

SIC Minutes
 March 6th, 2013
 MFPC Headquarters
 535 Civic Center Drive
 Augusta Maine
 1:00 PM . 4:00 PM

In attendance:

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| Scott Pease | Hancock Lumber | Thomas Doyle | Pierce Atwood |
| Tim Post | MFS | Dave Griswold | Verso Paper |
| Pat Sirois | SFI | Keith Kanoti | Maine Forest Service |
| Sherry Huber | ME Tree | David Wilson | Katahdin Forest Mgt. |
| Gordon Gamble | Wagner | Jon Morin | Woodland Pulp |
| Ronald Clemin Jr. | CPS Timberlands | Mike Beardsley | Professional Logging |
| Dick Morse | Tree Farm | Paula Pelletier | AFM |
| Scott McDougall | J.D. Irving | Kevin McCarthy | Sappi |
| Dan Russell | Huber | Doug Denico | Maine Forest Service |
| Tim Doyle | MMTA | Bob Carlton | New Page Corp |
| Tom Charles | BPL | Katie Cousins | Sappi |
| Yves Levesque | CLP | John Pratte | IF&W |
| Nick Savoi | Twin Rivers | Dan Jacobs | MFS |
| Paula Pelletier | AFM | Tim Richards | UPM Madison |
| John Starrett | Sappi | Eric Dumond | ReEnergy |
| Ron Lovaglio | LLC | Nick Baser | 7 Islands |
| Mike Beardsley | PLC of ME | | |

Call to Order . Gordon Gamble called the meeting to order.

Welcome and Introductions . Gordon Gamble welcomed the SIC and initiated introductions.

Anti-Trust Statement . Tom Doyle provided an anti trust statement and circulated an attendance sheet.

Approval of Minutes from the 12/5/12 SIC meeting . A motion was made to approve the 12/5/12 SIC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report . Dave Griswold . we are on track with revenues and expenses and will likely increase our unrestricted funds by \$4000 for the end of 2013. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurers report. The motion carried.

Private Roads Safety & Federal Highway Administration – Tim Doyle (MMTA) provided an overview of regulatory oversight for trucking on private roads. In general the State police doesn't have jurisdiction on private roads. They do however have the right to enforce criminal law on private roads. If you had an accident on private roads that was the result of careless activities, they state police could investigate. The determination of careless activities can be linked to events that deviate from accepted practices like the Rules of the Road for Industrial Logging Roads+. The Federal Highway Administration has jurisdiction if the roads are open to public travel.

Presentations -- *Andy Cutko & Molly Docherty (MNAP) provided a presentation on the new NMAP DATA Checker.*

Andy also took the opportunity to discuss organizing a Northern Maine landowner cooperative to combat invasives. NMAP would seek a grant to be the coordinator for such an effort. Andy will work with Pat Sirois and Barry Burgason to determine if there is interest by landowners to participate.

Tim Post (MFS)– announced the MFS will be able to accept FONs on line in about 6 months.

Forestry Regulations Handbook Dan Jacobs (MFS)- there are a lot of regulations for loggers and foresters to keep track of. This is an attempt to bring all the regulations together in one place. This is a Dr. Field book, but in common language. Size will be the similar to the BMP book. SFI would like to help with the role out. Most of the work on the book is being done by agencies to their respective sections. We need help with outside review. We need some real critique. Roll out date is in 2014. It will also be available on line.

Sub-committee Reports

Wildlife Committee – Pat Sirois presented Barry Burgason's report

Problem: Over the decades, some streams in Maine have been adversely affected by farming, logging and log drives and urbanization resulting in less complex habitat; lacking pools, riffles, undercut banks and other components of stream structure.

THE Program: During the last legislative session, the MFS was directed to develop rules that would allow Coarse Woody Debris (CWD) to be placed in 1st and 2nd order streams in order to reestablish some of the structural characteristics without requiring extensive permitting by DEP, ACE and MEIFW. The rule requires that the plan be developed by a fisheries biologist and a licensed forester, both of which have received training in Chop N Drop. In most cases, this will involve a MEIFW fisheries biologist but, if the stream is in a watershed designated as Atl. Salmon critical habitat, NOAA or USFWS must sign off on the plan. Participation in the program would be voluntary for the landowner.

On Feb 19, a training session was held for fisheries biologists in Bangor. Fisheries biologists representing MEIFW, USFWS, Atl. Sal. Comm., PIN, NRCS, NOAA and DEP attended. (Barry Burgason, Henning Stabins and Ray Ary sat in the back of the room.) MFS director, Doug Denico, introduced the program. Keith Kanoti presented an overview of harvesting regulations, notification requirements, wood harvesting systems and other forestry related considerations. Using an example from an experimental C W D project in southern Maine, he made the point that sawlog grade white pine logs were not good candidates for stream additions! Keith's presentation was followed by a geomorphologist and a fisheries biologist who outlined more of the details on candidate streams and the expected results of adding CWD. Be aware that they are talking chopping and dropping a lot of trees . 200+ stems per mile.

In May and June, MFS is hosting 4 training sessions for foresters who wish to be certified to participate in CWD addition projects. MFS and MEIFW will jointly administer the program and handle certifications and plan approvals.

SFI Outreach Committee . Pat Sirois reported the steering committee working on the Healthy Forest Initiative is making progress. We should have some publications developed by the next SIC meeting that will be useful in describing the program.

SIC Progress Reports for 2012-13 are complete. We are in the process of seeking out a printer for the job. We will have them available by the next SIC meeting in June.

Education Committee – *John Starrett* . reported the Education Committee will be meeting in the next month to develop the spring and fall training priorities. John and Andy Shultz (MFS), are working together to update and upgrade the Harvesting Aesthetics training. This is a result of the Healthy Forest Initiative and our realization that if we are successful in getting more family forest owners to actively manage their woodlots, we as service providers are going to need to be sensitive to several issues such as aesthetics. We intend to pilot this upgraded program in 2013.

Honor and Integrity Committee –Pat Sirois . we had three SFI GOAL calls since the last meeting.

One had severe rutting throughout the woodlot. In some spots it looks like a river of mud several feet deep. Operator should have waited for frozen ground or at least stopped when wet conditions set in, during the fall.

We had a call on a job where trucking occurred on a discontinued town road where there were houses beyond the logging operations. There were concerns on the impact to the road. I went to the site and the road had been posted no trespassing by someone, so I didn't go in. I did reach the forester involved and he indicated they had stopped hauling because of soft ground. Since my visit the contractor had spoken with the interested parties to let them know any need for remediation to the road would be taken care of as soon as things dried up after breakup. Caller was cautiously optimistic. I might hear more later this spring.

I received a call this morning from a town manager on a logger in relation to two logging operations --one where they unloaded track equipment on a newly paved road. Asphalt was damaged. Town has fined the operator 900+ dollars and after several months, the contractor has refused to pay. Town leadership is in the process of issuing a decision to double the fine. They are pursuing this through legal channels. Same operator on another lot has crossed a stream with steep approaches using virtually no BMPs. They busted a hydraulic line which resulted in a spill directly in the brook. They also inadvertently ran over a full 5 gallon pale of hydraulic oil that somehow also ended up in the stream. Town leaders are having discussions on whether to develop new ordinances as a result of the two operations.

Maine Tree Foundation is seeking out teachers for the teachers' tours. Pat should provide Sherry with new SIC progress reports when they are ready.

SIC Adjournment . Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

SIC Draft Minutes

June 12^h, 2013

**MO Campus
Room 2 Cutting Hall
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

In attendance:

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| Scott Pease | Hancock Lumber | Thomas Doyle | Pierce Atwood |
| Sherry Huber | ME Tree | David Wilson | Katahdin Forest Mgt. |
| Gordon Gamble | Wagner | Jon Morin | Woodland Pulp |
| Dick Morse | Tree Farm | Denis Berube | Fraser Timber LLC |
| Scott McDougall | J.D. Irving | Kevin McCarthy | Sappi |
| Barry Burgason | Huber Resources | Bob Carlton | New Page Corp |
| Tom Charles | BPL | Jan Santerre | MFS |
| Mike St. Peter | CLP | Marc Pinette | LP Houlton |
| Paula Pelletier | AFM | Dave Griswold | Verso Paper |
| John Starrett | Sappi | Eric Dumond | ReEnergy |
| Pat Sirois | SFI | Christopher Nichols | 7 Islands |
| David Daut | Timbervest | Mark Doty | Plum Creek |

Call to Order – *Gordon Gamble* called the meeting to order.

Welcome and Introductions – *Gordon Gamble* welcomed the committee and initiated introductions.

Agenda Adjustments – *There were no agenda adjustments*

Anti-Trust Statement – *Tom Doyle* read the antitrust statement and circulated the meeting attendees sheet.

Approval of Minutes from the 11 SIC meeting – *A motion was made, seconded to approve the 3/6/13 SIC meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.*

Treasurers Report – Dave Griswold reported through May we collect 82% of the dues. We will be within \$500 of the projected dues at the end of the year. Total operational expenses -- we've spent about 42 % of our budget. Personal is running about where we expect. One item worth mentioning is the vehicle expense. This line is higher than typical at this point in the years as a result of some repairs that needed to be done.

John Starrett suggested that we should distribute the Logger training funds. There were no objections.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously.

Sub-committee Reports

Wildlife Committee – Barry Burgason reported the following:

- FIN held second annual forum on April 4th. It's an annual meeting we have with the fish agencies. It generally turns out to be a good information sharing session.
 - Roberta Scruggs is in the process of developing a video story on fish passage efforts in Maine and how SFI along with FIN is an example of a collaborative outcome based, voluntary process that is outpacing the regulatory approach in terms of progress on the ground.
 - Keith Kanoti has initiated the FIN Facts service. In an effort to keep the FIN energy going between annual forums, as new information related to fisheries is revealed, FIN Facts can be the avenue for distribution. We've already published and distributed one FIN fact.
- Chop and Drop – this is to create fish habitat. This involves a fisheries biologist and forester that has been training in chop and drop practices. They will both need to participate in carrying out a chop and drop event. Several landowners have done some work. The MFS and IF&W deserve credit for making this process simple.
- ARMS is still progressing towards a permit standards rule making. Next week they are holding an all-day meeting.
 - North American Moose Conference – moose browsing – In New Hampshire isn't an issue. Maine may have browsing issues when NH does not because we have a greater density of moose by a factor of 3. Maine is at 6-8 moose per square mile. Good news is IF&W has been increasing cow permits in the highest density zones. When setting the population goals, we should speak up about our browsing concerns.
 - The SIC has been asked to serve on the Project Share Board and the newly formed Wildlife Research Foundation.
- Maine Natural Areas Program has put together a proposal for joint management of invasives. Andy Cutko had a proposal that was circulated through the Wildlife committee. We provided some feedback and then Andy submitted the proposal to NIWIF.

SFI Outreach Committee – Scott Pease – Jan Santerre (MFS)

Maine's Healthy Forests Program is working on a harvest satisfaction survey for landowners with ownerships less than 1000 acres. The information gathered would be aggregated statewide. Information from these surveys would be useful for SFI, CLP and forester in understanding strengths and weaknesses in meeting the landowners goals and expectations of harvest results.

We are also working on developing a demonstration forest with Jack Witham in Aroscopic. We would like to have at least one in every county with a possibility of up to three --one private, one trust and one public. When we talk about the "South" in the context of HFP, we mean the southern 8 counties plus Oxford.

Brochures explaining HFP are in development. The landowner brochure is pretty well finished. There are also brochures for mills, loggers and foresters in development. We are also in the process of constructing a website for HFP.

We have submitted a grant together to develop a small woodland harvesting manual. The plan is to have the manual ready for the spring of 2014 with training to follow in the summer.

We discussed about doing some training with foresters on this program through the foresters institute.

Scott reported --

- Progress Reports are Printed and posted on line at the sfimaine.org website.
- The Super Shack Building Contest will take place in conjunction with the Maine Snowmobile show on October 18th, 19th and 20th.
- Pine Tree Camps in Rome are in the process of updating their camps. Cianbro is doing the engineering. We have the opportunity to do something like we did for Habitat in replacing their cabins which were built in the 70s. They're designed handicap accessible. John Starrett spoke with them about doing something similar to Habitat 4 Humanity with a green build approach. Action – Pat will contact Pine Tree Camps
- SFI was credited in benefiting fish passage through Keeping Maine's Forests, on Maine Watch for upgrading stream crossings. Video with Tom Rumpf and Patrick Strauch can be accessed on MFPC website.
- Keith and Kevin Doran presented the FLUME at the Southern Maine Water Festival. To 800 4,5 & 6th graders.
- We manned a booth for SFI and the MFPC at the Northeastern Forest Products Equipment Expo.
- Presented to Celebrate Maine on SFI in Maine with Barry Burgason in a Sustainability Round Table in Unity on March 15th.
- April 2nd Pat Presented SFI in Maine to the USF&W Atlantic Salmon Framework meeting in Eddington.

Education Committee – John Starrett

March 23 – Stream Smart Training through the Foresters Institute in Bangor (associated with the Audubon municipal Strm smrt Training)

April 10th ReEnergy – BMP/Stream Smart Flume training in Livermore Falls

April 17th Provided SFI Goal training for Newpage Staff

April 26th Hancock Lumber bridge mat workshop in Casco

May 10th Bridge mat construction workshop for Pleasant River Lumber in Sanford

May 15th Woodland Pulp – Stream Smart Training in Machias

June 11-13 3 ½ day workshop on the Stream Simulation Design Approach - field workshop in Long Pond near Greenville.

Oak Management workshop in Bangor on July 26th sponsored by MFS/SFI

Co sponsored with Audubon and the MFS-Four Stream Smart Training programs

- Three for municipalities
- One Forester's institute in Bangor
- We are currently working with Audubon to develop an online video version of the workshop specifically on Waste Block bridges and culvert installations.

Honor and Integrity Committee –Pat Sirois

There have been two SFI GOAL calls since the last meeting.

One call had several issues associate with a harvest including overharvest, BMPs and operating chipper in the middle of a town road. Stream crossing was good. BMPs not too much of a problem because of frozen conditions and some brush. We revisited the site with the SFI Participant to determine whether water bars would be needed and to outline a plan for removal of the crossing. Harvest was very heavy. Logger indicated landowner objectives drove the harvest levels. Landowner was encouraged to call me by the initial caller. He did and indicated on several occasions he had approached the operator to

request they leave more wood. Operators told him they needed to take a lot of wood to accommodate the trails. Landowner never communicated his dissatisfaction to the contractor.

Second call related to a road that had deteriorated during trucking so that muddy water was making its way into a Salmon river. Road was upgraded as a result of the call.

updates from other organizations represented:

ME Tree, -- Sherry Huber -- thank you for the progress reports. We have just over 50 teachers registered for the teachers tours. We need some sun.

CLP – Mike St. Peter – we’ve had a good spring season with 131 new trainees, with 8 classes averaging 14 people per class. If you’re going to be successful you need to keep your numbers down. We had a total of 443 go through the recertification. We have 30 individuals to visit in the next month so by fall we should be over 500. There is no real field interview for associates CLPs. We want a report back by associates on their interactions associated with safety. This helps the associate CLPs keep in tune to what we’re looking for and at the same time we are getting feedback on, on the ground safety performance.

Tree Farm -- Dick Morse reported, we underwent our 5 year audit. All went well, although the feedback is preliminary and nothing formal. The reason it went so well is that Jen Hushaw was well organized which is more evidence of needing a full time coordinator.

SIC Adjournment – Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.