

Council on Forestry Agenda
March 12, 2015
Madison, WI - Forest Products Lab

9:00 a.m.	Welcome and introductions	Henry Schienebeck
9:15 a.m.	Council Budget & Legislative Issues	All

Discussion of issues identified in January.

Goal of discussion:

- 1) Increase knowledge and understanding of the issues identified by the Council.
- 2) Decide on Council action for each issue (e.g., write letter with Council recommendations, propose alternatives, no action).

Issues:

1. MFL (*Kim Q., Tom H., Mark R.*)
 - a. Governor's budget proposal re MFL cutting notice review
[1a budget proposal - MFL cutting notice review](#)
 - b. Dispute resolution process
[1b COF DRP DNR current procedure \(v1.1\)](#)
[1b COF DRP proposal - D Peterson](#)
[1b COF DRP proposal - K Quast](#)
 - c. MFL efficiencies work
[1c MFL efficiencies work](#)
[1c MFL efficiencies team update](#)
[1c cutting notice analysis](#)
 - d. Revisiting forest property tax incentives
[1d CoF-Property tax discussion background](#)
2. DNR staffing levels (*Paul D., Troy B.*)
 - a. Staffing by program area
[2a DNR staffing by program area](#)
[2a Division accomplishments](#)
[2a DNR & cooperating forester roles](#)
[2a DNR & cooperating forester - Attachment A](#)
[2a DNR & cooperating forester - Attachment B](#)
[2a DNR & cooperating forester - Attachment C](#)
[2a DNR & cooperating forester - Attachment D](#)
 - b. Governor's proposal to move forestry division HQ to northern Wisconsin DNR

[2b Budget proposal FR headquarters](#)

3. Certification (*Troy B., Earl G.*)
 - a. Cost/benefit
 - [3a Cost benefit certification](#)
 - [3a COF certification review report final v12 11 13 2013](#)

4. Stewardship program (*Matt D., Tom H.*)
 - a. Governor's proposal
 - [4a Budget proposal - Stewardship land acquisition](#)

 - b. Proposed Council letter
 - [4b Draft letter to the legislature](#)
 - [4b Stewardship program data](#)
 - [4b Forest legacy program](#)
 - [4b Forest legacy accomplishments - Attachment A](#)
 - [4b Legacy area accomplishments - Map - Attachment B](#)

5. Audit of the forestry account (*Jane S.*)
 - [5 Forestry account audit and funded positions](#)
 - [5 FY14 FR account summary](#)

6. Expanding the Council's capacity (*Paul D.*)
 - [6 Examples of state forestry councils - Minnesota](#)
 - [6 Examples of state forestry councils - Oregon](#)

7. Increasing the county forest acreage share payment (*Jane S.*)
 - [7 County Forest - Acreage Share Payments & Grants](#)

8. Additional provisions in the Governor's budget (*Paul D.*)
 - a. Urban Forestry grant program change
 - b. Elimination of capacity grants
 - c. Other provisions Council may wish to address?

9. Items for discussion as time allows
 - a. Incentivizing management on large block forests (*Tom H.*)
 - [9a Large ownerships](#)
 - [9a Large ownerships - Attachment A](#)

 - b. Tax credit for thermal biomass heating (*Jeff M.*)
 - [9b Draft legislation - Thermal biomass heating](#)

 - c. Expanding the manufacturing and agriculture tax credit (*Richard W.*)
 - [9c Manufacturing and Ag Credit](#)

- d. Scientific review of guidelines (*Henry S.*)
[9d Marten BMP public comment](#)
[9d Marten BMPs response to comment](#)

Noon	Lunch	
12:45 p.m.	Council Budget & Legislative Issues (cont.)	All
3:00 p.m.	Legislators' Report - Status of MFL work	Senator Tiffany & Rep. Mursau
3:15 p.m.	State Forester's Report - Act 166 Report to the Council - General Permit for Stream Crossings - Northern Long Eared Bat comments - Good Neighbor Authority process (with Paul Strong) - DNR Forestry fact sheets	Paul DeLong
3:30 p.m.	May meeting location and agenda	Henry Schienebeck