

# **Forest Carbon Stakeholder Meeting Summary**

Date: October 18, 2018

## **I. Approval of the Charter**

Charter was accepted by the group after changing the last sentence in fifth paragraph to read (specific edits in italics):

*“The assessment of Oregon’s forests should provide estimates on the effects of wildfire to carbon storage and flux.”*

In addition, based on feedback regarding participation at the meeting, amendments were made to the charter to clarify participation by alternates. The following revisions were adopted in the approved charter:

*“Alternatives for Stakeholder Group members listed in the membership roster will be allowed if:*

- The alternate is a representative employed by the same legal entity*
- The notification of an alternate is made to ODF in advance of the meeting. ODF will communicate to the Stakeholder Group about the participation of an alternate via email or announce at the start of the meeting.”*

## **II. Website and email**

ODF has established a website to document the work and input submitted throughout stakeholder engagement. All meeting materials (agendas, presentations, etc) will be posted here. The website is:

<https://www.oregon.gov/ODF/ForestBenefits/Pages/ForestCarbonStudy.aspx>

In addition, ODF established a dedicated e-mail inbox to receive input both from stakeholders and from other members of the public on this. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit all input to the e-mail address below. This will serve to distinguish input that stakeholders wish to have posted on the project website from inquiries of clarification to ODF staff.

[forest.carbonstudy@oregon.gov](mailto:forest.carbonstudy@oregon.gov)

## **III. Forest Carbon Project Timeline**

ODF staff shared a timeline detailing the three separate reports that entail the entirety of the Forest Carbon Project. The timeline forecasts meeting dates, topics of discussion at

each meeting and specific input opportunities from the Stakeholder Group. The timeline is posted online with the meeting materials.

#### **IV. Forest Ecosystems Carbon Storage and Flux**

Staff from the Forest Inventory Analysis (FIA) Program (US Forest Service – Pacific Northwest Research Station) presented an update on the assessment of carbon storage and flux in Oregon’s forests. The Stakeholder Group reviewed input received to date and ODF provided an overview of FIA’s response. The Stakeholder Group requested data to be displayed by:

- Ecoregion (see below)
- Ownership (public, private, etc)
- Age class
- Site class

In addition, the Stakeholder Group requested that carbon density be included in tabular data – in addition to total carbon - and broken out using above strata.

Ecoregions. FIA presented a draft breakdown of ecoregions to report out carbon storage and flux. One Stakeholder Group member offered up for consideration the configuration of ecoregions used by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to track and implement California’s carbon program. Both configurations are posted online and stakeholders were asked to provide further input on grouping of ecoregions.

Inclusion of Chapters 5 & 8. The Stakeholder Group discussed inclusion of Chapters 5 and 8 as included in a similar California report. The group recognized that Oregon’s work includes a third report to estimate carbon and storage flux from alternative management scenarios. The Stakeholder Group discussed including elements of the two chapters to set up the Harvested Wood Products report and the Management Scenarios report.

#### **V. Harvested Wood Products Pools**

Staff from the Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) gave two presentations to ground the Stakeholder Group in the analysis to estimate carbon storage and flux in Harvested Wood Products Pools. BBER clarified the carbon pathways for all wood harvested in Oregon would be included in the analysis, including the wood products that go outside state boundaries to end markets. The analysis also includes both in-use wood products and post-use products (ie. landfilled). Calculation of these pools will be tailored to the mix and percentages of products produced in Oregon (which is different than the mix in California or other states). This analysis is in

the formative stages and the Stakeholder Group will engage more with this work during the early part of 2019.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Next meeting will be in December, doodle poll to follow.