



**WASHINGTON
HARDWOODS
COMMISSION**

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2013
DNR Pacific Cascade Region Office
Castle Rock, Washington

Next Meetings: *May 1, 2013, Annual Meeting, DoubleTree Lloyd Center, Portland, OR*
June 19, 2013, DNR Pacific Cascade Region Office, Castle Rock, WA

Commissioners Present:

Tom Fox, Chairman
Erik Metcalf, Vice Chairman
Michael Johnson
Joe Monks
Steve Witherspoon
Nick Wheeler

Commissioners Absent:

Ed Orcutt

Attendees:

John Anderson, Bruce Bare, John Perez-Garcia, Diann Lewallen, Maryanne Reiter, 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 December 19, 2012 meeting as mailed.

FINANCE REPORT

Lewallen presented the financial report dated February 28, 2013 showing cash and CD's of \$43,182.30 with no accounts payable. The cash flow spreadsheet shows a projected estimated reserve and estimated available reserve of \$32,456.30, through June, 2013. Sweitzer presented the Logs Process Summary, Dollar and Volume reports. It was MSP to approve the financial report. (copy attached).

Draft fiscal year 2013-2014 budget was approved after deleting \$10,000 for the re-measurement project which will not occur during this year, leaving an estimated reserve of \$40,315.00. However, we are still short \$6,500 for the Washington State Hardwood Inventory Assessment. It was also suggested that we entertain a proposal from Hardwood Silviculture Coop to further develop a user-friendly, workable Growth & Yield model.

UW INSTITUTE OF FOREST RESOURCES

Bare and Perez-Garcia from UW Institute of Forest Resources (IFR) discussed the Washington State Hardwood Inventory Assessment. Bare and Perez-Garcia announced that all matching funds have been approved from UW. They have reported the study to the House & Senate committees for natural resources. All the preliminary data looks good from UW's standpoint, plus they have created a data base of 6,000 plots using FIA and GNN information. They will be prepared to present the preliminary data at the Western Hardwood International Convention & Exposition on May 1st. The complete study will be in printed form and presented to the Commission on or about June 15th. It will answer a) how much hardwood growing stock currently exists in Washington state; b) what is the age (or size), class structure, and location of the inventory; c) what ownerships currently manage the growing stock; and d) how much volume is under riparian management regulations. Not only will the above be answered, but also a) a calculator and how to use it will be available; b) a scenario on demonstrating

the calculator; c) answer other queries from the study; and d) what is the projected harvestable in the future years. The importance of a comparison between earlier hardwood studies was discussed. Also, setbacks in RMZs should be included in the hardwood availability.

2013 ANNUAL MEETING & WESTERN HARDWOOD INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & EXPOSITION

The 2013 annual meeting will be held at the Western Hardwood International Conference and Exposition (ICE) on May 1, 2013 in Portland, OR at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center. (ICE agenda attached) It was suggested that Annual Meeting items include FPARs, follow-up to Hardwood Inventory Assessment, review of subcommittees, research, elections,

FOREST PRODUCTS LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

Fox and Wheeler discussed the WHC goals and objectives with many legislators at the January 17th legislative reception. They felt it was worthwhile putting the Commission in front of Washington State lawmakers.

SUBCOMMITTEES REPORTS

Committee reports follow these minutes and financial statements.

RIPARIAN ISSUES

Reiter discussed various issues concerning RMZs and submitted a PowerPoint which was subsequently made available to the commissioners. Her research showed that the rules for RMZs were not based on a lot of science. Removing hardwoods does not seem to have a huge effect on water temperature and fish population. Any one interested in her PowerPoint can contact the WHC.

ALDER GROWTH & YIELD MODEL

Bluhm presented the model with some updates which would make it more user friendly. However, they do not have the funding to continue working on the “easy-to-follow instructions” to operating the model. Several suggestions were given to Bluhm for making it easier to understand. The question of cost came up, and Monks will work with Bluhm on a proposal to the Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS

Erik Metcalf has resigned as a commissioner due to a change in employment. The Commission thanked him for his service and appointed Randy Bartelt, also of Cascade Hardwoods, to complete his term of office that expires June 2015.

Nominations – the Commission nominated Tom Fox and Joe Monks for additional four (4) year terms. All affected processors will be invited to make further nominations. Secret ballots will be mailed to the processors on April 12th and results will be reported at the Annual Meeting on May 1st.

Goldmark meetings – State Lands Commissioner Goldmark will be invited to entertain a WHC contingent at the end of June to discuss the Hardwood Inventory Assessment for the State of Washington. We will ask for a quarterly meeting with him to discuss hardwood items for our mutual concern.

Next meeting dates – May 1, 2013, DoubleTree Lloyd Center, Portland, OR

June 19, 2013, DNR Castle Rock, WA

September 18, 2013, DNR Castle Rock, WA

December 18, 2013, DNR Castle Rock, WA

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dave Sweitzer