

MEETING SUMMARY
Washington Climate Advisory Team (CAT)
Forestry Technical Work Group (F TWG)
Call #5, August 22, 2007, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Attendance:

1. Technical Working Group members: Steve Fluke (for Bill Messenger), Craig Partridge (for Doug Sutherland), Edie Sonne-Hall (for Sara Kendall), Larry Mason (for Rick Gustafson), Anthony Chavez (for Llewellyn Matthews), Heath Packard, Denise Pranger, Kevin Raymond, Cindy Mitchell (for Court Stanley), Steve Stinson
2. Facilitation team (Center for Climate Strategies):
Stephen Roe
Jen Jenkins
Carrie Lee
3. Washington State Agency (ECY/CTED) liaison and attendees:
Hedia Adelman

Background documents:

(all posted at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat_twg_agr.htm)

1. Agenda
2. PowerPoint presentation (including agenda) for meeting
3. Draft Priority Options Description
4. Summary of F TWG Call #4

Discussion items and key issues:

1. The meeting started with a roll call of participants and a presentation of the agenda for the meeting.
2. CCS provided an overview of the Summary of TWG Call #4, as posted on the F TWG web page. The TWG had no comments on the Summary, and the Summary was accepted.
3. TWG members provided an overview of the July 27 Inventory and Forecast call. The specific Washington State related questions that the TWG had regarding the FIA data were reviewed. CCS will take steps to follow up with appropriate contacts to find responses to this list of questions. TWG members asked that the CAT be informed of the ongoing discussion and refinement of the Forest sector of the Inventory and Forecast and recognize that policy option goals may change as needed depending on the results.
4. CCS provided an update on the August 7 CAT meeting informing TWG members of CAT member affirmation of the F high priority policy options list, the upcoming

September 7 CAT meeting via conference call when CAT members will review all of the F straw proposals, and CAT member comments regarding specific policy options.

5. Discussion of straw proposals:

- Urban Forestry: Based on CAT feedback and TWG member interest TWG members were in agreement to add an additional F TWG high priority option related to Urban and Community Forestry. A TWG member volunteered to provide draft text for this option. This option is expected to be ready to be reviewed by the CAT in Sept.
- F-5: CCS led a discussion of draft text submitted by TWG members. Discussion highlighted whether this option should be broadened beyond heat production to all biomass energy production, as well as the need to emphasize the link to F-1 and RCI-7 policy options.
- F-6: CCS led a discussion of draft text submitted by TWG members. TWG members provided clarification of draft text and emphasized the importance of developing sustainable management strategies that provide sufficient biomass supply while at the same time maintaining forest productivity and carbon storage. TWG members also noted that goals for this option are likely to be revised as more information becomes available regarding biomass availability in WA.
- F-1: CCS led a discussion of draft text submitted by TWG members. Discussion focused on whether the option should be broadened to emphasize management that reduces the threat of pest and disease as well as wildfire and whether goals should focus on all forestland in WA or only state and private lands excluding federal and tribal lands.
- F-2: CCS led a discussion of draft text submitted by TWG members. Discussion focused on refining goal statements in terms of specific numeric targets for reducing the rate of conversion and including a statement in the policy description highlighting that at any rate continuous loss will eventually lead to total loss of forest land.
- F-3: CCS led a discussion of draft text submitted by TWG members. TWG members discussed how best to frame this policy option in relation to other policy options being considered e.g. F-7. TWG members expressed concern over the linkages between options and how this would be accounted for in the quantification phase. TWG members expressed interest in developing an overarching goal from the F TWG that each policy option then contributes to. TWG members volunteered to provide additional revised text for this option
- F-4 and F-7: TWG member volunteers agreed to provide additional draft text to refine goal statements for these policy options.

Next steps and agreements:

1. CCS will continue to take steps to work with the TWG and additional contacts to refine the Inventory and Forecast.
2. CCS and TWG member volunteers will work to generate revised straw proposals in the F Policy Options Document, reflecting the discussions during the TWG call and additional input from volunteers, for review by CAT members at the September 7 CAT meeting. The draft document will be sent to TWG members for their review and input before it is posted for review by the CAT.

3. Following the September 7 CAT meeting, the CCS team will begin quantification of the policy option proposals affirmed by the CAT.

Next meeting:

The next CAT meeting is set for Friday, September 7, via conference call. TWG members may dial and listen in: 1-800-868-1837, Participant code - 384744#.

Next TWG meetings: September 12, October 24, and November 14. All calls are on Wednesdays from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.