

PRIVATE FORESTS DIVISION

ANNUAL RULE REVIEW MEETING REPORT 2017

Introduction

This report describes the annual meetings the State Forester conducted during 2017, to ensure proper coordination among state agencies with an interest in the forest environment and forest practice rule sufficiency. OAR 629-605-0110 states, “The State Forester shall, at least once each year, meet with other state agencies concerned with the forest environment to review the Forest Practice Rules relative to sufficiency. The State Forester shall then report to the Board of Forestry a summary of such meeting or meetings together with recommendations for amendments to rules, new rules, or repeal of rules.”

All state natural resource agencies were invited to meetings, as were several additional agencies that often collaborate or coordinate with the Department on forest resource issues. Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) field and program staff contributed input regarding issues of interagency coordination. Oregon Department of Forestry staff also asked the other agencies for items they would like to discuss at the annual meeting. A decision to hold a formal meeting is based upon the relative importance of the issues that have been identified during pre-meeting discussions, the adequacy of ongoing coordination, and the preference of the invited agency.

Summary of Meeting Results

There were no specific recommendations for rule changes. Topics discussed, potential action items identified, and follow-up actions occurring as a result at the meetings are described on the following pages.

Meetings held in 2017 (2018):

07/27/17	Oregon Forest Resources Institute
07/28/17	Oregon State University Extension Service
09/01/17	Oregon Department of Agriculture
09/22/17	Oregon Department of State Lands
10/16/17	Oregon Department of Transportation
10/17/17	Oregon Water Resources Department
10/31/17	Oregon Department of Geology & Mineral Industries
11/08/17	Oregon Health Authority
11/30/17	Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
12/01/17	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
01/05/18	Oregon Department of Parks & Recreation

Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI)

Meeting Date: July 27, 2017

Attendees:

OFRI: Paul Barnum, Executive Director
Mike Cloughesy, Director of Forestry

ODF: Nancy Hirsch, Deputy State Forester
Lena Tucker, Private Forests Division Chief
Josh Barnard, Field Support Manager
Ryan Gordon, Family Forestland Coordinator
Sherry Rose, Executive Support Specialist

Topics Discussed:

- Partnership for Forestry Education
- Voluntary measure evaluation project
- Public opinion survey
- OFRI illustrated FPA guidebook
- E-book / Video grants
- Legislative budget process
- Forest Practices compliance audit
- Potential future state & private grant opportunities

Action Items:

- Incorporate Uniform Plan into Know Your Forest website
- Consider future OFRI Public Opinion Surveys for presentation to ODF's Leadership Team
- Continue work with OWEB and OSU on Voluntary Measures Evaluation
- Further develop the Partnership for Forestry Education MOU between OSU/ODF/OFRI
- Continue enhancement work on the "Know your Forest" website
- Consider media and social media outlets for broad communication of the 2016 FPA compliance audit

Oregon State University (OSU)

Meeting Date: July 28, 2017

Attendees:

OSU: Jim Johnson, Program Leader

ODF: Lena Tucker, Private Forests Division Chief
Kyle Abraham, Private Forests Deputy Chief
Josh Barnard, Field Support Unit Manager
Ryan Gordon, Family Forestland Coordinator
Sherry Rose, Executive Specialist

Topics Discussed:

- Agency Budget Outcomes
- Partnership for Forestry Education
- E-book / Video grants
- Board of Forestry Highlights
- Continuing and Professional Education (CPE)
- Private Forestlands Collaborative
- Funds for other projects
- Federal Forest Restoration Program
- MOU between ODF and OSU
- Master Naturalist Program

Action Items:

- Further develop the Partnership for Forestry Education MOU between OSU/ODF/OFRI
- Continue enhancement work on the “Know your Forest” website in conjunction with OFRI
- Look for opportunities to collaborate on continuing and professional education
- ODF/OSU to finalize formal report on Private Forestland Collaborative grant project.
- ODF to update and republish Willamette Valley Ponderosa Pine production manual/management guide
- Continue to collaborate on seed and seedlings availability issues for small forest landowners

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Meeting Date: September 1, 2017

Attendees:

ODA: Lauren Henderson, Assistant Director
Raymond Jaindl, Director, Program Area Director
Theodore Bunch, Team Lead, PARC Coordination Team Leader

ODF: Lena Tucker, Private Forests Division Chief
Kyle Abraham, Private Forests Deputy Chief
Josh Barnard, Field Support Manager
Thomas Whittington, Incentives Field Support Coordinator
Sarah Navarro, Pathologist
Ryan Gordon, Family Forestland Coordinator
Sherry Rose, Executive Assistant

Topics Discussed:

- Agency Budget Outcomes
- PARC – pesticide investigation coordination
- E-Notification Subscriber Portal
- Sudden Oak Death
- Invasive Species – EAB Preparedness
- Pesticide General Permit
- Voluntary Measures Study
- Trends in Land Use Changes – Forest & Ag Land Conversion
- Liaison to SWCC

Action Items:

- Forestry will look into assisting the advertising for the 211 call number into E-Notification
- Need to update MOU's between agencies as there are new directors in all agencies
- Coordinate training between agencies on land use change and the jurisdictional transition between agencies

Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL)

Meeting Date: September 22, 2017

Attendees:

DSL: Bill Ryan, Deputy Director for Operations
Eric Metz, Planning and Policy Manager –
Aquatic Resource Management Program
Nancy Pustis, Eastern Region Manager

ODF: Lena Tucker, Private Forests Division Chief
Josh Barnard, Field Support Unit Manager
Sherry Rose, Executive Support

Topics Discussed:

- Agency Budget Outcomes
- E-Notification Subscriber Portal
- 404 Permit Update
- Joint training on wetlands identification and High Water mark
- Coordination on land use conversion
- ODF/DSL MOU

Action Items:

- Conduct joint training between DSL and ODF staff on wetlands identification and land use conversion
- Complete update of ODF/DSL MOA
- ODF host condensed FPA training for DSL.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Meeting Date: October 16, 2017

Attendees: **ODOT:** Matthew Garrett, Director
Lucinda Moore, Maintenance Operations & Engineer Manager
Patti Caswell, Maintenance and Operations

ODF: Nancy Hirsch, Deputy State Forester
Lena Tucker, Private Forests Division Chief
Kyle Abraham, Private Forests Deputy Chief
Josh Barnard, Field Support Unit Manager
Keith Baldwin, Field Support Coordinator
Doug Grafe, Protection Division Chief
Sherry Rose, Executive Support

Topics Discussed:

- Agency budget outcomes
- E-notification subscriber portal
- Fire Season 2017 Update
- Joint ODF/ODOT seasonal positions
- Coordination on fish-passage issues

Action Items:

- Joint after action review for Fire Season 2017
- ODF/ODOT Master Agreement – expires 06/2018

Oregon Department of Water Resources (WRD)

Meeting Date: October 17, 2017

Attendees:

WRD: Doug Woodcock, Deputy Director
Mike McCord, Northwest Region Manager

ODF: Lena Tucker, Private Forests Division Chief
Kyle Abraham, Private Forests Deputy Chief
Chad Davis, Partnership and Planning Program Director
Josh Barnard, Field Support Unit Manager
Chris Stewart, Facilities Manager
Sherry Rose, Executive Support

Topics Discussed:

- Agency budget outcomes
- E-Notification subscriber portal
- Opportunities for future collaboration
- Integrated water resources strategy
- Pesticide topics
- National Flood Insurance Program
- Facilities and Water Conservation
- Federal Forest Restoration Program update
- Pond Development Regulations
- Fire Season 2017 Update

Action Items:

- Collaborate on after the fire programs in areas that are at risk from landslides and flooding
- WRD can deploy equipment on streams to gauge velocity after a severe wildfire

Oregon Department of Geology & Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)

Meeting Date: October 31, 2017

Attendees:

DOGAMI: Ian Madin, Deputy Director & Chief Scientist
Jed Roberts, Manager, Geologic Survey and Services Program (GS&S)
Bill Burns, Natural Hazards Section Supervisor

ODF: Nancy Hirsch, Deputy State Forester
Lena Tucker, Private Forests Division Chief
Josh Barnard, Field Support Unit Manager
Brent Grimsrud, CIO Information Technology Program Director
Cara Kaser, GIS & Application Development Manager
Teresa Alcock, Fire Program Analyst
Emmor Nile, GIS Coordinator

Topics Discussed:

- Agency budget outcomes
- Landslide mapping with Lidar
- Debris flow mapping
- Review of mine permit applications
- GIS data development for wildfire management

Action Items:

- DOGAMI asked if ODF be interested in collaborating on other POPs or a submission to next round of geo data development funding. Check within Natural Resource Cabinet maybe see if there are agencies with a shared interest in collaborating on a POP
- Provide the 2016 Annual FPA Compliance Report to DOGAMI
- Two ODF geo-techs serve on the Landslide Risk Reduction Workgroup
- ODF added to distribution list for mine permit applications.
- Continue to share data across our two agencies

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Meeting Date: November 8, 2017

Attendees:

OHA: Gabriela Goldfarb, OHA-PHD Environmental Public Health Section Manager
Andre Ourso, Administrator, Center for Health Protection
Curtis Cude, OHA-PHD Surveillance Unit Manager (PARC, PEST, OccHealth)

ODF: Peter Daugherty, State Forester
Nancy Hirsch, Deputy State Forester
Lena Tucker, Private Forests Division Chief
Kyle Abraham, Private Forests Deputy Chief
Keith Baldwin, Field Support Coordinator
Thomas Whittington, Incentives Field Support Coordinator
Sherry Rose, Executive Support

Topics Discussed:

- Agency Budget Update
- E-Notification Public Portal
- Pesticide Topics
- Occupational Health Issues
- Drinking Water Topics
- Climate Topics
- Prescribed Burning/Smoke Management policy

Action Items:

- Potentially establish an MOU between ODF, DEQ, OHA on Prescribed Burning to support state and local collaboration to prepare communities from smoke
- Consider joint collaborative proposal to CDC to request funding for a study comparing health effects from wildfire vs prescribed fire
- Peter will reach out the USFS chief regarding piloting a study on relative health effects from prescribed fire. OHA is interested in partnering

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)

Meeting Date: November 30, 2017

Attendees:

OWEB: Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director
Renee Davis, Deputy Director
Courtney Shaff, Capacity Coordinator
Audrey Hatch, Conservation Outcomes Coordinator
Jillian McCarthy, Partnerships Coordinator
Ken Fetcho, Effectiveness Monitoring Coordinator

ODF: Nancy Hirsch, Deputy State Forester
Lena Tucker, Private Forests Division Chief
Josh Barnard, Field Support Unit Manager
Ryan Gordon, Family Forestland Coordinator
Jeff Burns, Federal Incentives Unit Manager
Phil Chang, Federal Forest Restoration Program Lead
Sherry Rose, Executive Support

Topics Discussed:

- Coordinated Streamside Management
- Voluntary measure evaluation project
- CREP Program / CREP Effectiveness Monitoring
- Key components and specific projects for data sharing
- Leverage capacity
- OWEB strategic plan update
- OAHP update
- Forest Collaboratives

Action Items:

- ODF and OWEB to continue work on the voluntary measures evaluation project
- Continue to collaborate on Farm Bill discussions
- ODF and OWEB to work on voluntary riparian conservation programs

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Meeting Date: December 1, 2017

Attendees:

ODFW: Curt Melcher, Director
Bruce McIntosh, Asst. Fish Division Administrator, Inland Fisheries
Greg Apke, Fish Passage Coordinator
Thomas Stahl, Conservation & Recovery Program Manager
Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director of Fish & Wildlife Programs
Kevin Blakely, Asst. Wildlife Division Administrator
Andrea Hanson, Oregon Conservation Strategy Coordinator
Rod Krahmer, Forest Practices Program Coordinator
Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator
Doug Cottam, Wildlife Division Administrator
Jon Germond, Habitat Program Manager

ODF: Lena Tucker, Private Forests Division Chief
Kyle Abraham, Private Forests Deputy Chief
Jennifer Weikel, Biologist
Sherry Rose, Executive Support

Topics Discussed:

- E-Notification Subscriber Portal
- Fish Passage Standards – MOU
- Riparian Rules – Next Steps
- Wildlife Food Plots Rulemaking
- Marbled Murrelet Rulemaking
- EO/Siskiyou Riparian Policy Review
- Voluntary Measures
- Survey end of fish use
- Specified Resource Sites

Action Items:

- Revise ODF/ODFW Fish Passage Standards MOU in 2018
- Collaborate on fish passage and end of fish use training between the two agencies
- ODF & ODFW will meet to review information, criteria and training on end of Salmon, Steelhead distribution
- Coordinate on Wildlife Food Plot rulemaking and branding.
- Collaborate on POPs when appropriate
- Collaborate on drone use policy and training

Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD)

Meeting Date: January 5, 2018

Attendees:

OPRD: Lisa Sumption, Director
Craig Leech, Forester/Arborist
Tracy Louden, Administrator
Trevor Taylor, Stewardship Manager

ODF: Peter Daugherty, State Forester
Nancy Hirsch, Deputy State Forester
Lena Tucker, Private Forests Division Chief
Kyle Abraham, Private Forests Deputy Chief
Josh Barnard, Field Support Unit Manager
Keith Baldwin, Field Support Coordinator
Jay Walters, Field Support Coordinator
Marganne Allen, Monitoring and Forest Health Manager
Liz Dent, State Forests Division Chief
Justin Butteris, State Forests Policy Analyst
Ron Graham, Protection Division Deputy Chief
Sherry Rose, Executive Support

Topics Discussed:

- Fire Season 2017 incident management coordination
- After the Fire – salvage and restoration
- Use of E-Notification for forest operations in parks
- Insect and Disease Assistance
- Sudden Oak Death treatment program
- Scenic Waterways program
- ODF/State Parks Fire Patrol agreement
- Federal Forest Restoration and Good Neighbor Authority
- Use of OPRD reservation system

Action Items:

- Discussed the possibility of ODF providing Agency Administrator and Fire Refresher trainings to Parks staff.
- Provide pre-fire season coordination - Information Officer training between agencies to better collaborate during events
- ODF could provide chainsaw and other safety training to OPRD
- Fire Patrol Agreement needs to be reviewed annually
- Com/Radio agreement – needs to be updated before 2018 fire season
- Forest Patrol Assessment Cost –provide early notice on assessment charges
- Look for partnerships to coordinate after the fire restoration within state parks
- ODF and OPRD to work together to present a collaborative program for the Scenic Waterways Program