

Governor's Council on Forestry - January 31, 2018

Council Members		Guests	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Scheinebeck, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Senator Janet Bewley	Earl Gustafson	Danielle Jones
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Severt, Vice Chairwoman	<input type="checkbox"/> Senator Tom Tiffany	Jim Warren	Margaret Parsons
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Souba, Chief State Forester	<input type="checkbox"/> Ken Zabel	Laurie Gharis	Carmen Hardin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Sjostrom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Troy Brown	Ron Eckstein	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Kerkman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Strong	Rebecca Diebel	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Wedepohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Dallman	Abby Kraus	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kenneth Price	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Hittle	Nancy Bozek	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Hoppe	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Jeff Mursau	Steve Kariainen	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Rickenbach	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Nick Milroy	Mike Warnke	

Next Meeting: (March 28, 2018 – Madison, WI)

Minutes

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision/Action Items
January 31, 2018 - Portage County Library, Pinery Room Location Address: 1001 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481		
9:30 AM Welcome/Intro (Chair Schienebeck)		
9:45-10:30 PM Alignment Update (Jim Warren/Mike Warnke)	Jim Warren and Mike Warnke (Division of Forestry, WDNR) provided an alignment update for the Council. Members were generally pleased with the progress and had questions on how priorities were decided, how to track implementation, and whether programs are achieving goals of alignment.	Action: The Division will provide metrics on the success of alignment changes, likely this fall.
10:30-11:30 AM WI Forest Practices Study (WFPS): DNR report out on the contacts made to assign actions and recommendations. Update on WDNR Silviculture Guidance Team (Carmen Hardin)	Carmen Hardin (Division of Forestry, WDNR) provided the Council with an update on the assignments to implement the Wisconsin Forest Practices Study recommendations. Carmen shared the Silvicultural Guidance Team (SGT) workplan and how ad hoc teams will incorporate work on the recommendations. The SGT will be reviewing the Silviculture Handbook structure and format as well. Council members will be able to review changes to the handbook when it is released for a 21-day public comment period. Council members were reminded to communicate with their respective SGT representatives regarding updates and direction.	Action: The Council will receive periodic updates on SGT work prior to 21-day public comment period via formal updates at COF meetings and informal emails between meetings as needed. Action: Council members/organizations should take a role in reviewing SGT work and voicing opinions. Action: The SGT should provide brief explanations if handbook changes addressed the results of WFPS recommendations.
11:30-12:00 PM	The Annual DRP Report has been submitted by Steigerwaldt to Henry and Jane. Please contact Tom Hittle if you would like a	

<p>DRP Update Provided by Steigerwaldt (Tom Hittle)</p>	<p>copy. Tom reported that two potential disputes were brought forward but did not meet the criteria for using the DRP. They have verified that there are enough mediators and experts for sufficient coverage this year. Steigerwaldt will be reviewing the DRP process with DNR staff to evaluate process improvement. Katherine Haan is the new DNR contact for this program.</p>	
<p>12:00-12:30 PM LUNCH</p>		
<p>12:30–1:30 PM Forestry Account Audit: Update on process; provide more information and education on account (Mike Warnke)</p>	<p>The audit kicked off at the beginning of January and is expected to be complete by the end of June 2018. Auditors will be contacting non-DNR entities that use Forestry Account funds.</p>	<p>Action: DNR will continue to update the Council on the status of the audit.</p>
<p>1:30-2:00 PM State Forester Report (Fred Souba)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GNA website is being re-developed to share sale information by national forest district. Next timber sale bid opening is February 28th. Some states are interested in expanding Farm Bill GNA to include other federal properties besides Forest Service and BLM land. • Governor Walker, as chair of the Midwest Governor’s Association (MGA), has chosen forestry as a priority theme this year. Conference is being held February 21-22 at the Forest Products Lab. Council members are encouraged to register since there may be some actionable items as a result of conference discussions • USDA has shared it’s priorities for the 2018 Farm Bill which includes support for forest management and other forestry initiatives. • DATCP is organizing a wood trade mission to northern China in March. They are accepting applications from small businesses. • DNR to discontinue Gypsy Moth Spray program due to low needs • APHIS is holding conversations with tribes and industry partners regarding a statewide EAB quarantine and deregulation 	
<p>2:00 PM ADJOURN</p>	<p>The Fall Tour will likely take place in Southwest Wisconsin and there may be an opportunity to share a tour with the Forest Resources Association on September 19.</p>	