

## **A summary of the fifteenth meeting of the ODF Forest Carbon Stakeholders (FCS) Working Group - Monday August 4, 2008 in Portland, OR.**

**Present:** Jay Morey – ODF, Mike Cloughesy – OFRI, Linc Cannon – OFIC, Steve Brink – CFA, Chuck Burley – AFRC, Scott Zimmerman – Oregon Woodland Cooperative, Keith Balter – Forest Capital Partners, Eric Schooler – The Collins Company, Evan Smith – The Conservation Fund, Bettina Von Hagen – Ecotrust, Wolfgang Ortloff – Equator Environmental, Sara Vickerman – Defenders of Wildlife, and Alexia Kelly – The Climate Trust

**Via Conference Call:** Cameron Smith – Oregon Governor's Office, Rachael Katz – The Pacific Forest Trust, Jake Gibbs – Lone Rock Timber Company, and Mike Gaudern – OSWA

### **WCI / Policy Updates:**

- The WCI stakeholder workshop last week (July 29<sup>th</sup>) in San Diego went well. Numerous groups were present, the WECAN organization was well organized and spoke frequently during the meeting.
- Comments on the WCI draft recommendations released on July 23<sup>rd</sup> need to be submitted to the WCI website by Wednesday **August 13<sup>th</sup>**
- The WCI final design recommendations are planned for release in mid-September or possibly the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The WCI staff are discussing possibly forming an official working group on offsets. Discussions are ongoing regarding this possibility.
- An American National Standards Institute (ANSI) group is being organized to develop national level design element standards for cap/ trade. This group is still in the process of being put together and would be a more long term approach (1-2 yrs.) to developing some national standards around carbon trading. This group is being organized by the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA), Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC), Society of American Foresters (SAF), and Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF). For more information visit [www.forestcarbonstandards.org](http://www.forestcarbonstandards.org)

### **Discussion on the letter of comments to the WCI in response to the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Draft Recommendations:**

Linc Cannon served as the primary author of the letter to the WCI in response to the WCI draft recommendations. The group felt the letter should be brief and without many details. The feeling of the group was it should acknowledge and thank the WCI for including a variety of forestry offset project types as a priority for consideration. Due to time constraints getting the letter sent out etc., the core group members present decided to do no further revisions to the letter. See attached letter. This letter will not change in content, it is still draft only in regards to the final signatures at the end. The letter is currently being polled for signatures to the core group members not in attendance in an e-mail sent earlier. Core group members not polled at the meeting have until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup> to respond to Jay Morey with their 1 through 5 vote and the letter will be sent to the WCI and uploaded to the website on Friday August 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Discussion on Project Types (Projects Subcommittee Update):**

Due to preparation difficulties and absence of some group members, most discussion was postponed on examples of high yield (industrial) and high stocking (conservation) projects. Steve Brink briefly introduced the Sierra Pacific project and will work between now and the next meeting on fleshing it out further in regards to how it addresses various design elements such as baseline, additionality, permanence, and leakage. The example of a high stocking project to be drafted by Ecotrust will also serve as a good example for some small woodland projects (Less than 5,000 acres).

### **Next Steps/ Next Meeting:**

- Discussion will center on examples of a high yield industrial model project and a high stocking conservation model project being developed by the Projects Subcommittee.
- Other topics TBD.

**When:** Monday September 8, 2008 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**Where:** Portland - Board Room (Third Floor) at the US Bank Building located at 625 SW Stark Street, Portland, OR 97205. [See the Google link below for maps and directions.](#)

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#### **Future Meetings Scheduled:**

##### **When:**

- Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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