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SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY COUNCIL

October 4, 2011

Minutes

Attendees:

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Eric Sprague
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DNR:

Don VanHassent
Steve Koehn

Chairman Allen welcomed everyone and stated the primary objectives for the meeting were to review the latest draft report, prepare for the distribution and begin thinking about issues to address next year.

In reviewing the draft, the following items were discussed:

- Deputy Secretary Gill's question about the difference in numbers for forest loss in the draft versus the number in the report by the Ecosystem Services Work Group.
- Add a paragraph about the long term benefits of trees in the "Why Act Now" section.
- Add a statement about finding common ground with agriculture.
- Add reference to BRAC and the impact of additional personnel on the forest resource.
- Use 40% for forest land use.
- Include number of landowners and average parcel size.
- Fee-in-lieu programs – suggest a comprehensive review.
- Focus on several key initiatives in the short term. Others should go in an appendix as "to do" items.
- Individual members had sent grammatical or typographical

The council discussed the public meeting scheduled for October 18th. Due to the limited time for review and comment, a second meeting was added on November 8th. DNR will issue a press release announcing the meetings, post the draft on their website, distribute via e-mail to stakeholders and accept written comments.

Potential items for future discussion – could we develop an annual or biennial report card on the effort to achieve no net loss of forest? If so, what would be included, how measured, etc?

Chairman Allen reminded the members that there are attendance guidelines that must be followed.

The next meetings will be held October 18 in the Tawes Building C-1 conference room from 1:30 – 5:00 PM and November 8 at a location to be determined. A final meeting to review comments and changes will be November 22.

Adjourn – 12:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald VanHassent