

A summary of the seventeenth meeting of the ODF Forest Carbon Stakeholders (FCS) Working Group - Wednesday September 24, 2008 in Salem, OR.

Present: Jay Morey – ODF, Jim Cathcart – ODF, Jim Paul – ODF, Cameron Smith – Oregon Governor's Office, Dave Van't Hof – Oregon Governor's Office, Mike Schnee – Michael Schnee Consulting (Facilitator / Mediator), Mike Cloughesy – OFRI, Linc Cannon – OFIC, Steve Brink – CFA, Mike Gaudern – OSWA, Ralph Saperstein – Conkling, Fiskum & McCormick, Jake Gibbs – Lone Rock Timber Company, Greg Miller – Weyerhaeuser, Bettina Von Hagen – Ecotrust, George Schunk – Ecotrust, and Sara Vickerman – Defenders of Wildlife

Via Conference Call: Rachael Katz – The Pacific Forest Trust and John Audley – The Nature Conservancy

WCI / Policy Updates from Oregon Governor's Office:

- Dave Van't Hof and Cameron Smith provided some insights into the WCI process and where this workgroup can be most helpful and influential.
 - This group has made a great first step and was very influential in getting forestry into the WCI recommendations for consideration as a major offset component.
 - The WCI is currently developing timelines and processes for stakeholder input as well as a work plan for 2009.
 - This group can be helpful to the Oregon legislative process in the near term, and can also be helpful to the Oregon Global Warming Commission further down the road.
 - Expertise and details is what this group can provide, as many other processes will be looking at the issues in a broader context.
 - Working on real projects that can begin in the voluntary market and then feed into a regulated market in 2012 will be helpful.
 - Consensus and speaking with one voice can make this group very influential to the legislative and WCI processes.

Perspectives from ODF Private Forests Division Chief Jim Paul:

- The department is searching for its tangible role to carbon and climate change processes in relation to HB 2200 passed in 2001 and the Forestry Program for Oregon Strategy G. ODF will be working with the Board of Forestry in 2009 to better determine and understand the agency's role.
- The department is encouraged by the good working relationships developed through this group and there are opportunities where this group can work on other ecosystem services related issues in the future.
- This group has an open invitation to work more closely with the Board of Forestry on carbon and climate change policy issues.
- ODF Private Forests Program is working to determine what tools are needed for the programs goals to set up for the 2011 legislative session.

Discussion on the workgroup's direction and purpose:

Due to the currently undetermined WCI process for 2009, and the numerous other workgroups and efforts ongoing regarding carbon and climate change on state, regional, and national levels, the group felt strongly about taking some time to look at options for future work and direction. As a result, the group spent a significant portion of the meeting discussing where the group should go from here, where we would provide input, and what our overall purpose is from here forward.

- The composition of the group was discussed and various thoughts and opinions were presented on whether or not the representation should be expanded or somehow changed. Mike Schnee has followed up with on this via e-mail and individual conversations with stakeholders.

- The group spent a considerable amount of time discussing the draft purpose statement Mike Schnee had sent out prior to the meeting. Comments and edits were discussed. Mike will be preparing a revised version of this purpose statement for distribution soon.

Next Steps/ Next Meeting:

- The group will determine what if any changes should be made to the group composition.
- The group discussed the assignment for the projects subcommittee that had been developed several meetings ago. Jim Cathcart volunteered to develop a document with some common project definition side boards as well as comparing some projects that are already in place. This work should be helpful to the group to develop a sense of what a project actually is and some common criteria in which projects can be examined. Following this exercise, the projects subcommittee should have a better sense of how to develop some project ideas and comparisons.
- Other topics TBD.

When: Monday October 27, 2008 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Where: Portland - Board Room (Third Floor) at the US Bank Building located at 625 SW Stark Street, Portland, OR 97205. [See the Google link below for maps and directions.](#)

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Future Meetings Scheduled:

When:

- Mondays November 17 and December 15, 2008 and January 12, 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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