorporate PMs and make more effective?

Evaluation Criteria

- Options developed & evaluated to see the degree to which they:
 - Provide for a transparent process (open, predictable);
 - Allow for adjustments to occur in a timely manner;
 - Define decision making authorities;
 - Legally sound;
 - Integrate PMs into the Adaptive Management process;
 - Provide good balance between stability and responsiveness.

Next Step

- Board discussion on background and issue paper development today
- June – Presentation and discussion on Issue Paper w/alternatives
- September – Board decisions on alternatives