**COUNCIL ON FORESTRY MEETING - PRESENTATIONS**

**Date:** 3/24/21

**Location:** Virtually via Zoom

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| **Council Members:** | | **Guests:** | | |
| Tom Hittle, *Chair* | Kenneth Price | Faye Bokelman, *DNR* | Don Nelson, Domtar | Barbara Richards |
| Matt Dallman, *Vice Chair* | Paul Strong | Rebecca Diebel, *DNR* | Stacey Johnson, *Paper Council* | Karen C. |
| Heather Berklund, *Chief State Forester* | Jordan Skiff | Mike Warnke, *DNR* | Nancy Bozek & Randy Cooper, *WWOA* | Gena Abramson |
| Senator Janet Bewley | Jason Sjostrom | Forrest Gibeault, *Steigerwaldt* | Mike Delegan, *Steigerwaldt* | 608-286-9083 |
| Representative Beth Meyers | William Van Lopik | Greg Edge, *DNR* | Matt Carothers, *Besse FR Prod* | 715-355-6361 |
| Representative Jeff Mursau | Michael Bolton | Kristin Lambert, *DNR* | Dawn Laybolt, *CNNF* |  |
| Henry Scheinebeck | Adena Rissman | Logan Wells, *DNR* |  |  |
| James Hoppe | Buddy Huffaker | Richard Wedepohl, *Former CoF* |  |  |
| James Kerkman | Rebekah Luedtke | Ron Eckstein, *Wildlife Soc.* | **Next Meeting:** May 19 & 20, 2021 | |
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| **Agenda Item** | **Materials** |
| Northern Hardwoods:   * **WI Forest Practice Study – Northern Hardwoods Study**   + Forrest Gibeault – *Steigerwaldt* * **Northern Hardwood Conference Update**   + Greg Edge – *WI DNR* |  |
| * **WI Forest Practice Study – Northern Hardwoods Study**   Chair Hittle briefed the Council on the history and purpose of the Wisconsin Forestry Practices Study (WFPS) and identified the five topics selected for further study :   * Wisconsin Wood Supply Assessment * Forest Practices and Harvesting Restrictions on Wisconsin’s Resources and Economy * Scale and Cost of Seasonal Timber Harvesting Restrictions * Wood Supply Chain Cost Component Analysis * Northern Hardwood Single Tree Selection   Forrest Gibeault, VP of Analytics, Valuation and Technology Solutions at Steigerwaldt Land Services, gave a presentation to the Council on future stand development and economic consequences of single-tree selection. The presentation included a review of relevant silviculture and economic science, the results of the original 2015 study, the details of the alternative harvest and [2020 future stand modeling](https://councilonforestry.wi.gov/Documents/PracticesStudy/6522%20WFPS%20NorthernHardwood_Modeling_12.01.2020.pdf) approaches, and FVS Future Stand Modeling results.   * **Northern Hardwood Conference Update**   Greg Edge, WDNR Forester, gave the Council an update on the 2021 Northern Hardwood Conference (NHC). The update included information on the conference goals, agenda (keynote speakers, group and panel presentations, and individual presentations), and conference [registration](https://uwccs.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/nhc2021/info). | |
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| Private Forestry:   * **Private Forestry Outreach Update**   + Kristin Lambert – *WI DNR* * **My Wisconsin Woods**   + Buddy Huffaker – *CoF, Aldo Leopold* |  |
| Kristin Lambert, WDNR Public & Private Lands Section Chief, and Buddy Huffaker, Council member and Executive Director of the Aldo Leopold Foundation, gave a presentation to the Council on the Wisconsin Private Forestry Advisory Committee ([WPFAC](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/forestlandowners/wpfac)). The presentation included information on the history of WPFAC, the purpose of the committee, and their three goals:   1. 5-year goal of connecting 20,000 new NIPF landowners with a resource professional “The next million acres” 2. WDNR & UWEX explore how to align resources to achieve the goal 3. Forestry community embraces landowner engagement model and aligns toward 20K goal   The presentation also gave information on how WPFAC created an intentional and cooperative approach to private forest owner engagement. They discussed the difficulties the committee faces, outlined the plan WPFAC will use to achieve their goals, detailed how WPFAC will measure the success of their efforts, and described the committee’s longer-term goals. | |