

# Review of Wisconsin's Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines

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CoF BHG Team: Jane Severt, Henry Schienebeck

Technical Committee: Dustin Bronson, Greg Edge, Carmen Hardin, Sarah Herrick, Tricia Knoot

Approved December 2008

*(With a commitment to review in 2012)*

## Process:

Technical Team / CoF BHG Team

Advisory Committee

Expert Review (via subcommittee, etc)

CoF

(possible public comment)

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## *Focus of Review*

- 1) New Research
- 2) Experience Gained During Implementation

Intended to be easy to understand and implement  
Based on Best available information

- Subject to periodic review and revision as better information becomes available

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## *Not to be Addressed*

Fertilization

Intensive culture of trees for woody biomass

Urban

Non-forest derived Biomass

Non-woody biomass

Specific species

Education, training or monitoring

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## Responsibilities :

- Support CoF charge – **review** by September 2013
- Div. of Forestry – implement programs that protect and **sustainably manage** WI's forest resources
- Scientific info may contain uncertainty – may necessitate the application of **precautionary principles and practices**
- **Liaison** between AC and constituencies
- **Be Respectful** of other AC members viewpoints
- Work with Technical Team to resolve concerns and make recommendations on guidelines in a **timely manner**
- Attend and be an **active participant** – we need your experience

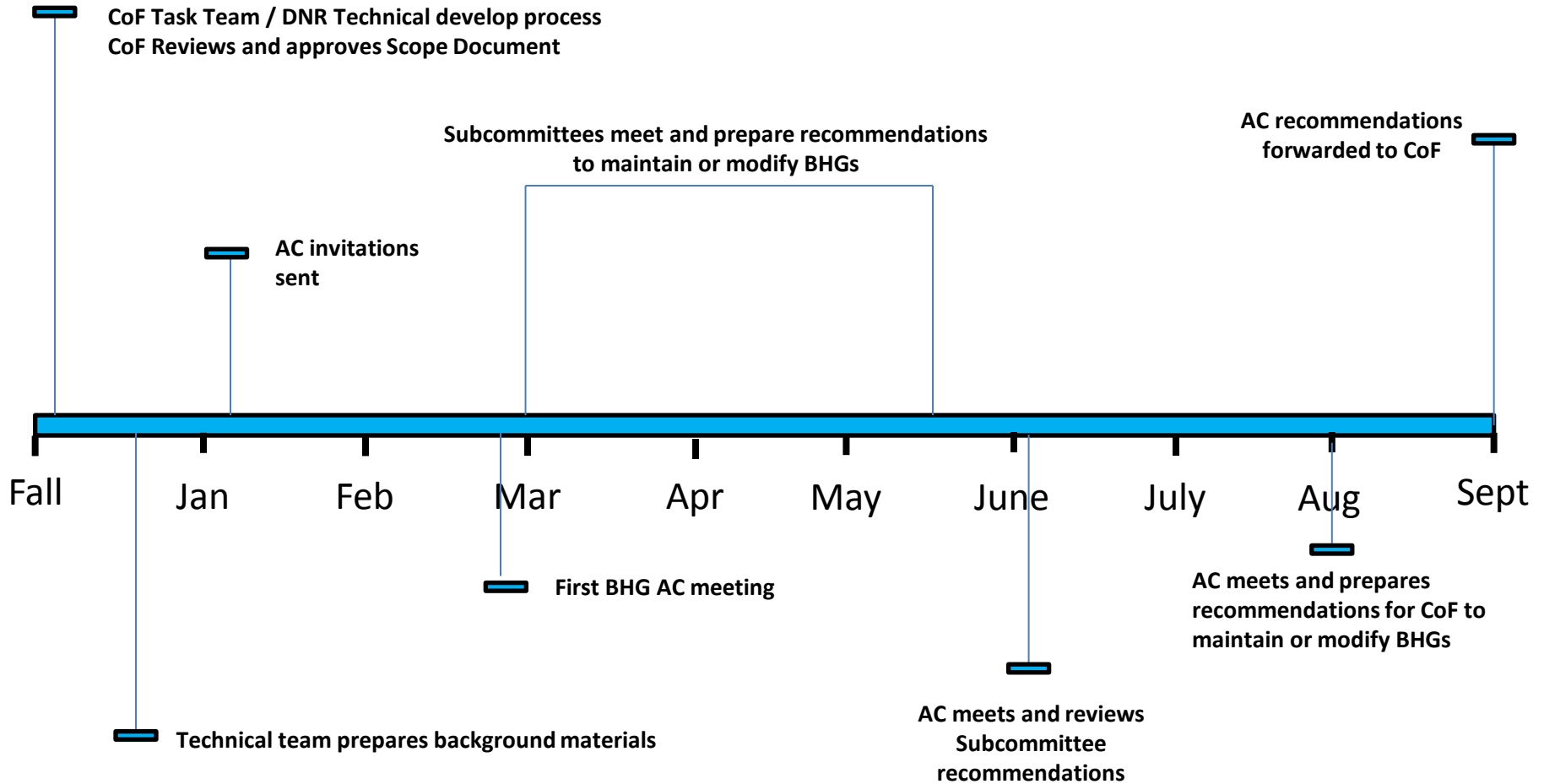
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## Decision Making Process:

- The AC will reach decisions via a system of **team consensus**
- Every member will have **opportunity to express their views**, divergent views will be fully addressed
- Ideally, a satisfactory level of **general agreement** emerges
  
- Consensus is an **agreement** – not necessarily complete agreement
- Outcome – “**Close enough**” to be acceptable  
*(All or most team members can support it; few or no oppose)*
- Consensus is **not a unanimous** decision

***It is our charge to reach Consensus. If we cannot those items will be brought to the CoF for a decision.***

# BHG Review Timeline



Potential - CoF may recommend a public comment period. Final approval may occur in December 2013

## BHG Subcommittees

### ***Implementation Operability Economics***

Lead by: Tricia Knoot and Sarah Herrick

- 6 to 8 members
- Experienced practitioners, harvest system experts, economists

### ***Forest Ecology Soils Biodiversity***

Lead by: Dustin Bronson and Greg Edge

- 6 to 8 members
  - Science-based experts: researchers, university professionals, scientists
- **Review** rationale and research supporting BHGs
    - **Recommend** to maintain or modify BHGs
  - **Provide basis**, if applicable, for modifying a guideline
  - ID outstanding **research needs or questions** related to biomass harvesting

Recommendations from AC

Appointments will be made by the Chairs of the AC

Each committee will meet **once** face-to-face. Additional follow-up work via call/email  
Subcommittee recommendations completed by May

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