

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**WASHINGTON CLIMATE ADVISORY TEAM (CAT)**  
**Forestry Technical Work Group**  
**(Forestry TWG)**  
Call #4, July 18, 2007, 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Attendance:**

1. Technical Working Group members:  
Bill Messenger (for Steve Fluke), Craig Partridge, Edie Sonne-Hall, John Floberg (with Gina Smith), Richard Gustafson, Becky Kelley, Heath Packard, Denise Pranger, Kevin Raymond, Court Stanley, Steve Stinson, Steve McConnell (for Mary Verner)
2. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) staff:  
Katie Bickel, Steve Roe
3. Washington Ecology (ECY) and Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) Liaisons:  
Steve Bernath
4. Public Attendees: Kathy O'Halloran (Olympic National Forest)

**Background documents:**

(all posted at [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat\\_twg\\_forest.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat_twg_forest.htm))

1. Agenda
2. Powerpoint presentation for meeting.
3. Summary of Previous Call
4. Forestry Straw Proposals (circulated by email and posted on the web)

**Discussion items and key issues:**

1. Roll call conducted.
2. CCS reviewed the Agenda for the call.
3. CCS provided a review of the Call #3 Summary. No changes were requested by the TWG.
4. CCS reviewed what will occur at the next CAT meeting on August 7. The CAT will review and approve the TWG list of priorities for analysis. The CAT will also review any straw proposals of these priorities that are ready for review. The CAT will also review the WA GHG Inventory & Forecast.

5. Inventory & Forecast discussion – A tentative call is scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 12 pm to discuss the USFS forest carbon accounting methods used to construct the draft inventory estimates (this will be a combined call with members of the Minnesota TWG). TWG asked whether a Winrock staff person could be made available to discuss the WestCARB data. CCS replied that the focus of the next call will be on the USFS methods and that discussions of the differences in the WestCARB methods would be best done in a later call. There was also a question of how well the FIA data (and hence the USFS estimates) capture wildfire emissions. CCS explained that, in theory, the loss in carbon stocks are captured in the data from subsequent FIA surveys; however, this assumes that the FIA surveys are conducted in such a way that they capture burned areas.

CCS noted that a new estimate on HWP flux was just received from USFS and that it is about half (6.0 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>) of the initial estimate. CCS also reported on the differences between the WestCARB and USFS estimates (WestCARB a net source of about 10 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>, while USFS is a sink of about -12 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>).

6. Discussion of Straw Proposals –

- a. F-1: TWG volunteer mentioned that the volunteers had met and developed initial notes for framing this option (mostly related to implementation mechanisms to achieve forest health gains in western and eastern WA forests). During next week, the volunteers will meet again and will aim to craft the text into a straw proposal. The proposal will likely not be ready for CAT review.
- b. F-2: TWG volunteers want to look at a report by the University of Washington on rates of forest loss. The data on land conversion from this report are expected to inform the volunteers on the numeric goals to fill in the blanks on the goals that have been framed. This proposal could be ready for review by the CAT on August 7.

A TWG member asked CCS to emphasize that all TWG members should provide input to policy options. CCS appreciated this comment and noted that the policy options should be viewed as products of the overall TWG and not individual subgroups.

- c. F-3: The TWG volunteers provided an overview of the straw proposal development to date. A description is complete, but additional work is needed in framing the policy design and assigning numeric targets. CCS will provide suggestions for moving forward via email, including ideas for the TWG to consider in linking this option to the other forestry options.
- d. F-4: A TWG volunteer provided a discussion of the policy description and design goals. The design goals were adopted from a similar option in another state plan. The TWG did not suggest any changes to the initial goals.
- e. F-5: The current version of the straw proposals document did not have text on this option. The TWG will provide this to CCS for incorporation into the next version.

- f. F-6: The current version of the straw proposals document did not have text on this option. The TWG will provide this to CCS for incorporation into the next version.
  - g. F-7: A TWG volunteer provided an overview of the description and design. Numeric targets are still needed for this option.
7. The TWG discussed the inter relationship among options and expressed a strong desire to explore delineating the goals to avoid overlaps and highlight linkages. The TWG decided that it was preferable to put present all straw proposals to the CAT at the same time because of the strong inter linkages.
  8. CCS then discussed next steps and the agenda for the next call following the CAT meeting.

**Next steps and agreements:**

1. A forest inventory was call tentatively scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 am PST. This call will focus on USFS forest carbon accounting methods, and a USFS representative will be on the call to answer questions from the TWG. CCS will provide call-in details in an upcoming email.
2. CCS will provide additional suggestions via email for framing goals and addressing linkages among options. TWG volunteers should continue working on the straw proposals (first two sections of the policy template).
3. Next TWG meetings: August 22, September 12, October 24, and November 14. All calls are on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The TWG will review input from the CAT on list of priorities. We will report on progress made on completing straw proposals.

**List of Priority Policy Options**

<b>New Option #</b>	<b>Option Name</b>	<b>Option Volunteers (lead in bold)<sup>a</sup></b>
F-1	Improved Forest Health (originally 2.6)	<b>H. Packard</b> , C. Partridge, M. Verner, K. Raymond, T. Williams
F-2	Reduced Conversion to Nonforest Cover (originally 2.1)	<b>K. Raymond</b> , E. Sonne-Hall, D. Pranger, H. Packard, C. Stanley, S. Stinson, J. Floberg
F-3	Enhanced Carbon Sequestration in Forests (originally 2.4)	<b>D. Pranger</b> , B. Kelley, C. Partridge, C. Stanley
F-4	Expanded Use of Wood Products for Building Materials (originally 3.3)	<b>S. Stinson</b> , E. Sonne-Hall
F-5	Expanded Use of Biomass Feedstocks for Electricity, Heat and Steam Production (originally 1.1)	<b>R. Gustafson</b> , L. Matthews, E. Sonne-Hall, S. Fluke
F-6	Improved Commercialization of Advanced Lignocellulosic Processes (hydrolysis, gasification, pyrolysis or other) (originally 1.4, with 1.2 as a subset)	<b>R. Gustafson</b> , L. Matthews, D. McEntee, S. Fluke
F-7	Enhanced Carbon Sequestration in Harvested Wood	<b>E. Sonne-Hall</b>

	Products (originally 2.5)	
<sup>a</sup> TWG members listed even where substitutes volunteered.		