



**WASHINGTON  
HARDWOODS  
COMMISSION**

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

June 4, 2008  
USFS District Supervisors Office  
1835 Black Lake Blvd SW  
Olympia, WA

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**Next Meeting:** September 2008  
Date, Time and Place TBD

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**Commissioners Present:**

Steve Pottle, Chairman  
Brian Stanton, Vice Chairman  
Tal Edman  
Del Fisher  
Steve Pedersen  
Steve Sabalaska

**Attendees:**

Nearly 50 attended. Roster in the WHC office.

Chairman Pottle called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and made introductions.

It was MSP to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2008 meeting as mailed.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Lewallen presented the financial report dated May 31, 2008 showing cash and CD's of \$29,174.67 with no accounts payable. The cash flow spreadsheet shows a projected estimated reserve of \$24,812.67 and a projected estimated available reserve of \$10,812.67 both through June 30, 2008. (copy enclosed) The Logs Processed Summary, Dollar Summary, and Volume Summary were also presented. (copy enclosed) It was MSP to approve the finance report.

It was further MSP to approve the FY 2008-2009 budget, which adjusted the income down to \$50,400 from \$60,000, resulting in a projected estimated reserve of \$18,998.67 and an estimated available reserve of \$4,998.67 on June 30, 2009. (copy enclosed)

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Pottle presented the State of the Commission. (copy enclosed)

**EDUCATION AND RESEARCH REPORTS**

Stanton presented the short rotation white paper and the proposal for special issues of the two publications, NW Woodlands and Western Forester, covering hardwoods. (copies enclosed) Pedersen announced that a brochure is being prepared to assist landowners, extension offices, and forestry consultants with information on silviculture and management of hardwoods in Washington State.

## ELECTIONS

Elected to 4 year terms by unanimous vote were Brian Stanton of Greenwood Resources, Jeff Madsen of Port Blakely Tree Farms, and Erik Metcalf of Cascade Hardwoods. Pottle was reelected chairman for the coming year with Brian Stanton as vice chairman. Steve Sabalaska was awarded a certificate signifying his contribution to the Commission.

## SPEAKER PROGRAM

### **Commissioner Doug Sutherland: DNR Blowdown Salvage Plan, Critical Issues**

Sutherland described the dramatic effects of the December 3, 2007 storm where some 500 mmbf of timber was toppled by winds up to 140 mph. DNR is moving rapidly to approve salvage plans for removal of downed timber. Removal has already commenced and is providing much timber to the processors. Unfortunately, much of the timber is not suitable for lumber production because of the stress put on the fiber, thus supplying chippers with most of the logs. He reported that plans are being made to replant with suitable species. He also indicated that DNR has approved certification under SFC for a portion of the DNR's publicly owned forests. The majority is certified by SFI.

### **Cal Joyner: Hardwood Harvest in Federal Forests**

Joyner, Acting Regional Forester, PNW Region, USDA Forest Service, discussed some of the regulations the Forest Service must deal with that restricts harvesting in the federal forests. Certainly of major concern is the litigation upon most published sales, tying up the harvest process, sometimes for years. Many of the federal forests are actively pursuing hardwood sales and silviculture, partly for income as well as a prescription for root rot and Swiss needle cast. He will encourage other federal forests to increase hardwood sales.

### **Andrew Bluhm: Alder Silviculture and Management**

Bluhm presented the seventeen years of work done by the Hardwood Silviculture Coop in collecting data on the growth effects of various prescriptions for silviculture and management of alder. HSC data, plus five other sources of growth data have been used to create a growth and yield model for alder that updates the previous model that came out in the 1960s. He also reported on ORGANON and its progress in developing a second growth and yield model. His PowerPoint presentation is available on the WHC website, [www.wahardwoodscomm.com](http://www.wahardwoodscomm.com).

### **Mike Snow: International Hardwood Trade**

Snow, Executive Director of the American Hardwood Export Council (AHEC), talked about the use of American hardwood exports. These exports are growing and alder is among the leaders in volume of lumber exported. He presented a fascinating, rapid-fire look at the growth of international hardwood trade. AHEC has overseas offices in Europe, Mexico, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, and China. A note of interest that helps explain the tremendous growth of exports to China is housing privatization. Ten years ago, there was no incentive to remodel your home in China because it was government owned. Today, along China's coastal areas, seventy percent of the homes are owned by individuals. His PowerPoint presentation is available on the WHC website, [www.wahardwoodscomm.com](http://www.wahardwoodscomm.com).

### **Lee Jimerson: Hardwood Marketing**

Jimerson, Manager of Manufacturing Accounts for The Collins Companies, discussed the new sawmill in Boardman, OR that will process hybrid poplar (marketed at Collins Pacific Albus). He talked about the marketing of western hardwoods to the east and eastern hardwoods to the west as an advantage to producers, wholesalers, and manufacturers. His PowerPoint presentation is available on the WHC website, [www.wahardwoodscomm.com](http://www.wahardwoodscomm.com).

### **Rick Williams: Pacific Northwest Fiber Market**

Williams, Fiber Procurement Manager for Boise White Paper LLC in St. Helens, OR, told the audience that the pulp market has plateaued and will probably not get much better in the years to come. He had many fascinating stats and facts that would enable fiber producers and users

a step ahead for future strategic planning. His PowerPoint presentation is available on the WHC website, [www.wahardwoodscomm.com](http://www.wahardwoodscomm.com).

**Webster Forest Nursery Field Tour:**

The staff of Webster Forest Nursery in Olympia, under the direction of Manager John Trobaugh, described the handling of alder from the seed plant to the bare root nursery and research. The facility features a multi-million dollar renovation to a huge greenhouse that is computerized to maintain proper temperature and humidity through retracting or closing sides and top. In the seed plant, the seed zones, seed collection, and testing were discussed. In the greenhouse, pelletizing, sowing, and growing were described. Then in the bare root nursery, transplanting was demonstrated, along with various research projects that would keep the seedlings to a manageable size, as well as provide for a good survival rate.

The annual meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dave Sweitzer