

## **Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee Meeting Notes**

**March 22, 2017**

Present: Vic Musselman, Tami Miketa, Josh Meek, Terry Jackson, Mark Hicks, Jeffrey Thomas, Phil Hess, John Henrikson, Dick Alescio, Marc Engel, Joe Shramek.

### **Review 01/25/17 SFLOAC Meeting Notes**

Meeting notes accepted as written.

### **Review of Latest Edits to SFL ID Team Guidelines**

Mark Hicks suggested minor edits to the document.

### **Review 2017 Protocol Stream Survey Process**

Joe Shramek gave a summary of the Feb. 28, 2017 memo he authored titled “*2017 Protocol Stream Survey Process and Water Level and Streamflow Forecast*”. He said the stream survey process is not changing for the 2017 survey season. The memo states that due to on-going work by the Forest Practices Board (FPB) and its Adaptive Management Program, DNR believes that new water typing rules and guidance will be adopted in the next year or two. In the meantime, this memo seeks to re-confirm the existing ways for conducting protocol stream surveys and determining the regulatory break between fish and non-fish waters.

### **Update on Marbled Murrelet, Canada Lynx Recommendations to the Forest Practices Board**

Terry Jackson said the marbled murrelet was recently up-listed to state Endangered. WDFW will be convening a multi-stakeholder group to evaluate the forest practices rules pertaining to marbled murrelet. They will be assessing whether the rules are actually working to protect murrelet habitat, if there are inconsistencies or problems with rule implementation on the ground, and will then provide recommended options or solutions to the Board as appropriate. Terry will keep the Advisory Committee updated on this progress.

Terry added that the Canada Lynx was also up-listed to state endangered. Joe stated that DNR, after consultation with WDFW, recommended that the Forest Practices Board (Board) take no action to add the Canada Lynx to the current forest practices rule designation for critical habitats (state). DNR also recommended the Forest Practices Board continue its voluntary cooperative protection approach for the species, contingent upon WDFW-landowner updating their lynx management plans as necessary.

### **Update on WDFW Yellow-billed Cuckoo Status Review**

Terry stated to the Advisory Committee that WDFW is seeking public input on WDFW’s recommendation to list the Yellow Billed Cuckoo. She stated that this potential listing should have little to no impact on small forest landowners as the habitat for the Yellow Billed Cuckoo is primarily in riparian areas of western Washington which are already protected under Forest Practices Rules. In the unlikely event that Small Forest Landowners are adversely impacted, they may apply for FREP if other program qualifications are met.

### **Review Final Draft of SFLOAC Handbook**

The new SFLOC Member Handbook was distributed to each member. Further discussion focused on what other materials should be included in the book. Items agreed to include were:

- DNR's Small Business Economic Impact Statement for New Proposed Forest Practices Rules Implementing the Forests and Fish Report, January 2001
- Small forest landowner demographics fact sheet
- SFLO HCP Annual Report
- Status report on FREP and FFFPP updated annually
- Flow chart showing DNR top management

### **Action Plan update – Update on Alternate Plan website**

Josh gave an update on the SFLO Alternate Plan website. He has edited the site adding more information on the SFL Templates and removing redundant information. The proposed changes are being reviewed by the DNR Communications staff and should be ready to post within the next month.

Other updates were made to the SFLOAC Action Plan.

### **New Business**

Jeffrey Thomas informed the committee that the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is working with the Puyallup Tribe to create an Integrated Management Plan for their forest.

The next SFLAC meeting will be held on May 17, 2017 from 12:00 to 4:00 at the NRB in Room 362. Conference Call # (360)902-2916 Pin # 229161.

Meeting Adjourned