

Board of Forestry Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2020

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In accordance with the provisions of ORS 526.016, a meeting of the Oregon Board of Forestry was held virtually on July 22, 2020 and hosted at the Oregon Department of Forestry Headquarters on 2600 State Street, Salem, OR 97310.

All Board members joined online by 8:30 a.m. into Zoom webinar. Chair Imeson called the public meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

*Board Members Virtually Present:*

Jim Kelly  
 Cindy Deacon Williams  
 Brenda McComb  
 Joe Justice  
 Mike Rose  
 Tom Imeson

*Board Members Absent:*

Nils Christoffersen

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. JANUARY 7, 2020 SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FORESTS MEETING MINUTES  
Approval of Board’s Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.  
**ACTION: The Board approved minutes from the January 7, 2020 Subcommittee on Federal Forests meeting.**
- B. JUNE 3, 2020 BOARD OF FORESTRY MEETING MINUTES  
Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.  
**ACTION: The Board approved minutes from the June 3, 2020 meeting.**
- C. 2020 BOARD GOVERNANCE PERFORMANCE SELF-EVALUATION  
Approval of the completed annual Board of Forestry self-evaluation for 2020, using its adopted governance performance measure.  
**ACTION: The Board proceeded with alternative one and approve the summary evaluation report as the conclusion of the 2020 self-evaluation process.**
- D. COMMITTEE FOR FAMILY FORESTLANDS APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENTS  
Approval of the appointments and reappointments for members of the Committee for Forestlands (CFF).  
**ACTION: The Board approved the appointment of Wendy Gerlach (Attachment 2) as the citizen at large category representative. The Department also recommends reappointing Mark Vroman as the Forest Industry category representative of the CFF.**
- E. WILDLIFE FOOD PLOTS RULEMAKING  
Directed by the legislature and the Board of Forestry, the Department developed rules to implement Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 527.678 “wildlife food plots”. To close the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 183) process, the Board to approve adoption of the proposed final rules.  
**ACTION: The Board approved and adopted the Proposed Final Rule Language as submitted (Attachment 3).**
- F. DEQ AND ODF COLLABORATION QUARTERLY UPDATE  
Department of Forestry and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) provided an update to the Board about the collaborative efforts the agencies are working towards to better understand and align their respective water quality programs.  
**INFORMATION ONLY.**
- G. PERMANENT RULEMAKING FOR SALMON, STEELHEAD, AND BULL TROUT STREAMS IN SISKIYOU REGION  
Adoption of rules to make the 2017 board rules regarding salmon, steelhead, and bull trout applicable for the Siskiyou Georegion, as directed by the Oregon Legislature (i.e., Senate Bill

1602). These rules shall be effective January 1, 2021. The rule would enact stream protections on small and medium fish bearing streams in the Siskiyou Georegion consistent with stream protection rules on salmon, steelhead, and bull trout streams already in effect in the rest of western Oregon.

**ACTION: The Board,**

- 1. Directed the Department to stop the Siskiyou salmon, steelhead and bull trout temporary rule making process.**
- 2. Determined the permanent rulemaking occur under ORS 527.714 (1) (b).**
- 3. Directed the Department to adopt permanent rules for salmon, steelhead and bull trout streams in the Siskiyou Georegion.**

Mike Rose motioned for approval of the consent agenda items. Cindy Deacon Williams seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Cindy Deacon Williams, Joe Justice, Jim Kelly, Brenda McComb, Mike Rose, and Tom Imeson. Against: none. With Board consensus Items A through G were approved, and the motion carried.

**ACTION AND INFORMATION:**

1. **STATE FORESTER AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**  
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Chair Imeson commented on:

- Outlined Board proceedings for Board members, presenters, and the public.
- Noted the public meeting will be live streamed, recorded, and posted online.
- Announced Executive Session, pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f) for public and media.
- Noted written public testimony can be submitted through August 5, 2020, and included with the meeting record.

State Forester Daugherty commented on:

- Overview of the State's response to systemic racism and inequality. Reviewed Governor Brown's and Department of Administrative Services (DAS) efforts to centralize budget and policy around racial justice, as well as address the inequalities existent in the COVID-19 pandemic. He reinforced the Department's dedication to diversity, equity, and inclusion by reviewing how agency leadership are reframing policy analysis. He provided an example illustrating how these issues tie to recent Department policy efforts.
- Described how he missed an opportunity to provide a strong vision statement that emphasized the Departments' commitment to be a leader in climate adaption and mitigation. Explained how Department staff, along with the guidance from the Governor's office, will reframe the climate vision and action plan using the lens of racial justice and social equity. Noted revisions will be brought in front of the Board as they consider revising Goal G from the Forestry Program for Oregon.
- Discussed the 42<sup>nd</sup> Special Session topics focused on COVID-19 response and police reforms, but passed Senate Bill (SB) 1602 regarding implementation of responsible forest management practices. He mentioned another special session may occur in August, with the focus on rebalancing the budget for the remainder of the 2019-2021

biennium. Listed and described the current agency reductions, and noted how this trend may prolong through two bienniums.

- Provided a high-level preview of fire season readiness topic by outlining the collaborative efforts of the Department staff, leadership and agency partners to prepare for COVID-19 on the ground. He described the coordinated response, operation mitigation measures, best management practices, and specific COVID-19 safety protocols in place. Thanked the health partners for their assistance to the Department in providing for the health and safety of the firefighters.
- Elaborated further on the enrollment of SB 1602 and what this meant for the Department's efforts in management of non-federal forests, highlighting the changes to protection requirements of these forests. He explained how the Department is excited by the strong collaborative effort taking place to develop long-term solutions for Oregon's forests. He reviewed the actions to be taken by the Governor's office, Leaders of the industry and conservation groups, the Department and Board of Forestry. Noted fund allocation for 2019-2021 and 2021-2023 biennium, as well as a shift to the Board's Private Forests work plan.
- Provided a fire finance update to the Board about the Department securing a one-year loan through the State Treasury, and explained the borrowing agreement conditions. Noted this resource places the Department in a better position for managing the 2020 fire season, but does not provide a solid financial solution for the Department, and reminded the Board about the cost-containment measures in effect until further notice.
- J.E. Schroeder expected to have the largest harvest ever, that equates to 30-40 million seedlings, and with tree improved seedlings, and timber harvest may yield an extra 30% per acre. NRCS partnership agreement signed for an additional five years that continues alignment of key landowner programs administered by Private Forest and Federal Forest Initiative programs.

Board Member Comments: None

Public Testimony: No provision made for public testimony.

### **Information Only.**

#### 2. 2021-2023 AGENCY BUDGET REQUEST

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Presentation ([attachment 1](#))

Bill Herber, Deputy of Administration, introduced the main presenter James Short, Assistant Deputy Director for Administration. Short explained the four major phases of the agency budget process, described how the budget is designed within the various systems, and outlined when budget modifications are made. He reviewed the 2021 to 2023 current service levels by each program area, the policy option packages (POP) and the percentage of fund types for the enhancement packages proposed this biennium. He compared the 2021-2023 agency request budget to the 2019-2021 legislatively adopted budget, differentiating by fund amount, by position, and full-time equivalent (FTE) counts. Short reviewed the next phase of the budget process, listing next steps and who are involved with this phase. He closed by offering a staff recommendation.

Board members commented on the 2021-2023 Agency Budget Request Presentation.

- State Forester Daugherty explained how current service levels are technically calculated, and described how the Board can weigh in on the policy enhancement packages by offering insight on prioritization of what the agency may need to additionally invest in to become more successful. He reviewed the reasoning behind the current policy enhancement package order as presented, and noted this is the time for the Board to provide direction to the Department on re-prioritization.
- Board inquired clarity on the ratio of the budget split for the fire protection budget in 2021-2023 biennium, and the State Forester confirmed that our current service level is based on a 50/50 split. Board member expressed to focus on core business and what needs to be accomplished by the Department when prioritization is considered. Herber added that principally these enhancement packages are designed as a general fund request and not part of a typical split similar with the base budget.

Public Testimony: None

**ACTION: The Board approved the 2021-2023 Agency Request Budget; reviewed and approved, in concept, the Board letter of transmittal to the Governor; and authorized the Board Chair to sign the letter following final drafting and directed the Department to submit both documents concurrently to the Department of Administrative Services by the August 31, 2020 deadline.**

Joe Justice motioned for approval of the staff recommendation for the 2021-2023 agency request budget, as presented. Mike Rose seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Cindy Deacon Williams, Joe Justice, Jim Kelly, Brenda McComb, Mike Rose, and Tom Imeson. Against: none. With Board consensus the motion carried.

3. FINANCIAL UPDATE WITH DASHBOARD DESIGN REVIEW AND CONTRACTOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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Presentation ([attachment 2](#))

Bill Herber, Director for Administration, outlined the predominant theme for the presentation, the Department's ever-evolving financial condition, improvements being implemented, and recommendations generated by external contractors. He noted that there are institutional challenges with an older financial system, and categorized the three pillars of this system as budget, finances, and accounting. He reviewed the intention for the biennial budget process, explained how the legislatively approved budget compares with the legislatively adopted budget, and described the budget pattern that takes place every short session to cover the costs of fire suppression. Explained how revenue authorities work, how they are tracked, and administered. He mentioned that understanding the financial condition of an organization is broader than looking at how a budget is executed.

Herber applied an accounting perspective to the biennial budget, by providing comparison overviews on gross revenue and expenditures to date. He discussed the finance aspect of the biennial

budget through accounts receivables, sharing how outstanding receivables contribute to triaging repayment to private, local government, state, and federal partners. He remarked on the new system that will track outstanding accounts receivable for more timely collection results. Discussed large fire cost recovery efforts over the last year, noting the largest invoiced amounts belong to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, but appreciated the stewarding done by the State Forester and Fire Protection Division Chief to facilitate these reconciliations. He reviewed the accounts payable duration and explained that OregonBuys system was implemented to automate the purchasing and payment processes in the Department.

Herber described the Department's cash availability condition, how the expenditures cycles and disbursements contribute to this condition, outlined the drivers for the expenditure and revenues by highlighting the large payments made in fiscal year 2019-2020. He introduced State Forests Division Chief to review the State Forests financial metrics. Dent highlighted five elements included in the metric: trends actual and projected, total revenue generated by division operations, county revenue dispersed, department revenue to operate, and division expenses. She described each metric element, outlined the drivers for projection development, explained how projected trends may require adjustment overtime, and noted the tools utilized by the Division to maintain financial certainty. She highlighted the forest development fund balance for fiscal year 2019-2020, remarked on timber market and contract trends, and how they influence this fund balance.

Herber reviewed the projected balance for the 2019-2021 biennium, described the financial and accounting elements overlaid to forecast financial position given the projected fire season costs. He described the range of fire season scenarios, costs associated, and the prudent balance needed to maintain core business operations through all scenarios. He reflected on the insight that can be provided by data, explained the struggle to track relevant data from disparate systems, and stated how a centralized, controlled system is ideal to manage the inoperability of the dissimilar systems. He described the online fiscal reporting system (OFRS), the function of this system, as well as its role in the Macias Gini O'Connell (MGO) recommendations. He updated the Board on recent production server installations that will be the backbone for all Department intelligence systems and help operationalize the various systems' components. Herber provided a sample dashboard, highlighted the projected information the real-time dashboard could provide, and stated the monthly reporting goal for these dashboards.

Herber offered a high-level summary of the recommendations set forth by MGO, explained how these recommendations overlap and have changed as MGO awareness of the Department's business increases. He explained how the contractor discovered that the recommendations outlined by MGO were already in process of being implemented by the Department, and changed their contractor role to support the Department as they continue their efforts in addressing the issues identified. He reported on the general themes of the MGO recommendations, listed the significant areas to focus on under each theme, and discussed the next steps with the Executive Team.

Board members commented on the Financial Update with Dashboard Design Review and Contractor Recommendations presentation.

- Congratulated the administrative team on their work completed for large fire cost collection. Suggested modifying the aging accounts receivable graph to include any outstanding costs greater than 180 days. Herber explained how the team is working with Federal partners to

better understand how they pay out revenue and are working to align the Department's data for developing more efficient processing practices, but noted how the current duration of time for repayment is two to four years. Board appreciated the thorough report on this topic.

Public Testimony: None

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4. **FIRE SEASON READINESS**  
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Presentation ([attachment 3](#))

Ron Graham, Fire Protection Deputy Chief, provided an overview of the presentation and introduced fellow presenter Brett Weidemiller, Assistant Unit Forester, and described how the recent shift in weather has increased the fire potential in Oregon.

Graham reviewed drought monitoring across the state, the number of counties in drought, and the predicted temperature outlook for August 2020. He explained how above normal temperatures are projected for August through October 2020 with minimal outlook for precipitation. He described the conditions that indicate a significant wildland fire potential for the western part of the country over the next three months. He reviewed the fire stats year-to-date for July 2020, noting a 96% of fires were suppressed at 10 acres or less. Commented on the Department's large fire costs, that no fire has qualified for FEMA FMAG grant assistance to date, and acknowledged key leaders in the organization for their efforts towards process improvements on account cost recoveries. He highlighted the coordinated training efforts with the National Guard and DPSST to provide additional type two hand crew resources.

Weidemiller provided an overview of the COVID-19 preparedness and operationalization conducted by the Incident Management Team (IMT) Fire Camp subcommittee. He reviewed the subcommittee composition, purpose, and planning measures. He highlighted the COVID-19 prevention and response guidelines, the module structure, and coordinators' function. He noted that the subcommittee has concluded, for they have accomplished their objectives and believed what was produced will work for future camp scenarios, if COVID-19 continues to be a concern.

Graham thanked Weidemiller and Coos Forest Protective Association Manager for their contribution to this assignment. He explained the new strategic investments to help forestland protection, including night vision and infrared mapping systems have been implemented for aviation deployment. He reviewed the importance of the aviation program and resources as it partners with coordinated ground attack efforts. Graham shared the statewide briefing map, describing the suppression response for a few fires on the landscape, and stated no incident or interagency management teams has been deployed to date.

Graham highlighted a new joint project with the Department and Oregon State Fire Marshall (OSM) partnered developed by Intterra, a situation analyst product. He described who participated in beta-testing, who led the project, and how the product works. He appreciated how this tool is now available for statewide use by agencies and partners. Graham closed by showing the real-time

operation of the Intterra product to the Board, and listed the product's benefits as another part of the complete and coordinated fire system's toolkit.

Board commented on Fire Season Readiness presentation.

- Board Chair Imeson inquired whether the Department is appropriately resourced to implement the planned operations outlined in Weidemiller's report. Weidemiller expressed yes, describing the opportunities that helped develop and vet the system in place.
- Board mentioned the wildland fire protection act, the importance of strategic investments, and the unique relationships between agency partners and landowners in Oregon. Inquired about two items, what the resources are like across the west and how COVID-19 has impacted Federal partner's suppression tactics. Graham addressed resource availability proactive planning to retain Oregon-based resources as the state approaches severe fire potential in the coming months, and limited importing out-of-state teams. He explained how the Department is diligently tracking regional and national fire resources, to ensure they are available when Oregon fire crews needs them. Graham expressed that Federal partners have actively engaged in fighting fires, communication has been effective, and so far, committed to full suppression. State Forester Daugherty asked about the US Forest Service adding aviation resources housed in Oregon, and Graham confirmed that helicopters were added to the national inventory.

Public Testimony: None

### **INFORMATION ONLY.**

#### 5. \*EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Imeson proceeded with the formal Executive Session announcement.

The Board of Forestry entered into Executive Session for the purpose considering information or records that are exempt from disclosure by law. [ORS 192.660(2)(f)].

No decisions were made during Executive Session. The Board exited the Executive Session at 12:18 p.m.

### **INFORMATION ONLY.**

#### 6. COMMITTEE FOR FAMILY FORESTLAND ANNUAL REPORT

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Presentation ([attachment 4](#))

Josh Barnard, Private Forests Deputy Chief, introduced the presenters for the topic, Evan Barnes, Chair of Committee for Family Forestlands (CFF) and Barrett Brown, Northwest Landowner Committee Representative. Barnard provided an overview of the presentation, offered background on the Board's advisory committee function and goals, as well as how they work with the Department.

Barnes discussed the CFF report highlighting the committee's involvement with the Governor's Wildfire Council Report, explaining how fire is the nexus for much of family forestland owners

operations, and listed the issues behind securing funding for the report's recommendations. He noted other areas CFF has interest in, such as the passage of House Bill 2469 for succession planning on forest properties and the progress of the Memorandum of Understanding. Barnes closed by stating this was the last year of his term, and appreciates how vibrant CFF is becoming with new appointees joining the committee.

Brown reviewed a few initiatives undertaken by the committee over the past year, and reported on forest landownership generally. He mentioned how CFF has aligned their work plan with the Board's, to optimize timing and utility of the advice provided. He shared the key updates and work done to revise the committee's charter. He acknowledged fellow CFF member, Kaola Swanson, in helping define internal processes to provide formal advice to the Board, and he described the general process to the Board.

Brown provided an example of forestland ownership and management by describing his own tree farm located in Washington County, with 110 acres in an urban interface. He explained how forest management has changed over time and recognized that building a suite of values provides landowners options. He stated the importance in tracking how these values (e.g., recreation) may change over time, and how these values and management styles may be different across the spectrum of forestland owners. Brown shared data on forest ownership in Oregon, and presented a video about a stream restoration project called Restoring the Tualatin: East Fork that involved multiple landowners and agency partners ([link](#)).

Board commented on the Committee for Family Forestland Annual Report presentation.

- Board appreciated the presentation and commended the committee on their efforts in developing a process that forms substantive advice brought forward to the Board. Noted the role committees have in conjunction with the Board's work. Continued to thank the committee for their work on the charter, appreciated the clarity included, and key issues outlined by the committee. Commented on the narrative provided by Mr. Brown, appreciated how he linked the evolution of forestland ownership with his personal story.
- Board pinpointed the importance of recognizing the challenges that regulations put on small private forestlands.
- Board reflected on the CFF's interest to share data from the national survey conducted on family forest values, and encouraged the committee to return to the Board with this information.
- Board expressed concern for family forest viability in eastern Oregon. Encouraged working together to pinpoint the underlying causes, to better design appropriate policy and program responses towards addressing that issue. Barnes stated CFF is aware of the existing issues in eastern Oregon, and stated a goal to hold a meeting in the region in the future. Brown planned to bring some information to the next CFF meeting from Cascades to Coast Landscape Coalition on how to keep forests working, increasing forest viability, and consider landscape design to achieve habitat conservation values.
- Barnard confirmed with the Board whether they accept the CFF annual report and charter. The Board was prompted to take action on item #6 upon conclusion of item #7, Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee testimony. Board made motion to accept the CFF report and updated CFF Charter.

Public Testimony: None

**ACTION: The Board accepted the CFF annual report and updated CFF Charter.**

Cindy Deacon Williams motioned to accept the CFF Charter and annual CFF report. Mike Rose seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Cindy Deacon Williams, Joe Justice, Jim Kelly, Brenda McComb, Mike Rose, and Tom Imeson. Against: none. With Board consensus on approval, the motion carried.

7. **FOREST TRUST LAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE TESTIMONY**

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Chair of Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee (FTLAC) did not attend the Board meeting, and did not provide written testimony.

Commissioner Testimony:

- Dick Schouten, Washington County Board of Commissioners, provided oral testimony under the Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee (FTLAC) topic. He offered some information on the county's size, timber production, and number of acres part of Tillamook State Forest. He appreciated the recent State Forests Division presentation delivered to the Commission. Aired support for the Greatest Permanent Value rule recognizing the importance of timber harvest and revenues, but also noted how county residents value recreation, habitat conservation and clean water. Recognized the County's Board of Commissioners actions taken in 2013, and endorsed the Department to implement conservation areas on state forest lands, as well as encouraged State policymakers to pursue sound forest policies that acknowledges the benefits and values of all forest resources. Noted that the Washington County Board of Commissioners support the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and appreciated the benefits of certainty this plan could provide to the public and to timber harvests. Looked forward to engaging in FTLAC meetings, and encouraged Chair Yamamoto to start meeting again.
- Kathleen Sullivan, Commissioner for Clatsop County, provided oral and written testimony ([attachment 5](#)) on the Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee (FTLAC) testimony, stated she spoke as an individual commissioner. She continued to support the work on the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), understanding how this plan can bring certainty in revenue and conservation. She explained her position behind opting out of the Linn County lawsuit, and noted the continuing litigation. Commented that Clatsop County depends on revenue generated from state forests lands. Offered her perspective on the HCP and utility of the plan for the county. Thanked the State Forests Division team for providing ongoing information regarding the development and process for the HCP. She appreciated State Forester Daugherty and Board Chair Imeson's July 14th letter sent to all Commissioners of the Forest Trust Land Counties. Concerned about the lack of connection and communication between FTLAC and the Board of Forestry. She noted the difficulties and challenges all counties and their citizens are facing. Asked for open and transparent communication between Forest Trust Land Counties to conduct business in public. Thanked the Board members for their continued service.

Board commented on the Commissioners' testimony and the FTLAC processes.

- Board thanked each Commissioner for their comments, and encouraged them to come together with the other Commissioners to consider operationalizing the advice process FTLAC provides to the Board. Referred to CFF recent charter revision as an example of clear standard operating procedures, communication involved, and elevates utility of advice.

### **INFORMATION ONLY.**

State Forester Daugherty noted that there was a recommendation that the Board will need to consider and vote on, to accept the Committee for Family Forestlands charter and annual report, before the next topic is heard. He stated the revised charter provides new governance procedures. Motion and voting is included under topic item #6.

8. STATE FORESTS HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN UPDATE  
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Presentation ([attachment 6](#))

Liz Dent, State Forests Division Chief, outlined the planning work that will be presented to the Board for the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Dent provided a background on the HCP phased approach, reflected on the phase completed, and commented on the next phase in the planning process. She explained the multitude of the work completed and collaborated on with the help of agency partners, consultants, contractors, staff, scoping team, and steering committee. She introduced the various presenters for the presentations, beginning with staff: Brian Pew, State Forests Deputy Division Chief, Mike Wilson, State Forests Resource and Information Unit leader, and Cindy Kolomechuk, State Forests HCP Project Manager. Dent proceeded to introduce contractors: Troy Rahmig from ICF and Brett Brownscombe from Oregon Consensus. She shared her appreciation for those involved in the scoping team and steering committees from state and federal agencies and concluded introductions by recognizing Paul Henson with US Fish and Wildlife (USFW), State Supervisor, and Kim Kratz with NOAA fisheries, Assistant Regional Administrator for the Oregon and Washington Coastal office, as additional presenters on this topic.

Henson shared his perspective on the Western Oregon HCP process and described his experience working on several HCPs across the State. He provided an overview of the general HCP process, explained how 'take' can be portrayed as timber harvesting, but can be interpreted as many other economic activities. Explained that the common theme for the HCP examples he listed is that they are laborious, challenging, and involve a public process with a lot of competing priorities discussed over time. He stated it is better to complete an HCP than to not, for the amount of time, work, and commitment dedicated to this open process. He commented on the USFW service grant program function, how the Department received two grants, and how the funds are utilized for the HCP planning process. He offered his thoughts on the Department's approach to this HCP process, shared foresight on future work, and believed the process could be completed and a permit could be issued within the timeframe outlined.

Kratz aired support on behalf of NOAA fisheries for the continued development of the Western Oregon HCP. He appreciated being apart of the collaborative and robust process, emphasized his commitment to the process, and noted how an HCP could support economic viability and promote

the conservation of species. He explained the process will be difficult, but the potential outcomes are worth it and could address the economic, social, and other environmental goals for the State of Oregon. He declared that collaboration remains a priority for NOAA fisheries, because of the significant value the biological and ecological security to habitat for salmonids within the geography of the HCP, as well as provide economic viability and stability for the management of Oregon's forests and communities.

Dent reviewed the geographic scope for the HCP, explained that many HCPs are being pursued or contemplated across Oregon, and it is important to not compare these plans because each one is based on a landowner's objectives, mandates, and management of land-based conditions. She provided an overview of the material to be presented, noting that some material included is preliminary, but has been shared with the public and appreciated their continuing engagement with this process. She shared her perspective on the growing complexity and challenge in managing state forestland base without a HCP, outlined some drawbacks if a HCP is not completed that could create future issues for the Department and Board.

Kolomechuk reflected on the collaborative work produced with the scoping team and steering committees in developing the first administrative draft of the HCP. She explained the focus and objectives for this work, how the drafted chapters lay the foundational elements for the HCP, and outlined the next steps with timelines for this work if the decision to proceed with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process is made by the Board. She commented that if the decision is made to move forward, these two teams will begin working on the refinement of the administrative draft and companion Forest Management Plan (FMP). She reminded the Board that the NEPA timeline operates within the confines of their process, but anticipated that the HCP will maintain its current trajectory for completion in June 2022. Kolomechuk spoke to the tribal engagement with the Department during this planning process, and dedication to honoring their interests in the lands that the Department is currently managing.

Brownscombe reviewed the external engagement process with stakeholders and counties. He provided an overview of the scheduled public engagement and additional efforts to engage stakeholders and advisory committee members to discuss the issues or components relevant to the potential HCP. He summarized the feedback received from these participants and listed the themes heard. Reviewed the coordinated efforts to engage the county commissioners and maintain working relationships. He explained the Forest Trust Land Advisory Council (FTLAC) venue was unavailable, and how outreach has evolved amidst COVID-19 to ensure Commissioners gain information about the HCP process. He relayed the importance to keep engagement pathways open for county leadership feedback throughout the process. He described how these meetings are scheduled, facilitated, and followed up on to ensure feedback received is clarified, and integrated into the process, working drafts, or planning the next steps. He reminded the Board about the purpose of the HCP, shared the diversity of perceptions and interpretations on the elements included with the HCP, and framed up the limitations that exist with accepting some of the feedback. Noted that NEPA will include a public engagement process separate from the Department's, and acknowledged the Department's robust outreach effort was not obligatory and represents additional commitments by the department to engage stakeholders. Brownscombe closed by listing the next steps for the planned outreach, who will be involved, and what will be discussed before the October 2020 Board meeting.

Wilson explained the purpose of the strategy and design for the riparian conservation strategy. He discussed the updates to the aquatic conservation strategy and addressed key processes of the strategy, as well as explained the function and objectives of riparian conservation areas (RCA). He provided additional details on the aquatic zones and the implementation of horizontal versus slope distance. He defined an RCA buffer, described the various buffer widths, and explained how they are differentiated by stream type, high energy or debris flow conditions, and fish presence or absence. He shared some examples of stream buffers to illustrate how buffers can vary by stream type across the landscape. He explained how ODF and ICF worked with Terrainworks on aquatic modeling to validate the adequacy of the RCA strategies. He outlined the objectives of aquatic modeling, listed the conditions modeled, the data points used, and the reason why each set of conditions were modeled. He also noted what was not modeled. Wilson stated the aquatic modeling results support the RCA's effectiveness for wood recruitment and temperature protection. Explained how the RCA's operate to recruit wood over the term of the permit and to protect streams from warming located in the permit area. He highlighted how road management and targeted restoration activities are important conservation strategies that will be included with the riparian conservation strategy. He outlined the management objectives, funding stability, and examples of the processes associated with these efforts.

Wilson discussed the terrestrial conservation strategy, listed the strategy's objectives, and defined habitat conservation areas (HCA). He explained the function of HCA's, how boundaries of HCA's are designated, and how HCA's objectives will be met with passive and active management. He noted the goal of this management in HCA's is to increase the quality and quantity of habitat over the permit term. He reviewed the silviculture treatments projected, why these activities were selected, and the anticipated outcomes from these treatments within the permit term. He remarked on how the management of HCA's varies, and listed some elements that are considered for a management plan. Described the process for modeling habitat suitability, referenced the data points used, and consulted with model authors. He discussed the compliment of RCA and HCA strategies, and how together they provide a robust conservation strategy to meet the biological goals and objectives for the covered species included in the HCP.

Pew reviewed the forest goals and objectives of the HCP. He commented on the utility of these goals and objectives as a way to ensure that greatest permanent value (GPV) is considered as the HCP is being developed, and will lay the foundation for the companion forest management plan (FMP). He outlined the three elements of GPV, defined each element's goals, and described how objectives will also be developed, if the companion FMP is decided on. He explained how these social, economic, and environmental forest goals were developed internally and with stakeholders as part of the HCP process.

Pew discussed policy level forest management modeling, described it as a technical tool used to test concepts, to help understand outcomes and support the decision making process. He expanded on how this modeling tool contributes to refining GPV concepts, approaches, and strategies as well. He commented on the upcoming comparative analysis, defined the analysis as a tool for business decisions, and outlined the preliminary work on the analysis. He explained that modeling will continue to be refined for a full range of GPV projected outcomes and will contribute to the HCP development effects analysis. He reviewed parameters for the modeling outputs, by listing what will be and will not be evaluated. Pew defined the geographic regions the HCP would apply to and

described the variables considered within these regions for determining the companion FMP. He familiarized the Board with terms and definitions that will be included in the comparative analysis. He provided an in-depth review of five modeling elements. He highlighted the projected process, frequency, and plan to report out on timber harvest volume outcomes over the permit's duration. Pew reviewed the projected harvest volume average, per permit area, within the 70-year permit term. He outlined the HCA design configuration, management activity refinement, model improvements, and silviculture practices work that will be completed over the next two months, which will inform the comparative analysis.

Dent reviewed the Division's work next steps on the draft Western Oregon HCP, the upcoming presentation on the draft revised Western Oregon FMP, as well as the county and public engagement planned before the October Board meeting.

Board commented on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan Update presentation.

- Board Chair Imeson thanked Henson and Kratz for their participation in the process and the discussion with the Board.
- Sought clarification on what approach was used for modeling the average timber harvest volume outside of the HCA and RCA, the draft revised FMP, or another approach. Pew stated the draft revised FMP approach was utilized but with less structure-based management, and offered examples of the elements considered for that approach.
- Board Chair Imeson inquired about the departure from the average annual growth over seven years, and when it will be anticipated to occur. Pew emphasized this will occur within seven-years but spread out over time. He explained that the HCP permits the take of the habitat which affects harvesting levels, but federal services do not permit the Department's harvest levels. He described when the harvest levels will be above average, level out, go below, and return to above average over the permit term as the goals for the species are fully achieved and Oregon's forests continue to grow.
- Asked whether the volumes include HCA restoration activities on HCA designated acres and whether these restoration efforts in increasing the quality of habitat are reflected in the numbers. Pew remarked yes, then referenced the management activities that were designed to benefit the species, but also produce volume. He anticipated that further modeling will refine the numbers. The board member further inquired about how the plan will define the scale and size of HCA designated acres for projected restoration activities. Pew explained these elements are being categorized broadly and provided restoration activity examples tied to geographic areas. Wilson offered a more specific example on a Swiss needle cast restoration activity and projected rehabilitated acres within a conservation area. He explained how the modeling is working on refining thresholds and frequency for management, but noted the modeling objective for the HCP was not designed to speak to potential volume production.
- The Board Chair asked whether the harvest numbers, as presented, are consistent with the anticipated numbers from the business case. Dent explained at the time of the business case several assumptions were made as the conservation strategies were not available to drive the model outcomes. Dent and Wilson outlined the main differences between the numbers presented now versus then and stated the business case was predicated from the current FMP but believed the trends were correct in the business case analysis overall. Dent stated that these trends are what was anticipated back in fall 2018, noted the main difference is between

the assumptions made, and explained considerations for managing the land base in a couple of different ways: restoration to further conservation objectives, and age-related framework, which is different from the structure-based management of the current FMP.

- Asked for a reminder on when the decision is scheduled for accepting the revised FMP as the companion to the HCP, relative to the final decision on an HCP. Kolomechuk reminded the Board that the draft revised FMP will be utilized as the base for the companion FMP for the HCP. She highlighted the portions of the draft revision that will be used for the companion FMP and outlined when this work will be brought in front of the Board for consideration and direction over the next two years. Board commended the Division in working with federal agencies on habitat restoration. Suggested for the companion FMP to include species that could be listed in the future and consider how to actively manage stands and harvest timber with minimal risk to species.
- Requested further clarification around how the lands were designated and the approach for this initial modeling. Pew expressed the sheer land base is large with well-managed forests and explained this land has a variety of age classes with older stands that means habitat for endangered species. He noted the Department is attempting to secure a permit for multiple species, some listed and some that are anticipated to be added to the endangered species list in the future. He reflected on the Department's commitment to supporting and surveying species, and how they house a strong data set on those species that speaks to their conservation work.
- Inquired further about the difference between the business case and preliminary analysis. Pew explained the trend lines look the same, but the numbers and assumptions have been recalibrated over the past two years as the HCP development progressed. He reviewed the quality and quantity of the habitat as it relates to the take permit, as well as the benefits to the species over time. He explained HCAs are set numbers but the habitats within the HCAs are not set numbers, and not all habitats are set within HCAs. He reviewed the benefits as it related to the quality of habitat and the tradeoffs as it related to the number of habitats with balancing management plans, implementing GPV, and services. Dent clarified that the comparative analysis will be a refined version of the business case. She clarified the trends are based on different assumptions, reviewed the differences between the business case and comparative analysis, and prepared the Board that these changes, as well as impacts, will be discussed at the October Board meeting.
- Confirmed the number of species included with the permit and number of them not currently listed. Kolomechuk noted 16 species are being considered in the modeling, but six of those species are not currently listed. Recommended to include with the comparative analysis the level of certainty gained by adding those six species versus using the current take-avoidance approach. Kolomechuk reinforced that this aspect is the cornerstone for the business case analysis to anticipate what those future encumbrances maybe, she explained further modeling is planned and noted how more information will be provided in the comparative analysis to help respond to the Board's questions. She closed by explaining this is a policy decision on balancing uncertainty and certainty in the management of our forests over the next 70 years. State Forester Daugherty appreciated Kolomechuk's clear explanation of the work presented, how it has changed over time and relative to the policy decisions in front of the Board. He refreshed the Board of the intent for the business case and how that contributed to the Board's decision to move forward with the HCP. He provided more context on the

decision that will be in front of the Board in October and was hopeful the information presented at that time will offer some insight that can help the Board with their decision.

#### Invited Testimony:

- Seth Barnes on behalf of Oregon Forest Industries Council (OFIC) provided written testimony ([attachment 15](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Update. Noted involvement in the development process of the HCP, and shared concern of annual harvest volume projections difference from the business case analysis. Believed a better forest management plan can be produced to achieve the twin goals of conservation and financial viability. Stated OFIC does not support the HCP as proposed.
- Bob Van Dyk submitted written testimony ([attachment 19](#)) on behalf of Moskowitz et al on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Update. Stated support for the continued development of the HCP and asked that the HCP be a top priority for the Department. Requested maps of the habitat conservation areas for terrestrial species and the Board to direct staff to model the proposed HCP in comparison to the current forest management plan. Encouraged the Board to reach out to county commissioners for input on the HCP.

#### Public Testimony:

- Rex Storm on behalf of Associated Oregon Loggers provided written testimony ([attachment 7](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Update. Stated opposition to the conservation measures and modeled outcomes in the proposed HCP for western Oregon state forests.
- Ron Byers provided written testimony ([attachment 8](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Update. Stated support for the proposed HCP for western Oregon state forests and the reasons for his support.
- Clark Chesshir provided written testimony ([attachment 9](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan Update. Urged sustainable management to maintain habitat and provide ecosystem services.
- Kurt Englund on behalf of Englund Marine & Industrial Supply provided written testimony ([attachment 10](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan Update. Concerned about proposed nature reserves and urged support for rural communities.
- Heath Curtiss on behalf of Hampton Lumber provided written testimony ([attachment 11](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Update. Raised questions on conservation measures, commitments, and annual harvest volume. Shared concern for the proposed HCP and potential losses to rural Oregon communities.
- Denise Harrington provided written testimony ([attachment 12](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Update. Stated support for the proposed HCP for western Oregon state forests.
- Kim Kotter on behalf of Oregon Women In Timber provided written testimony ([attachment 13](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Update. Noted the long-term impacts of the HCP and to consider jobs, sustainable fiber supply, and economic impacts.
- North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection provided written testimony ([attachment 14](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Update. Appreciated the Department and Board's effort to create a more balanced plan for our state

forests. Listed a series of questions for the Board and Department to consider as this HCP is developed.

- W. Ray Jones and Scott Gray on behalf of Stimson Lumber Company provided written testimony ([attachment 16](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Update. Shared concern for projected harvest volumes, habitat conservation areas, riparian conservation areas, and conversion of underproductive lands in the proposed HCP. Believed the HCP coupled with the forest management plan does not represent a balanced approach to managing the State forestlands' assets. Encouraged the Department to develop a comparison that demonstrated the costs and benefits of each plan that will provide transparency for stakeholders and inform the Board's decision.
- Eric C. Thompson on behalf of General Trailer Parts LLC provided written testimony ([attachment 17](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan Update. Shared concern for current proposed HCP. Urged a reconsideration of the plan to ensure obligations to counties and rural communities are met by enacting responsible harvest levels on State lands.
- Sara Todd provided written testimony ([attachment 18](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Update. Stated support for the proposed HCP for western Oregon state forests and the reasons for her support.
- Susan Walsh provided written testimony ([attachment 20](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation (HCP) Update. Stated support for the proposed HCP for western Oregon state forests and the reasons for her support.
- Kathryn Harrington on behalf of Washington County Board of Commissioners provided written testimony ([attachment 21](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan Update. Stated continue support for the Greatest Permanent Value rule. Appreciated State Forest Division efforts in presenting information on the proposed HCP. Encouraged the Board to pursue forest policy that acknowledges the value and benefits of all forest resources, and support the adoption of an HCP for Oregon state forests.
- Campaign titled *Continue smart, sustainable forestry* provided written testimony ([attachment 22](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan Update and asked that the plan include timber harvest assurances.
- Campaign titled *Oregon Forests Forever* provided written testimony ([attachment 23](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan Update and asked that the plan include timber harvest assurances for Oregon revenue.
- Campaign titled *Please protect our rural communities* provided written testimony ([attachment 24](#)) on the State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan Update. Requested that the plan protect family-wage jobs, provide fiber for local mills, invest in healthy forest management that reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

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9. RECENT AND ONGOING CLIMATE CHANGE WORK UPDATE  
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Presentation ([attachment 25](#))

John Tokarczyk, Planning and Analysis Unit lead, provided an overview of the presentation objectives, and introduced Danny Norlander, Forest Carbon and Forest Health Policy Analyst, as the main presenter.

Norlander reviewed the Department of Justice (DOJ) scope and status for the Board's request to evaluate their statutory authority towards policy. He outlined DOJ's next steps to fulfill request, how it will be presented to the Board, and when it will be fulfilled. He offered background on the Executive Order (EO) 20-04 enacted by Governor Brown in March 2020, described ten sections that have direct relevance to Department and Board work, and highlighted four areas that could relate to Department business or activities. He provided an overview of the Department's approach and process taken to respond to the Governor's request for reporting on agency reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions operationally and through policy, how agency plans to advance GHG reduction goals, and proposed actions. He summarized the Department's report submitted in May 2020, discussed the responses assembled to address these elements. Noted next steps for the Department, explained how this report generated a lot of questions from agencies to DOJ about statutory authorities, and remarked how this report is part of a larger process, highlighting how public input will be incorporated at a later time.

Norlander discussed the Harvested Wood Products (HWP) and Sawmill Energy Report origin, and connection to the forest carbon ecosystems report. He described the scope of the analysis, the HWP framework, and the partnerships established through this work. He shared sample graphs from the HWP report with the Board, and explained the full study will become available in August 2020 with a presentation planned for the Board in fall. He mentioned the Sawmill Energy Report may not be ready until the end of 2020.

Norlander described the collaborative work on the Statewide Climate Adaptation Framework coordinated by Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). He outlined the scope of work, number of agencies involved, and the dominant themes associated with this work. He reviewed the key implementation recommendations and provided examples to describe the intent for each recommendation. He highlighted subgroups that originated from this framework to help research, coordinate, and deliver work that produced results that could be used by other agencies. He reviewed the next steps for the Climate Adaptation Framework and shared the expectations for the subgroups to continue their work. Norlander closed presentation by listing the short-term and long-term work for the Policy and Analysis unit to complete.

Board commented on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update presentation.

- Inquired about the feedback received from the Governor's office about the report submitted for EO 20-04, whether the Department could share how they plan on responding. State Forester Daugherty responded by outlining the changes the Governor's Office would like to see. He acknowledged that additional comments were received from the public sphere, how it brought awareness to the Department on coordinating and communicating out the work we are involved in. He stated that the Department will be taking a strong stance in our vision statement and advancing our communication efforts.
- Inquired about whether carbon costs associated with managing, harvesting, transporting and milling for wood products are included. Norlander stated these are calculating the emissions of the wood products, not the energy that went into the production of these products.

Discussion on definition of “net” was explored, and State Forester Daugherty explained that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) definitions of wood products pool is used for this report. Board member explained position and importance to account for the carbon spent in all of the processes that go into creating wood products. Tokarczyk concluded that the reports are done in a way that measures emissions, and explained how staff plan to explore this question at a deeper level with partners who can help determine the best parameters and methodology for an assessment. State Forester echoed the value for this question, which opens up other considerations, such as carbon cost of forest management and decarbonizing the forestry sector. He noted carbon emissions from management practices in Oregon alone would be worthwhile to study, but recognizes this applies to active management. Board member inquired about considering the transportation sector as part of this study, and the State Forester responded that he plans to work with Board as they draft the study to included parameters that they would like to see.

- Recognized the work completed by the Policy and Analysis Unit (PAU) and appreciated the chance to provide some feedback on this process. Expressed the need to focus on the short term more than we normally would in regards to the issue of climate change. Recommended a series of ideas to enhance the Department’s position on this issue:
  - Noted how the Department response lacked a statement of commitment or responsibility, so offered the following thoughts. “We acknowledge that climate change is a serious threat. We have less than a decade to alter behaviors if we want to avoid catastrophic impacts. We, as a Board and an Agency, accept responsibility to act quickly to provide effective leadership. We recognize that this will require a seismic shift in normal operations and mean a focus on innovation, imagination, and experimentation.”
  - Recognized this is a problem being worked on by people across the world, it would benefit the Department to not limit themselves with a regional lens but to consider working on identifying and implementing the best practices or ideas using a worldwide lens.
  - Board and Department consider an annual award for climate wise forestry, which could be a modified version of the existing Operator of the Year.
  - Considered reviewing the past indicators on sustainable forestry and determine if this work could be revived if determined salient to Department and Board work.
  - Encouraged State Forests to lead by example for private forestry management and show that we can reduce our dependency on fossils fuels and increase carbon sequestration.
  - Suggested staff review of the Forest Practices Act with a climate wise lense, to identify barriers for climate smart forestry and what changes could have significant but positive climate impacts, while keeping the industry viable. Consider working on how longer rotations may affect industry, identify support for rural communities, and develop options for industry and businesses.
  - State Forester thanked the Board member for providing these suggestions. He explained there are tradeoffs between short and long-term goals. He described the global supply and demand structure, discussed regional impacts if policy does not consider a balanced approach and transition for all those who rely on timber harvest. He appreciated the input, and will utilize these ideas as the Department works on revising their climate change and commitment goals.

- Board member encouraged the Department report to reflect urgency and commitment to doing things now as we learn to do more, referencing Washington State's Department of Natural Resources Climate Resiliency report. Asked to consider pointing out the work the Department can do to reduce GHG, sequester carbon, or manage forests differently to achieve these goals. Supported collaborative interagency work with partner agencies to study areas of concern with climate change but in a holistic way. Offered an idea to create real-time dashboard to track the Department's carbon footprint, now and how it changes overtime. Noted how this tool could set the way for all forests in Oregon to consider factors like management, carbon sequestration, emissions produced etc. State Forester explained the data is available and could be produced, but frequency of updating that data is undefined.
- Expressed concern for the small independent contractors with a smaller budget than larger industry companies to modernize or modify existing infrastructure or equipment to achieve these goals. Noted as the Board and Department moves forward on making these decisions, to consider the impact it will have on smaller, independent contractors who we rely on. Another Board member concurred with this point, and commented that any efforts in decarbonizing the industry can occur soon with positive impacts.
- State Forester believe the PAU team can bring a revitalized vision back to the Board in September, and will point out gaps in Goal G welcoming a robust discussion with the Board on this topic. He mentioned delaying the indicators review until Goal G is fully vetted and discussed with the Board. The Board agreed by gesturing a thumbs up. Board members were interested in what the Department plans to do now to respond to this issue, and the State Forester stated he plans to respond to the Governor's office directly before the next Board meeting, but will keep the Board in the loop with any progress.

Public Testimony:

- Barbara and Brett Baylor provided written testimony ([attachment 26](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Requested further work on the Department's plan, and include statewide public and stakeholders involved with plan development.
- Harriet Cooke provided written testimony ([attachment 27](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Urged Board to direct the Department to produce a plan that conforms to the Governor's orders and provide opportunities for public engagement.
- Linda Craig provided written testimony ([attachment 28](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Asked for more work to be done on the Department's report.
- Susan Donohoe provided written testimony ([attachment 29](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Urged the Board to include a process for carbon accounting, to propose concrete goals to enhance forest carbon sequestration, and to include public comment.
- Catherine Thomasson on behalf of the Democratic Party of Oregon provided written testimony ([attachment 30](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Shared concerned that the Department did not address policy concepts that would increase

forest carbon storage and uptake. Offered data and reports regarding the role of Oregon's Forest in addressing Climate Change and inform policymaking options. Provided feedback on the recent Board and Department actions, and recommended future actions for well-rounded public policy development.

- Daniel Frye provided written testimony ([attachment 31](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Requested the Board to direct the Department to produce a plan that is responsive to the Governor's order and listed five elements to fulfill this request.
- Jeffry Gottfried provided written testimony ([attachment 32](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Offered a personal perspective on Department, and urged the Department to collaborate with the Governor's Climate Change Commission to revolutionize the way state forests are managed.
- Gwen Gwilym provided written testimony ([attachment 33](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic. Urged protection of Oregon's natural resources from timber harvesting and to reduce the impacts of climate change.
- Bill Harris provided written testimony ([attachment 34](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Stated the Department must consider the challenges and workable plans for forest management that contribute to the reduction in the production of GHG.
- Alexander Harris on behalf of Cascadia Wildlands provided written testimony ([attachment 35](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Urged the Department to work with Oregon Global Warming Commission and scientists at Oregon State University (OSU) to develop a set of policies that can incorporate climate objectives with the Department's management of State forestland. Offered a proposal and series of recommendations to grow carbon stocks and promote forest resilience on state-owned public forestlands managed by the Department.
- Wendy Lawton provided written testimony ([attachment 36](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Listed items the Department did not include in their response to the Governor's office. Asked the Board to hold the Department accountable for a report with concrete goals, evidence-based assessments, and public input considered.
- Rebecca Gladstone, et al on behalf of League of Women Voters, provided written testimony ([attachment 37](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Spoke to the Department's charge to manage state forestland in achieving the greatest permanent value (GPV), and recognized the complexity in balancing the needs of these six land-use goals. Discussed the need for a new funding mechanism for the Department, and suggested changes to taxing timber. Urged the Department to work with the Oregon Global Warming Commission to clarify priorities and to clearly define the Department's actions to increase carbon sequestration. Recommended to identify law changes, revise rules, and incentivize actions under the Forest Practices Act that result in the best outcomes for increasing sequestration and meeting targets. Suggested involvement from Legislature, the Board, and Oregon citizens to develop a business case to meet the desired outcomes.

- Rebecca Maloney provided written testimony ([attachment 38](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Asked for more work to be done on the Department's report, and listed elements that the report did not include.
- Mark McLeod on behalf of the Metro Climate Action Team provided written testimony ([attachment 39](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Asked for more work to be done on the Department's report, and listed elements the report did not include.
- Victoria Meier provided written testimony ([attachment 40](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Urged Board to include a process for carbon accounting, to propose concrete goals to enhance forest carbon sequestration, and to include public comment.
- Tyler Ernst on behalf of Oregon Forest Industries Council (OFIC), provided written testimony ([attachment 41](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. OFIC offered perspective on the potential of forest products for carbon storage, the regrowth capacity of harvested lands, the impacts to Oregon communities with harvest reductions and longer aged stands. Urged the Board to reject policy proposing climate-smart logging practices, as it would not promote the greatest permanent value.
- Steve Pedery on behalf of Oregon Wild, provided written testimony ([attachment 42](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Recommended that the Department improve forest conservation, to scrap the current set of proposed actions, to develop a package of policy proposals or initiatives. Urged the Department to develop a range of improvements to the Oregon Forest Practices Act and consider policy updates.
- Dylan Plummer on behalf of Cascadia Wildlands provided written testimony ([attachment 43](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Urged Board to include a process for carbon accounting, to propose concrete goals to enhance forest carbon sequestration and to include public comment. Asked for a report to include a timeline with a transparent process for public engagement.
- Rand Schenck provided written testimony ([attachment 44](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Asked the Board to ensure the Department responds to the Governor's EO in a meaningful way and provided a list of what could be included in the report. Encouraged a thoughtful public engagement process to address the climate crisis.
- 350 Eugene, et al provided written testimony ([attachment 45](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic. Shared concerns regarding the Department's response to Governor Brown's Executive Order (EO) 20-04. Provide five detailed recommendations for the Department to consider and incorporate, as they were formed to implement the directives of EO 20-04 and help reach the greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets.
- Jane Stackhouse provided written testimony ([attachment 46](#)) on the Recent and Ongoing Climate Change Work Update topic and regarding the Department's response to Governor

Brown's Executive Order 20-04. Offered a personal perspective on the timber industry and outlined three areas the Department's report failed to address.

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10. **GOOD GOVERNANCE DISCUSSION**  
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Board Chair Imeson introduced the item and had the State Forester present the progress made on the good governance topic. State Forester Daugherty provided an overview of the governance work efforts by the Board, Department staff, and him. He reviewed how these documents originated, were updated, and repackaged for the Board's consideration. He explained the analysis associated with this work and listed three recommendations for the Board to take action on. He offered a high-level explanation for each recommendation, reviewed the purpose for each document associated with the recommendation, and noted any revisions made on the documents. He inquired how the Board would like to proceed with each recommendation, and the Board Chair recommended for the Board to consider the recommendations one at a time in sequential order, before making a motion.

**ACTION: The Board adopted the Board Governance Policy (Attachment 1).**

Joe Justice motioned for the adoption of the board policy document on governance policy. Mike Rose seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Cindy Deacon Williams, Joe Justice, Jim Kelly, Brenda McComb, Mike Rose, and Tom Imeson. Against: none. With Board consensus the motion carried.

**ACTION: The Board confirmed the priorities governance topics and adopted the list (Attachment 2) to provide direction to the State Forester.**

Mike Rose motioned for the confirmation of the prioritized governance topics and adopted the list of topics. Cindy Deacon Williams seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Cindy Deacon Williams, Joe Justice, Jim Kelly, Brenda McComb, Mike Rose, and Tom Imeson. Against: none. With Board consensus the motion carried.

Board member McComb inquired about the phrasing of a statement listed on the second page of the expectations document, second bullet. Expressed concern about the inclusion of the word and because it implies that respect and support are mutually exclusive. Stressed the value for Board members to voice their support or opposition for a Board decision. The Board Chair agreed with this perspective and stated how this wording could infer a limitation to Board members vocalizing why they voted against something. Board discussed the implications of not allowing each other to share their positions and explored the benefits of having different views on the Board. Board member Justice noted that disagreements will occur with a diverse Board, but after a decision is made the Board collectively should respect the process and move forward. The Board Chair offered a revision to the expectation listed by removing 'and support' and leaving the remainder of the sentence as presented.

**ACTION: The Board modified and approved the set of Expectation of Board of Forestry Members (Attachment 3).**

Cindy Deacon Williams motioned for the approval of the set of expectations for the Board of Forestry, as presented with modification. Joe Justice seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Cindy Deacon Williams, Joe Justice, Jim Kelly, Brenda McComb, Mike Rose, and Tom Imeson. Against: none. With Board consensus the motion carried.

Public Testimony: None

11. **BOARD CLOSING COMMENTS AND MEETING WRAP UP**  
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Board Chair, Tom Imeson, reviewed the agenda items in sequential order with Board members and Department staff, and welcomed any closing comments or follow-up questions on topic items.

- Consent agenda items and item one, no follow-up requested on items.
- Item two, Board Chair asked if there was any other considerations around the decision item for the agency request budget and if any clarifications are required. Board members made no comments. State Forester Daugherty mentioned as part of the decision, a letter of support by the Board accompanies the Department's budget request, and walked through the general process with the Board. He asked if the Board was comfortable with that approach and members nodded heads or gave thumbs up as agreement.
- Item three, Board Chair remarked how helpful the financial dashboard discussion was with the inclusion of the external contractor's work. He inquired if any questions or comments, Board members had no additional feedback.
- Board member Kelly offered an observation regarding the stakeholder and public comment that is sent into the Board on key issues but with minimal time for the members to review the information. He inquired if there was a way to better frame how to submit testimony or comment to afford more time for the Board members to review public input. Board Chair mentioned how the Board can encourage the public to provide written input prior to a board meeting, perhaps notate how all input received a week before a meeting can be organized and sent in a binder to the Board. Other Board members considered including a time limit or outline a specific timeframe to guarantee the testimony will be sent to the Board and to include that if not received within the window of time the testimony may not be reviewed by the Board before the meeting. Board Chair reminded the Board members that at any time, public comment can be submitted. Other members noted that it can take time to produce testimony, and depends on when the materials are made available online. State Forester commented that part of this dynamic is whether the item is an informational or decision item, reviewed what the Board historically has outlined for public to provide comment or testimony, and described the current parameters in place to ensure real-time testimony is provided on decision items. He paraphrased what he heard from the Board and outlined the proposed expectation. The Board agreed with his summary. Board members mentioned the value of having an open door for comment, but noted the importance to establish some

guidance to the public on how to make their testimony more effective and to increase the likelihood that they will be heard by the Board prior to making a decision.

- Item four, No follow-up requested and Board members made no comments.
- Item five, Board Chair noted no comments are made for Executive Session.
- Item six, Board Chair commented no follow-up appeared to be requested, and State Forester stated he would like to clarify two items for the record. Noted the suggestion that Committee for Family Forestland (CFF) to return to the Board and share data on CFF landowner values. He commented that the CFF values have been shared with the Board in past years, but will look into if any has changed and determine when this item can be brought back to the Board. He also stated he will continue to work on the eastern Oregon CFF viability issue.
- Item seven, Board Chair remarked on the letter sent by him and the State Forester, open to discuss the letter or this item with the Board. Board member hoped for a positive outcome.
- Item eight, Board Chair listed when the State Forests Division will report to the Board on the Habitat Conservation Plan and Forest Management Plan. No other comments were made.
- Item nine, Board Chair recalled the extensive discussion by the Board on this topic, and asked for any additional input for the good of the order. No Board comments were made.
- State Forester brought up an item for the good of the order regarding the Board's comfort level with engaging in-person. He recapped on the virtual meeting experience, and noted how Board events scheduled for the remainder of 2020 will be planned for online participation, unless otherwise specified as an exception. He inquired with the Board if there were any concerns with moving forward with this approach. Board members gave a thumbs up in agreement with his recommendation. State Forester also mentioned the self-evaluation comment about the Board's desire to go on tours, but given the current conditions he inquired about each member's comfort level with field participation and social distancing measures in place. Some Board members did not believe this is a good time to engage in-person with Oregon's COVID-19 cases trending upwards, and questioned the logistical feasibility to conduct a tour with public access. Other Board members were open to touring individually or in smaller groups, but would transport themselves and prefer to not meet in counties that have high rates of confirmed cases. Board Chair reinforced that anyone who is not comfortable would not need to attend. State Forester thanked the Board for providing input on this topic, recognized that constraints exist, and understood that a cautious approach is preferred.

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Board Chair Imeson adjourned the public meeting at 5:14 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Peter Daugherty



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Peter Daugherty, State Forester and  
Secretary to the Board

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