



SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE

MINUTES OF THE

Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc. SIC Regional Meeting – Vancouver, BC

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This document will serve as the record of the proceedings of the February 18, 2009 meeting of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc. (SFI Inc.) SIC Regional committees.

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PARTICIPANTS

	Committee members	Company			
			8.	John Mitchell	TimberWest Forest Corp.
1.	Rod Beaumont	West Fraser Timber Co.	9.	Doug Perdue	Dunkley Lumber Ltd.
2.	Ian DeLisle	Hancock Forest Management	10.	Angela Stringer	The Campbell Group
3.	Mark DeMeerleer	Pacific Lumber & Shipping LLC			
4.	Gerry Fraser	Interfor		SFI Inc. Staff	Title
5.	Rein Kahlke	BC Timber Sales	11.	Amy Doty	Manager, Community Outreach
6.	Shawn Kenmuir	Alcan Forest Products LP	12.	Rick Cantrell	Vice President and COO
7.	Dave Marquis	A&A Trading			

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AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
Welcome and Introductions	Amy Doty welcomed all SIC meeting participants and provided an overview of the meeting objectives. Amy Doty provided the antitrust reminder.	
SFI Standard Review	Participants were asked if there were any additional questions regarding the SFI Standard Review and the draft 2010-2014 SFI Standard, with respect to requirements for the SFI Implementation Committees. All participants felt the SFI Standard Review Workshop adequately covered this information and no further discussion was warranted.	
SIC Governance Review and Discussion	<p>Amy Doty provided an overview presentation of the history of the SIC Governance document and the proposed changes to the document from the SIC Governance Review Ad-hoc Committee. The Ad-hoc committee's proposed changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarify the core mission of public outreach to only include educational opportunities furthering SFI program recognition, support and awareness. 2. Clarify the secondary mission of public outreach to focus on marketing and paid advertising. 3. Provide additional clarification and examples of public outreach by defining as two major categories: educational outreach (core mission) and marketing/advertising (secondary mission). 4. Consider elevation to core mission the secondary mission of "encourage family forest owners to participate in the American Tree Farm System or similar programs as appropriate." 5. Provide additional clarification around regulatory issues related to inconsistent practices and their relation to the SFI Standard, i.e. timber theft. 6. Develop a provision to update the SIC Governance document on a regular basis, i.e. concurrent with SFI Standard review process. <p>Participants were asked to provide feedback on the proposed changes. Regarding changes to the education and public outreach updates, all participants felt these changes were appropriate and should be moved forward.</p> <p>Regarding the elevation of the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) or similar program promotion among family forest landowners, participants felt this was an extension of the landowner outreach education core mission, and did not warrant elevation to core mission, siting costs to small landowners as a concern. An added emphasis on growth of the program would be acceptable.</p> <p>Participants agreed to additional clarification surrounding the inconsistent practices process. Participants suggested tying all inconsistent practices clarification to the SFI Standard and language from the Interpretations document regarding legal proceedings. Participants suggested the language from the SFI Standard Audit Procedures and Qualifications document be added to this core mission. For example, "In the event the inconsistent practices process reveals this is a legal issue...", tying the language back to the SFI Standard clause.</p>	

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	<p>All participants agreed to the suggested provision for updating the SIC Governance document on a regular basis, and felt tying to the SFI Standard review process was appropriate and sufficient.</p> <p>Amy Doty led additional discussion through the entire SIC Governance document and sought feedback from participants regarding any required or suggested updates. Participants felt the Vision statement should be updated to note the SIC is not generally the first point of contact for SFI program information in the local community, noting the SFI website is commonly referred to in discussions. Participants suggested the following update:</p> <p>“SFI Implementation Committees (SICs) are the first choice for local SFI implementation questions among forest management businesses, private and public land managers, and forestry professionals seeking information on the SFI program and sustainable forestry.”</p> <p>Logger training for core and secondary mission priorities should be updated to reflect changes regarding <i>qualified logging professionals</i> and <i>certified logging professionals</i>. Participants felt the secondary mission adequately lined up with the SFI Standard and required no additional updates.</p> <p>Participants felt the remaining core mission priorities of SIC annual reporting and SFI program Integrity monitoring were sufficient and required no additional updates.</p> <p>Regarding harvest and regeneration statistics from agencies, some participants felt this was a huge issue in their state, and requested the mission remain a secondary priority, allowing SICs flexibility to monitor and engage on.</p> <p>No additional recommendations were suggested the SIC Organization sections of Projects, Structure and Funding, or the remainder of the SIC Governance document.</p> <p>Doty reviewed the next steps and process for updating the SIC Governance document. After conducting all SIC regional meetings, the SIC Governance Review Ad-hoc committee will review all suggested updates and edits to the SIC Governance document. A final Governance document will be provided to the SFI Inc. Resources Committee and SFI Inc. Board of Directors for review and approval in July 2008. The final SIC Governance document will be provided to all SIC chairs and coordinators by August 31, 2009, and further discussion will be held at the SFI Annual Conference in Nashville, TN on Sept. 22, 2009.</p> <p>All participants were urged to provide any additional feedback or suggestions to the SIC Governance Review Ad-hoc committee member in their region, or to contact Amy Doty directly.</p>	
SIC Roundtable	<p>SIC representatives from each state/province provided brief overviews of their plans for 2009. The Western Canada SIC (WCSIC) thanked SFI Inc. for hosting the regional meetings, as there is value in hearing from other SICs and collaborating on issues. The WCSIC will continue funding of the conservation data centers, teachers tours and kids camps in 2009. The</p>	

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	<p>Washington (WA) and Oregon SIC are currently developing SIC websites for information gathering and a resource for interested stakeholders. The WA SIC is also looking into ways to provide training to contractors, in addition to loggers.</p> <p>Doty provided a brief update on SFI program promotion and successes. Participants were also made aware of the upcoming SFI webinar series, including proposed topics. Information will be sent to all interested stakeholders, and SICs should encourage their members and associated staff to participate. Participants were also asked to provide Amy Doty with any additional topics of interest.</p>	
Adjourn	Amy Doty thanked all participants and meeting was adjourned.	