

Timber Advisory Committee (TAC)

Meeting Notes
March 20, 2013

Attendees: Mike McCuiston, Lowe Foundation; Jessica Turino, Weyerhaeuser; Jon Lamy, Louisiana Pacific; Bill O'Neill, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR); Scott Robbins, Michigan Forest Products Council; Debbie Begalle, (MDNR); Margaret Minerick, Minerick Logging; Gary Melow, Michigan Biomass; Jerry Grossman, Grossman Logging; Larry Leefers, Michigan State University; Charlie Becker, Plum Creek; Donna Stine, (MDNR); JR Richardson, Traxys Power Group

Timber Summit (summit) - Bill O'Neill (Bill)

- Invitations went out last week
- Sent out 150 invitations; Bill circulated the invitation list
- Talked about summit details; facilitated breakout sessions and name tags will lead to breakout rooms, sponsor goal was reached/
- Sponsors: there will be a public "thank you", on the buffet and at each table

Mortality Conference Call - Charlie Becker (Charlie) / Bill

- Discussed mortality on a subcommittee conference call.
- Talked about volumes in geographical area. Information will go to the TAC. Might lead to a more in-depth analysis. At the end of the day we are looking for a sustainability numbers.
- The MDNR and subcommittees are working toward that goal. The MDNR is harvesting more acres than cords. This year it is on-line to harvest 64,000 acres.

Modeling on Regional Plans - Larry Leefers

Dr. Leefers met with the MDNR to discuss modeling and how it came up with the numbers found in the state forest regional plans.

Resolution on Forest Resources Budget

This went out to the Governor and chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees. Bill gave a presentation to both appropriations committees. He will distribute the letter to TAC.

Name Change

Motion to change the name to the Forest Industry Advisory Council was up for consideration. This will be considered at the next meeting.

Logging on Duck Lake Fire

Charlie Becker asked for an update. Bill reported there are some sales that haven't been completed. The MDNR will send out an update on harvest as a result of the fire.

Michigan Registered Forester Bill

The House bill passed the house but hasn't been voted on by the Senate. The MDNR will pass the resolution on to the committees.