



**WASHINGTON  
HARDWOODS  
COMMISSION**

## **COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

December 14, 2011  
DNR Pacific Cascade Region Office  
Castle Rock, Washington

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**Next Meetings:** *March 14, 2012, DNR Pacific Cascade Region Office, Castle Rock, WA*

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### **Commissioners Present:**

Tom Fox, Chairman  
Erik Metcalf, Vice Chairman  
Tim Halme  
Michael Johnson  
Nick Wheeler

### **Commissioners Absent:**

Del Fisher  
Steve Witherspoon

### **Attendees:**

Diann Lewallen, Chris Rasor, Florian Deisenhofer, Dave Gordon, and Dave Sweitzer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Fox at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were made and the Commission was reminded of the legal limitations of the anti-trust laws in Commission meetings.

It was MSP to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2011 meeting as mailed.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

Lewallen presented the financial report dated November 30, 2011 showing cash and CD's of \$30,982.94 with no accounts payable. The cash flow spreadsheet shows a projected estimated reserve and estimated available reserve of \$23,673.94, through June, 2012. (copy attached) Sweitzer presented the Logs Process Summary, Dollar and Volume reports. Lewallen will check various companies offering CDs and let us know which would be best. It was MSP to approve the financial report.

### **2012 ANNUAL MEETING**

Wheeler will be the meeting chairman. There were several changes and suggestions to the draft agenda. (copy attached)

### **DNR RIPARIAN STRATEGY**

Rasor and Deisenhofer explained that DNR's plantation acreage for alder has increased from nothing in 2004 to 2,645 acres projected for 2013. The riparian strategy emphasizes diversification, however, conifer is preferred, which would command an aggressive hardwood conversion.

## ALDER INDEX

Razor and Deisenhofer explained that the model is seven years old. It is imperative that alder sites be identified for site index, soil types, aspect, and elevation. Plant where appropriate and use extensively in diseased areas.

## SUBCOMMITTEES STRUCTURE AND REPORTS

Several committee chairmen recommended revisions to their goals for 2012. All recommendations were MSP. Committee reports follow these minutes and financial statements.

## DNR UPDATE

Gordon was proxy for Sackett. He can't see where biomass will dominate timber sales. Biomass will mainly be the slash and not small timber. It was suggested that we provide DNR with specific items to report to the Commission.

## CONIFER RESTORATION TEMPLATE

A several year riparian reforestation study on eight sites is nearing completion, with the report due December 2011. A synthesis of these sites will be completed early 2012. The Stream temperature study by Mark Hunter needs to be taken off the shelf and a report completed. Dick Miller has proposed to prepare an electronic file for summarizing ninety Hardwood Conversion FPAs from 2003-2011. He is requesting up to \$1,000. It was MSP that Sweitzer contact Miller to invite him to the next meeting and to query whether a three-month delay would pose a problem. This approach was deemed appropriate while waiting for the reforestation report, synthesis, and stream temperature tabulations.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Del Fisher has resigned from the Commission and the Commissioners discussed several possibilities to complete his term. Sweitzer make contact to see who might be interested.

Wheeler will report on the threats to Eastern hardwoods and affect on the Western hardwood market at the next Commission meeting.

Next meeting dates – March 14, 2012, DNR Pacific Cascade Region Office, Castle Rock, WA  
– June 13, 2012, Kelso Red Lion Hotel, Kelso, WA

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dave Sweitzer