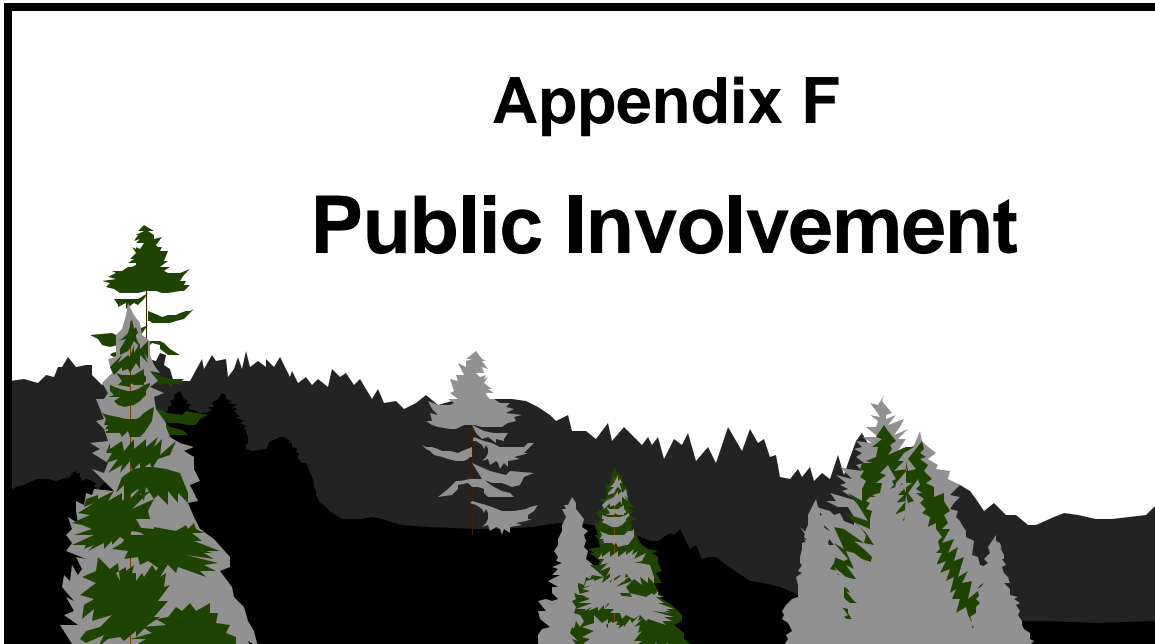


Appendix F

Public Involvement

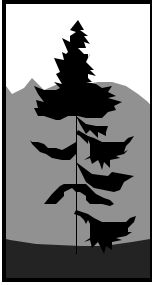


Public involvement is critical in developing the very best possible forest management plan for the northwest Oregon state forests. The public contributes information, ideas, and values that are essential to plan development. Also, the public involvement process can help to gain the public's understanding and support for management actions on the northwest Oregon state forests.

The planning team carried out extensive public involvement, as detailed in this appendix. The Oregon Department of Forestry's planning team provided information and sought public input at each step of the planning process, and solicited comments on the draft strategies and proposed actions. The two federal agencies involved with the incidental take permit, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service, began to participate in the public involvement process in 1997, after development began on the proposed *Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan* (HCP).

The public involvement process was integrated with the overall planning process, and covered all parts of the planning process: the two forest management plans (northwest and southwest Oregon state forests), the proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP), and the federal NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) analysis, which will be documented in an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will accompany the proposed HCP.

This appendix describes all public involvement for all documents.



History of Public Involvement

The public involvement process included newsletters, public meetings and forest tours, a toll-free phone line, information on the world-wide web, a planning forum (focused on the forest management plan), a public interest committee (focused on the proposed HCP), peer review, an independent scientific review, and informal contacts with groups and individuals.

A chronological history of all public involvement activities is given on the next few pages, showing how all the activities fit together and in what sequence they occurred. After the history, each aspect of the process is described in detail; thus there are headings for the newsletters, for each committee, etc. The history includes only activities related to state forest policy and planning. For example, the Board of Forestry meets every month and considers many issues related to Oregon forests, but the chronological history shows only meetings where state forest planning was discussed or a decision relevant to state forest planning was made. Newsletters included a number of articles; only a few main articles for each issue are mentioned below.

The following acronyms are used in the history of public involvement.

BOF	Board of Forestry
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement for Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan
HCP	Proposed Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan
ISR	Independent scientific review
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NW FMP	Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan
ODF	Oregon Department of Forestry
PIC	Public interest committee
SW FMP	Southwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Table F-1. Chronological History of Public Involvement

Date	Event
1994	
Early 1994	Planning process begins for northwest Oregon state forests. (NW FMP)
May 1994	First issue of <i>Horizons</i> newsletter published; draft guiding principles. (NW FMP) Toll-free phone line established. (NW FMP, HCP, EIS)
May 25-June 2, 1994	Five public meetings; focus on draft guiding principles: Tillamook, Warrenton, Forest Grove, Salem, Eugene. (NW FMP)
June 1994	Board of Forestry meeting. (NW FMP, SW FMP, HCP)
August 1994	Second issue of <i>Horizons</i> newsletter published. (NW FMP)
Sept. 17, 1994	Public tours: Santiam and Tillamook State Forests. (NW FMP)
Early fall, 1994	Planning forum established; meetings begin. (NW FMP)
Nov. 1994	Third issue of <i>Horizons</i> newsletter published; draft management goals.(NW FMP)
Nov. 29-Dec. 8, 1994	Five public meetings; focus on draft management goals: Astoria, Tillamook, Forest Grove, Stayton, Philomath. (NW FMP)
1995	
Early 1995	State forests planning information posted on Department of Forestry's world-wide web page. (NW FMP)
Jan.-Oct. 1995	Department of Forestry drafts administrative rules on purpose of state forest lands. (NW FMP, SW FMP)
July 1995	Fourth issue of <i>Horizons</i> newsletter published; initial resource assessments. (NW FMP)
Oct. 20, 1995	Board of Forestry meeting; review of draft administrative rules. (NW FMP, SW FMP)
1996	
Jan. 1996	Fifth issue of <i>Horizons</i> newsletter published; draft vision and strategies. (NW FMP)
Early 1996	Planning process begins for southwest Oregon state forests. (SW FMP)
Early 1996	Citizen advisory committee formed to advise on administrative rules. (NW FMP, SW FMP)

Table F-1. Chronological History of Public Involvement (continued)

Date	Event
Feb. 1996	Peer review of draft strategies begins. (NW FMP)
Feb.-April 1996	Public hearings and comment period on draft administrative rules; three hearings: Salem, Roseburg, and Forest Grove. (NW FMP, SW FMP)
March 5-13, 1996	Five public meetings; focus on draft vision statement and management strategies: Astoria, Tillamook, Forest Grove, Stayton, Veneta. (NW FMP)
June 5, 1996	Board of Forestry meeting; review of NW FMP progress.
Early fall 1996	Peer review group completes its work. (NW FMP)
Fall 1996	Planning process begins for HCP. (HCP)
Oct. 1996	Sixth issue of <i>Horizons</i> newsletter published; HCP, implementation planning, progress report NW FMP. (HCP, EIS, NW FMP)
1997	
Jan. 8, 1997	Board of Forestry meeting; report on draft administrative rules. (NW FMP, SW FMP)
Jan.-July 1997	Citizen's advisory committee meetings. (NW FMP, SW FMP)
Feb. 1997	Release of draft NW FMP (revised in response to previous public comments and peer review). (NW FMP)
Feb.-March 1997	Five public meetings; focus on draft NW FMP: Philomath, Astoria, Tillamook, Forest Grove, Stayton. (NW FMP)
Feb.-April 4, 1997	Open written comment period on draft NW FMP. (NW FMP)
April 1997	Release of draft SW FMP. (SW FMP)
April 14-15, 1997	Two public meetings; focus on draft SW FMP: Glendale, Grants Pass. (SW FMP)
April 29, 1997	Board of Forestry meeting: report on draft FMPs. (NW FMP, SW FMP)
July 1997	Board of Forestry tour and meeting: Forest Grove; includes state and federal agency officials, county commission chairs, advisory group members, and media representatives; NW FMP concepts and strategies. (NW FMP)

Table F-1. Chronological History of Public Involvement (continued)

Date	Event
August 26, 1997	Five public hearings; focus on draft administrative rules: Salem, Forest Grove, Roseburg, Cannon Beach, Portland. (NW FMP, SW FMP)
August-Dec. 1997	Public comment period on draft administrative rules; comment period extended several times. (NW FMP, SW FMP)
Sept. 3, 1997	Board of Forestry meeting: report on public hearings; report on HCP. (NW FMP, SW FMP, HCP)
Sept. 20, 1997	Public tour of the Tillamook State Forest.
Oct. 1997	Eighth issue of <i>Horizons</i> newsletter published: HCP strategies; integrating HCP, FMPs, and administrative rule. (HCP, NW FMP, SW FMP)
Oct. 1997- Jan. 1998	Board of Forestry subcommittee on administrative rule develops rules. (NW FMP, SW FMP)
Oct. 11, 1997	Public tour of the Tillamook State Forest.
Oct. 28, 1997	Notice of public scoping meetings: Federal Register Notice that the Oregon Department of Forestry is developing an HCP; and that ODF, together with USFWS and NMFS, has scheduled public scoping meetings. (HCP, EIS)
Nov. 1997	First draft of HCP released; second draft of SW FMP released. (HCP, SW FMP)
Nov. 3-4, 1997	Two public meetings; focus on SW FMP and HCP: Glendale, Grants Pass. (HCP, EIS, SW FMP)
Nov. 17 and Dec. 3, 1997	Five public meetings; focus on NW FMP and HCP: Astoria, Tillamook, Salem, Eugene, Portland. USFWS and NMFS involved in meetings. (HCP, EIS, NW FMP)
1998	
Jan. 7, 1998	Board of Forestry meeting; BOF adopts new administrative rules on state forest management policy and planning; decision PIC to be formed. (NW FMP, SW FMP, HCP, EIS)
March 4, 1998	Board of Forestry meeting; progress report on PIC, other state forest policy and planning activities. (NW FMP, SW FMP, HCP, EIS)
March 19, 1998	Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission tour of Tillamook State Forest. (NW FMP, HCP)

Table F-1. Chronological History of Public Involvement (continued)

Date	Event
April 1998	PIC established. (HCP, EIS)
April 23-24, 1998	Board of Forestry meeting; report on state forest policy and planning activities.
April-Nov., 1998	PIC meetings, including tour of state forests in August. (HCP, EIS)
May 1998	April 1998 draft of NW FMP released. (NW FMP)
May-July 1998	Independent scientific review of HCP. (HCP, EIS)
June 1998	Ninth issue of <i>Horizons</i> published; information on HCP, NW FMP, PIC, ISR, and monitoring and adaptive management strategies. (NW FMP, HCP, EIS)
June 3, 1998	Board of Forestry meeting; status report on SW FMP development. (SW FMP)
June 17, 1998	Meeting of land management classification system external review group. (NW FMP, SW FMP)
June-July 1998	Release of interim implementation plans for districts: Astoria, Clackamas-Marion, Forest Grove, Tillamook, West Oregon, Western Lane; information in IIPs relates to all planning documents. (NW FMP, HCP, EIS)
June 23-July 1, 1998	Five public meetings; focus on draft NW FMP and HCP: Astoria, Tillamook, Salem, Corvallis, Portland. USFWS and NMFS involved with meetings. (NW FMP, HCP, EIS)
July 23-23, 1998	Board of Forestry tour and meeting; update on land base designation and land management classification process: Forest Grove. (NW FMP, SW FMP)
Sept. 9, 1998	Board of Forestry meeting; report on draft rule language for land management classification system. (NW FMP, SW FMP)
Sept. 18, 1998	September 1998 draft of HCP released. (HCP, EIS)
Oct. 22-23, 1998	Board of Forestry meeting; progress reports on PIC, HCP. (HCP, EIS)
Dec. 1998	Board of Forestry meeting; progress report on HCP. (HCP, EIS)
Feb. 1999	Letter to <i>Horizons</i> mailing list; update on the HCP, SW FMP, NW FMP.

Table F-1. Chronological History of Public Involvement (continued)

Date	Event
1999	
Jan. 1999	Five public hearings; focus on land classification and land designation rulemaking: Tillamook, Salem, Roseburg, Klamath Falls, Portland. (NW FMP, SW FMP)
April 1999	Board of Forestry meeting; review of proposed strategies and alternatives. (HCP, EIS)
April 1999	Tenth issue of <i>Horizons</i> published; update on timeline; information about ISR, PIC, review of public involvement. (HCP, EIS, NW FMP, SW FMP)
June 1999	Board of Forestry meeting; review of monitoring and adaptive management strategies. (HCP, EIS, NW FMP, SW FMP)
July 1999	Board of Forestry meeting; review of aquatic and riparian strategies. (HCP, EIS, NW FMP, SW FMP)
March 2000	Board of Forestry meeting and workshop; review of Sessions decadal analysis of alternatives, and report on NW FMP's connection to local economies. (NW FMP, SW FMP, HCP, EIS)
April 2000	Board of Forestry workshop; integration of HCP, FMP, implementation plans, and land management classification maps. (NW FMP, SW FMP, HCP)
May 2000	Board of Forestry workshop; review of FMP resource strategies, adaptive management strategies, monitoring plan, and working hypotheses. (NW FMP, SW FMP, HCP)
June 2000	Board of Forestry meeting; review of revised FMP resource strategies. (NW FMP, SW FMP)
July 2000	Board of Forestry meeting; decision to prepare FMP for administrative rule-making. (NW FMP, SW FMP)
September 2000	Board of Forestry meeting; direction to begin rule-making process. (NW FMP, SW FMP)

***Horizons* Newsletter**

The Department of Forestry published the first issue of the *Horizons* newsletter in August, 1994, and continued to publish the newsletter throughout the planning process. The newsletter was dedicated to state forests management planning news and was published approximately twice each year, as work was accomplished and new steps taken. See the chronological history for the exact dates of publication.

At first, the newsletter focused on the northwest Oregon state forests. As work began on the habitat conservation plan for all western Oregon state forests, and the management plan for the southwest Oregon state forests, the newsletter also covered these plans. See the chronological history for information on focus points for each newsletter issue.

Horizons was mailed to an extensive list of interested individuals, organizations, and agencies. A broader audience was reached through press releases and articles in western Oregon newspapers. Interested persons and groups were invited to request one-on-one meetings or presentations.

***Forest Log* Newsletter**

The Oregon Department of Forestry publishes a newsletter, the *Forest Log*, which covers all of the department's activities. Approximately 3,500 copies are mailed every two months to interested individuals, organizations, businesses, and agencies. Several articles covered the development of the forest management plans, the *Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan*, and the environmental impact statement for the HCP. The articles gave readers contact information and explained how they could get more involved in the planning process. The main articles in the *Forest Log* are listed below. The newsletter included many brief updates on the planning process, announcements of public meetings, and announcements of Board of Forestry actions related to planning.

- The November-December 1995 issue of the *Forest Log* had articles explaining the forest management planning process for the northwest Oregon state forests, the concepts of structure-based management, and how to sign up to receive the *Horizons* newsletter.
- The March-April 1996 issue, which was the department's 1995 annual report, stated as part of the report on state lands management, that a habitat conservation plan was being prepared for western Oregon state forests.
- The March-April 1998 issue, which was the department's 1997 annual report, had an article that reviewed the entire state forests planning process to date, including the draft forest management plans, the draft HCP, the new administrative rules, and the role of monitoring and adaptive management.

Public Meetings and Tours

Public meetings were held at each major step of the planning process. Along with discussion of the forest management plans, the meetings also included discussion of the need for the HCP, the planning process for the HCP, and the relationship between the two forest plans and the HCP.

Public meetings were publicized in the newsletters, through press releases and media coverage, and letters to the *Horizons* mailing list. Specific locations varied for each set of meetings. Written comments were received after the meetings.

The meetings in November-December 1997 and June-July 1998 were held jointly by state and federal agencies. Representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service were present, along with staff from the Oregon Department of Forestry.

In addition, Department of Forestry planners met informally with interested people and groups over the course of the planning process. These contacts included informal meetings and tours, telephone conversations, distribution of informational materials, and outreach to local news media.

Toll-Free Telephone Line for Information

A toll-free information line was established in May 1994 (1-800-482-6866). The line provided recorded messages on the planning process and periodic updates; it also allowed people to give input by recording a message. The line was announced in the newsletters and kept in operation throughout the planning process.

World Wide Web Site: www.odf.state.or.us

The Department of Forestry has a world-wide web site. The department started to include information about state forests planning on the site in early 1995, and continued to do so after that time. The web site address is: www.odf.state.or.us, and includes information about all aspects of the department's work and responsibilities.

Notice of Intent

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service ("the Services") published a notice in the Federal Register on October 28, 1997, about the HCP. The notice stated that the Oregon Department of Forestry had started the development of the HCP and was applying to the Services for an incidental take permit. The notice further stated that the Services and the Department of Forestry had jointly scheduled a series of public scoping meetings on the project. Finally, the notice stated that NEPA analysis would be done on the proposal, but at that time, the decision had not yet been made on what level of NEPA analysis would be required for the project. (Federal Register, October 28, 1997, Volume 62, Number 208, pages 55822-55825.)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service published the Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement on the *Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan* in the Federal Register on **.

Other Meetings

The National Wildlife Federation, a private nonprofit organization, held a meeting in July 1997, to discuss the HCP for western Oregon state forests. The Department of Forestry sent representatives to present information and answer questions.

Steering Committee

The planning process for the northwest Oregon state forests was guided by a steering committee comprised of Department of Forestry managers and county commissioners. The eleven-person group provided policy direction to the planning team and comment on key issues during the process. In addition, the steering committee members played a key role by informing community leaders and others of planning issues and progress.

Steering Committee Members

Mike Bordelon, Northwest Oregon Area Director (chair, 2000) and State Forests Program Director

Roy Woo, Northwest Oregon Area Director (chair, 1999-2000)

Lee Oman, Northwest Oregon Area Director (chair, 1994-1998)

Ray Craig, Assistant State Forester

Dr. Jill Bowling, State Forests Program Director

Stan Medema, Astoria District Forester

Mark Labhart, Tillamook District Forester

Dave Johnson, Forest Grove District Forester

Bill Lafferty, West Oregon District Forester

Mike Templeton, West Oregon District Forester

Dan Christensen, Clackamas-Marion District Forester

Rick Rogers, Western Lane District Forester

Darrel Spiesschaert, Western Lane District Forester

Dave Schmidt, Linn County Commissioner

Tim Josi, Tillamook County Commissioner

Jerry Dove, Tillamook County Commissioner

Planning Forum for *Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan*

The Department of Forestry developed a contact group, called the planning forum, to assist the planning team with the development and review of resource goals and strategies for the management of the northwest Oregon state forests. Members were selected by the steering committee for the forest plan. The planning forum had eight members representing a wide range of interests related to state forest resource management. The group held its first meeting in

October 1994 and completed its work in 1998. Over the 4-year period that the group met, the group held regular meetings and went on field tours of the state forests in order to better understand the issues. Over this time, two original members resigned, and two new members were added.

The planning forum was a link between key constituencies and interests and the planning team, assisted the team with the development and review of resource goals and strategies, and helped clarify issues for the planning team.

Planning Forum Members

Dr. John Hayes, Department of Forest Science, College of Forestry, Oregon State University

Chris Jarmer, assistant to vice-president for resources, Stimson Lumber Company

Dr. Katy Kavanaugh, forestry extension agent, Oregon State University

Paul Levesque, executive assistant to county commission, Tillamook County

Jim McCauley (started in 1996), director, Oregon Forest Industries Council

Greg Miller (resigned in 1996), director, Oregon Forest Industries Council

Jim Myron (started in 1996), interim conservation director, Oregon Trout

Avis Rana, small woodland owner, member of Sierra Club

Doug Ray, small woodland owner, on board of directors for North Coast Land Conservancy and the Coast Range Association

Kathleen Williams (resigned in 1996), conservation planner, Oregon Trout

Peer Review

In February 1996, the Department of Forestry asked for professional review and critique of the draft strategies in the *Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan*. The peer review group included 10 recognized forestry and natural resource experts. The reviewers examined the structure-based management strategies and the other draft strategies in the forest plan, and provided extensive comments. The peer review of the draft strategies was completed by early fall 1996.

Peer Reviewers

Dr. Robert Anthony, leader, Oregon Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Oregon State University

Dr. Andrew B. Carey, principal research biologist, USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station, Olympia, WA

Dr. Robert O. Curtis, principal mensurationist, USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station

Dr. Malcolm L. Hunter, Jr., professor, Department of Wildlife, University of Maine

Dr. Larry L. Irwin, national wildlife program manager, National Council of the Paper Industry for Air and Stream Improvement

Dr. Bill McComb, professor, Department of Forest Science, Oregon State University

Dr. Chadwick D. Oliver, professor, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington

Dr. Thomas Spies, research forester, USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station

Dr. John C. Tappeiner, National Biological Service, Corvallis, OR

Public Interest Committee for the *Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan*

In January 1998, the Board of Forestry directed the Department of Forestry to establish a public interest committee (PIC) of eight to eleven people, who would be appointed by the State Forester. The committee members represented various groups with a stake in the *Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan*. The PIC's goal was to clearly define and focus on scientific, technical, and policy issues in the draft HCP, with the intention of helping to resolve these issues.

The State Forester appointed the PIC members on March 25, 1998. The members represented interest groups for recreation, environmental, fishing, timber, and counties with forest trust lands. A citizen representative was selected to chair the PIC, and the Department of Forestry appointed an ex-officio member to be the department's spokesperson. The department also provided administrative, informational, and technical support for the committee, and contracted two facilitators to assist the group in working through the issues. A complete list of committee, resource, and administrative/logistical members is given below.

The PIC delivered their final report to the State Forester in December 1998 (Public Interest Committee 1998). The report's Appendix D describes in detail the group's process and meetings. For each major issue considered by the committee, the report gives a summary of the issue, the group's discussion, the Department of Forestry direction and proposed strategy, and PIC recommendation. The major issues discussed were: integration of planning documents, northern spotted owl, marbled murrelets, non-listed species, aquatic and riparian issues, landscape design and management, monitoring and adaptive management, cumulative effects, communication and public involvement, and implementing agreements and enforcement.

PIC Committee Members

Sybil Ackerman, National Wildlife Federation
Cliff Adams, The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Mickey Bellman, Quality Veneer and Lumber
Rod Brobeck, Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation
Sue Cameron, Tillamook County Commissioner
Ray Craig, Oregon Department of Forestry (ex-officio)
Bryan Johnston, (chair), citizen representative
Harold J. Kalleck, Jr., Pacific Northwest 4-Wheel Drive Association
James E. McCauley, Oregon Forest Industries Council
Mike Propes, Polk County Commissioner
Glen Spain, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations
Sara Vickerman, Defenders of Wildlife

PIC Committee Facilitators

Connie Green, Chemeketa Community College
Vicki Willis, Chemeketa Community College

PIC Coordination

Marcia Humes, Oregon Department of Forestry
(PIC Coordinator: August – November, 1998)
Jenny Walsh, Oregon Department of Forestry
(PIC Coordinator: April – July, 1998)
Jeri Chase, Oregon Department of Forestry

Resource Members

Jeff Boechler, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Mike Bordelon, Oregon Department of Forestry
Charlie Bruce, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Cary Greenwood, Oregon Department of Forestry
John Hayes, Oregon State University
Ross Holloway, Oregon Department of Forestry
Logan Jones, Oregon Department of Forestry
Dave McAllister, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Mike Parton, National Marine Fisheries Service
Jennifer Robison, Division of State Lands
Mike Schnee, Oregon Department of Forestry
Ian Whitlock, Department of Justice
Joe Zisa, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Independent Scientific Review of the Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan

In 1998, the Department of Forestry asked for an independent scientific review of the draft *Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan* and *Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan*. The intent was to receive input and critique from a diverse group of scientists. Dr. John P. Hayes (Department of Forest Science, College of Forestry, Oregon State University), coordinated the thorough and intensive review, which was done by 26 scientists, each expert in one or more of the major issues. The final report describes in detail the approach used, discussion of the review, the reviewers' complete comments and responses to the review questions, and other related information (Hayes 1998). The reviewers began their work in May 1998 and finished in July 1998.

The independent scientific review examined the scientific underpinnings of the objectives and strategies set forth in the HCP. It was not designed to evaluate policy. As pointed out in the report's preface, scientific truth is not established by voting, but through a rigorous and critical evaluation of the evidence. The team included reviewers with expertise in northern spotted owls, marbled murrelets, other birds, mammals, amphibians, fish, plants, silviculture, aquatic ecology, forest ecology, geomorphology, hydrology, and landscape strategies. For most topics, the team included more than one person with expertise in the area, with the intent of including a diversity of perspectives. The selection committee considered 105 nominees; the final team had 26

people. These people are listed below. The report's Appendix F includes brief resumes of each team member.

The Department of Forestry prepared a set of questions to help structure the review. These questions were based on concerns raised by department staff, the PIC (described later in this appendix), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Marine Fisheries Service. Reviewers were asked to critique the HCP and forest management plan, focusing on their areas of expertise, and to answer the subset of questions related to their expertise. They were encouraged to comment on any aspects of the two plans and answer any additional questions that they desired. The report includes the full text of the questions and instructions to reviewers, as well as their comments.

Reviewers for the Independent Scientific Review

Dr. Lee E. Benda, Earth Systems Institute

Dr. Andrew R. Blaustein, Department of Zoology, Oregon State University

Dr. Carol L. Chambers, School of Forestry, Northern Arizona University

Dr. Steven P. Courtney, Sustainable Ecosystems Institute

Dr. Dean S. DeBell, USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station

Dr. Eric Forsman, USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station

Dr. James G. Hallett, Zoology Department, Washington State University

Dr. Andrew J. Hansen, Biology Department, Montana State University

Dr. John A. Helms, Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management, University of California, Berkeley

Dr. David E. Hibbs, Department of Forest Science, Oregon State University

Dr. Thomas M. Hinckley, College of Natural Resources, University of Washington

Dr. Larry L. Irwin, NCASI

Dr. Sherri Lynn Johnson, Department of Geosciences, Oregon State University

Dr. John M. Marzluff, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington

Dr. William C. McComb, Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, University of Massachusetts

Dr. E. Charles Meslow, Wildlife Management Institute

Ms. S. Kim Nelson, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University

Dr. Reed F. Noss, Conservation Biology Institute

Dr. Deanna H. Olson, USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station

Dr. Daniel K. Rosenberg, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University

Dr. John C. Tappeiner, Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center

Dr. Dale A. Thornburgh, Natural Resources Management Department, Humboldt State University

Dr. James M. Trappe, Department of Forest Science, Oregon State University

Dr. Stephen D. West, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington

Dr. Robert C. Wissmar, Fisheries Research Institute, University of Washington

Dr. Donald B. Zobel, Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, Oregon State University

Process for Administrative Rules for Management of State Forest Lands

During the development of the HCP and forest management plans, it became apparent that new administrative rules on forest planning and the management of state forest lands would provide clear, overall direction for these lands, and would make permanent a number of temporary directives. Therefore, a process was started to develop draft rules, get public input, and establish permanent administrative rules.

The public input process included a citizens' advisory committee, public hearings, and a public comment period. Hearings on the draft rules were held in February-April 1996. A citizens' advisory committee formed at this same time to advise on revisions of the draft rules. This committee completed its work in July 1997. A second set of hearings was held on the new draft rules in August 1997. All five hearings were held on the same day, August 26, 1997; the locations were Cannon Beach, Forest Grove, Roseburg, Portland, and Salem. Written comments were accepted until January 1998.

The Board of Forestry unanimously approved new administrative rules for the management of state forest lands in January 1998.

Land Base Designation Public Involvement Process

On January 7, 1998, the Board of Forestry adopted new administrative rules on state forest management policy and planning (see above). Among other items, these rules require that state forest lands be designated either as 1) silviculturally capable of growing forest tree species; or 2) as not capable of such growth. Each district was required to determine the land base designations for state forest lands in their district, and then to develop maps displaying this information. The State Forester approved the draft maps in 1998. On September 9, 1998, the Board of Forestry authorized the State Forester to begin the rulemaking process to adopt OAR 629-035-0045 Forest Land Base Designation Maps and the draft maps as an administrative rule.

As part of the rulemaking process, public hearings were held on the land base designation maps in January 1999. Written comments were also accepted during January 1999.

The draft land base designation maps were submitted for adoption as administrative rule to the Board of Forestry at their April 1999 meeting. The land base designation maps were adopted, and are OAR 629-035-0045.

The forest land management classification system is OAR 629-035-0050. Actual land classifications will be approved after the forest management plan is approved.

