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1. E-Board Request Letter – Sherman County Wildfires, Agenda Item 1
2. E-Board Request Letter –National Guard Wildfire Training and Preparedness, Agenda Item 1
3. Private Forests Invasive Species Work Plan Handout, Agenda Item 3
4. Staff Presentation, Agenda Item 5
5. Presentation - Salmon Anchor Habitats, Agenda Item 6

OREGON STATE BOARD OF FORESTRY

September 3, 2008 Minutes

In accordance with the provisions of ORS 526.016, a meeting of the Oregon Board of Forestry was held on September 3, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Express, 204 West Marine Drive, Astoria, Oregon.

In the absence of an appointed Chair, Board member Cal Mukumoto agreed to facilitate the meeting, and called the public meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Larry Giustina Peter Hayes Bill Hutchison
Jennifer Phillippi Cal Mukumoto

Member Absent:

Barbara Craig

Others present:

Paul Barnum, Oregon Forest Resources Institute
Marci Denison
Carolyn Eady
Eric Geyer, Roseburg Forest Products
Jake Gibbs, Lone Rock Timber
Steve Hobbs, Chair, Federal Forests Advisory Committee
Mark Hubbard, Wild Salmon Center
Chris Jarmer, Oregon Forest Industries Council
Tim Josi, Tillamook County Commissioner
Rod Krahmer, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Tom Miewald, Wild Salmon Center
Sam Patrick, Clatsop County Commissioner
Gil Riddell, Council of Forest Trust Land Counties
Patricia Roberts, Council of Forest Trust Land Counties, Clatsop County
Tom Scoggins, CFEDC
Rex Storm, Associated Oregon Loggers
Gary Springer, Starker Forests
Bob Van Dyk, Wild Salmon Center
Nick Zafiratos
Marvin Brown, State Forester
Dan Postrel, Agency Affairs
Jeff Foreman
Jim Paul, Chief, Private Forests Div.
Nancy Hirsch, Chief, State Forests Div.
Mike Cafferata
Peter Daugherty, Private Forests
Marganne Allen
Brad Knotts
David Morman, Resources Planning
Kevin Birch
Gayle Birch, Board Assistant
Mike Bordelon, NWOA Director
Andy White, Tillamook/Forest Grove
Tom Savage, Astoria

NOTE: The flash card used to record the meeting was corrupted. The following record of the meeting was prepared by Staff, and approved by the State Forester.

Action and Information:

1. **STATE FORESTER'S COMMENTS**

State Forester Marvin Brown described the Department's request to appear before the September 25, 2008 Legislative Emergency Board to request General Fund appropriations for the Department's Incident Management Team Deployment to the Sherman County wildfires in July, 2008, \$53,390 (Attachment 1) and \$305,153 for the Oregon National Guard Wildfire Training and Preparedness for the 2008 fire season (Attachment 2).

With consensus of the Board, Mr. Mukumoto ordered:

The Department's request to appear before the September 25, 2008 Legislative Emergency Board to request General Fund Appropriations, as described above, is approved.

** **DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AT THE AUGUST 18, 2008 STATE FORESTS WORKSHOP**

Marvin Brown stated that the Board's work plans would be reworked to identify decision points where meeting summaries would be prepared. Drafts of the summaries would be public. The Board would have the opportunity to comment on the summaries and would then approve them in an open public meeting.

Responding to Bill Hutchison's comment, Marvin Brown noted the work plans would be a direct link and implementation phase of the *2011 Forestry Program for Oregon*, and would be reframed around the work of the Board's Work Plan Subcommittee. Bill Hutchison added the subcommittee, with assistance from Dan Postrel, Agency Affairs Director, would modify the staff report model to be issue-based rather than product-based, and report to the Board at a future meeting.

** **WORK PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION FOLLOWING THE AUGUST 18, 2008 STATE FORESTS WORKSHOP**

Mike Cafferata, Deputy Chief, State Forests Division summarized the Work Plan Subcommittee's discussion of the August 18, 2008 State Forests Workshop, in preparation for the November 6, 2008 Meeting:

- County revenue performance measure modeling effort to increase harvest volume by 30-35% based upon the last five years harvest volume.
- Species of concern strategy framework and modeling effort, including take-avoidance, snag, green tree retention and stream and riparian area strategies.

Marvin Brown queried the Board about its preference to utilize Elaine Hallmark, Oregon Consensus, to facilitate the Board's discussion at the November 6, 2008 meeting.

With Board consensus, Cal Mukumoto ordered:

Elaine Hallmark, Oregon Consensus, will facilitate the Board's discussion on November 6, 2008.

** **DISCUSSION – JUNE 4, 2008 MEETING MINUTES**

At the June 4, meeting, under Agenda Item 1, State Forester and Board comments, page 6 of 18, the Board discussed the vacant Board Chair position and two open appointments. The minutes did not reflect the Board's request to send a letter to Governor Kulongoski regarding the vacant positions. At the August 18, 2008 meeting, Barbara Craig suggested the June 4, 2008 minutes be revised to reflect the Board's request. Action on the suggestion was deferred to the September 3 meeting, regarding (1) amending the minutes, and, (2) sending a letter to the Governor.

The Board ordered an amendment to the minutes of the June 4, 2008 meeting stating that communication to the Governor would be via a letter. The Board then discussed developing a letter to send its message to the Governor.

Jennifer Phillippi and Bill Hutchison suggested that even though the letter had not been sent, the Board had adequately communicated its concerns about the need to fill vacant positions and to appoint a Board chair.

Larry Giustina noted that the minutes of today's meeting should reflect that the Board felt that this communication had occurred.

Cal Mukumoto noted that while the amended June 4, 2008 minutes would accurately document the decision at that time to send a letter, **the Board agreed on September 3, 2008 that a letter was not necessary.**

Consent Agenda (A-C) was approved in one block

A. **MINUTES – JULY 24 MEETING AND JULY 25, 2008 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

The minutes of the July 24 meeting and July 25 Roundtable Discussion are approved.

B. **FOREST VITALITY – ISSUE 3 AND FOREST REGULATION – ISSUE 6**

Committee for Family Forestlands – Appointments

Susan Watkins is appointed to the Committee for Family Forestlands as the Landowner-at-Large representative for a 3-year term expiring September 2011. Greg Miller is reappointed as the Industry Representative for a 3-year term expiring July 2011.

C. WILDFIRE RISK MANAGEMENT – ISSUE 7

Rangeland Protective Association Formation – Ashwood, Oregon

The Department is directed to hold a public hearing on the subject of providing protection from fire for private rangelands in the vicinity of Ashwood, Oregon.

Action and Information (continued):

2. FOREST VITALITY – ISSUE 3, OBJECTIVE 2 – FEDERAL FORESTLANDS

Federal Forestlands Advisory Committee [FFAC] – Draft Guidance Document

Kevin Birch, Senior Policy Analyst, Forest Resources Planning, and Steve Hobbs, Chair, Federal Forestland Advisory Committee detailed the elements contained in the draft Guidance Document, presented for the Board’s review and comment.

The Guidance document will be used to articulate Oregon’s interest at the national policy level and to guide the state’s participation in local processes to plan the future of federal forestlands. It includes a vision for how federal forestlands can better contribute and support Oregonians’ economic, social and environmental values, a set of goals that will support review of federal forestland management related to the State’s vision, and recommendation for policy changes and new State initiatives on key issues related to achieving the vision.

The Board discussed the recommendations of the FFAC contained in the draft Guidance document, *Oregon’s Vision for Federal Forestlands*, review copy 8/7/08, and directed staff to make changes to the text to address the following issues:

State and Local Recommendation #1

The recommendation sounds like the state is taking control of federal lands rather than supporting federal agencies and local communities. The section should be reworded to make it clear that the State is asking that a partnership be developed and that federal agencies retain the decision-making authority.

State and Local Recommendation #2

The State should not be the sole funding source for local collaborative processes. Funding should be a shared role with state and federal agencies helping to pay the costs.

State and Local Recommendation #4

This is a very sensitive issue for all constituent groups. Value-laden terms and concepts in the recommendations must be avoided.

State and Local Recommendation #5

It must be identified that many of the root causes of forest health problems are human-made. More capacity must be developed to question the assumptions and adapt management practices. Forests are dynamic ecosystems that can benefit from active management, but a comprehensive system of monitoring and feedback is needed.

The report must mention implementation, without being too prescriptive. It should suggest a framework for implementation and briefly describe what success might look like.

National Recommendation #3

The recommendations have not addressed the possibility of leveraging federal dollars through partnerships at the state and local level (e.g., Bull Run).

Wildfires escaping from federal land are resulting in significant fire fighting costs for States and losses on private lands. The efficiency and effectiveness of the Forest Service fire program must be examined.

3. **INVASIVE SPECIES – ISSUE 8, OBJECTIVE 1 – REVIEW THE INVASIVE SPECIES RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROGRAMS OF OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Review of the *Forestry Program for Oregon's* Strategies and Actions Related to Invasive Species

Peter Daugherty, Deputy Chief, Private Forests Division, and Brad Knotts, Silvicultural Policy Analyst reviewed the proposed revisions to the work plan for Issue 8, Invasive Species. A handout was provided that described the continuing work related to invasive species, summarized comments from the Southern and Northwest Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committees, and revised the description of Option 2 contained in the agenda [Attachment 3].

Mr. Knotts stated the Department recommended that the Board accept Option 2 which would revise the current language of the Issue 8 Work Plan, moving the second part of Objective 1 (Board review of its current *Forestry Program for Oregon* policies related to invasive species) into the overall review process for the 2011 edition of the *Forestry Program for Oregon*. This option would allow the Board to fully consider its strategies and actions related to invasive species in the context of its policy document, the *Forestry Program for Oregon*. The option would delay Board consideration of

forest practice regulations that some landowners feel are disincentives to effective noxious weed control; however, the Department can work to address some of those concerns within the current regulatory structure. The Department would continue to develop and implement invasive species action plans based on the specific direction in *Forestry Program for Oregon* Action F.3 and on the general *Forestry Program for Oregon* focus on sustainability.

During the Board's discussion, it was noted that the invasive species issue was paramount. The situation was worsening over time and action should be a high priority. However, slowing down the Board's process may be acceptable if the Department continued to address current issues without having to wait for the Board's planning process. Landowners must have the full range of tools, including herbicides, to control invasive species.

Responding to Mr. Giustina's question, Mr. Knotts commented that there were representatives of various industries on the Oregon Invasive Species Council and that there were several interagency groups focusing on pesticides, although the groups did not have an agenda of trying to stop pesticide use.

Peter Daugherty noted that the Forest Practices Act lacks a policy statement on the use of pesticides to control invasive species. Mr. Daugherty also noted that staff can look at potential Forest Practices Act disincentives to noxious weed control.

Following discussion, and with Board consensus, Mr. Mukumoto ordered:

The Department is directed to move forward with Option 2: Move the review of Board strategies and actions into the upcoming development process for the 2011 Forestry Program for Oregon.

The Department is directed to continue current involvement in invasive species efforts and do preparatory staff work for the Forestry Program for Oregon review. Conduct the review of Board-related statutes and rules soon after the completion of the 2011 Forestry Program for Oregon.

The Department is directed to revise the Board's invasive species work plan to accommodate these changes.

4. **FOREST REGULATION – ISSUE 6, PRIVATE FORESTS WORK PLAN OUTLINE**

In June 2008, the Board directed the Department to revise the Forest Regulation work plan into a Private Forests work plan to update the objectives and address new issues. Peter Daugherty, Deputy Chief, Private Forests Division described the outline of the Private Forests work plan, and reviewed the revised objectives (contained in the agenda item).

Following Board discussion, Mr. Daugherty noted that staff would develop a draft work plan for the Board's review and approval.

5. FORESTRY PROGRAM FOR OREGON IMPLEMENTATION – ISSUE 1

David Morman, Forest Resources Planning Program Director, described the need to review the Board's mission, vision and values statements, and, if necessary, propose revisions, as the first step in preparing the 2011 *Forestry Program for Oregon*. Mr. Morman also reviewed the goal and objectives of the proposed new Board of Forestry Strategic Planning, Implementation and Monitoring Work Plan, to replace the current *Forestry Program for Oregon* Work Plan {Attachment 4}.

During discussion, the Board provided direction for edits to the mission, vision, and values statements and directed staff to incorporate those changes in a second draft to be considered for approval at a future Board meeting. All proposed text will remain in draft form until the full 2011 *Forestry Program for Oregon* is ready for Board approval.

The Board also reviewed and approved the proposed goal and objectives for the new Board of Forestry Strategic Planning, Implementation and Monitoring Work Plan. Staff will present the full text of the draft Work Plan for Board approval at its November 7, 2008 meeting.

6. SALMON ANCHOR HABITATS

Bob Van Dyk and Tom Miewald, Wild Salmon Center, described the need to keep salmon anchor habitat areas in Oregon's northwest state forests. Using data gathered in collaboration with Oregon's Department of Forestry and Department of Fish and Wildlife, Mr. Miewald presented GIS mapping data documenting current watershed conditions and wild salmon populations in the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests (Attachment 5). The final report, titled "Oregon North Coast Salmon Conservation Assessment" will be provided to the Board at its November 6, 2008 meeting.

The Wild Salmon Center made the following recommendations to extend and enhance the current Salmon anchor Habitat Strategy and to make salmon protection the highest priority in a subset of anchor habitats at the watershed level:

- Do not allow the current Salmon Anchor Habitat designations to expire.
- Adopt a 20-year planning horizon for wild salmon and anchor habitats.
- Add specific key watersheds to the Salmon Anchor Habitat system.
- Revisit riparian protection strategies and logging guidelines to ensure protection of salmon habitat while allowing for multiple uses.
- Aggressively reduce harms from known problems (e.g. road improvements and/or removal).
- Identify and protect micro-anchor areas at the reach-scale across the landscape.
- Make salmon protection the highest priority in a subset of anchor habitats in the Miami, Kilchis, Little North Fork Wilson, Salmonberry River watersheds.

Tim Josi, Tillamook County Commissioner commented that salmon anchor habitats were a political solution when the Forest Management Plan was approved in

2001. He added that the Species of Concern strategies would address the salmon anchor habitat areas.

Following the presentation and brief questions, the Board thanked the Wild Salmon Center staff for the information presented, and stated it looked forward to the final report. Mr. Mukumoto encouraged the Wild Salmon Center to continue its work related to salmon conservation.

With no further business before the Board, Cal Mukumoto adjourned the public business meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Marvin Brown

Marvin Brown, State Forester and
Secretary to the Board

GB & Staff

Approved by the Board at its January 7, 2009 meeting.