

**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), Terry Williams, Steve McCall, John Floberg, Rick Gustafson, Becky Kelley, Llewellyn Matthews, Heath Packard, Denise Pranger, Court Stanley, Steve Stinson, Duane Vaagen
2. Facilitation team (Center for Climate Strategies):  
Katie Bickel  
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](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat_twg_agr.htm) )

1. Agenda
2. PowerPoint presentation (including agenda) for meeting
3. Draft Priority Options
4. Summary of F TWG Call #5

**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 #5, as posted on the F TWG web page. The TWG had no comments on the Summary, and the Summary was accepted.
3. TWG members were urged to review the public comments to the CAT process posted on the CAT website.
4. CCS provided an update on revisions to the Forestry Inventory and Forecast based on a review of relevant methodologies (FIA and Westcarb). TWG members expressed their concern about the accuracy of data on forestland conversion rates in WA. TWG members recommended that a report prepared by the UW be reviewed and suggested that this process should emphasize to state agencies the need for improved state level data on forestland conversion rates.

Based on TWG member discussion based on CCS findings and available data resources the following revisions to the forestry inventory and forecast were agreed upon by TWG members:

- include both the East and West side carbon estimates;
- present forest area data from FIA estimates;
- elaborate on uncertainties of available data sources and clarify that the range of estimates range will decrease over time as FIA resampling is completed;
- reference other estimates and data sources that are relevant to the estimates (e.g., forest land use change data from UW);
- note the need for improved inventory data for WA.

5. CCS provided an update of the Sept. 7 CAT meeting and next steps for the CAT through the end of the WA CAT process. At the Sept 7 CAT meeting the CAT affirmed all of the Forestry policy options. Specific CAT member feedback and comments on F TWG policy options were reviewed and discussed by TWG members. Completed policy option text and quantification of GHG impacts and costs of all F TWG policy options will be reviewed by the CAT at the Nov 15-16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The final CAT meeting will be held on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

6. TWG member discussion points on policy options included:

- A TWG member expressed a general interest in further incorporating restoration into policy option design and implementation mechanisms.
- A TWG member raised the question of potential duplication in options in terms of addressing GHG benefits of harvested wood products. The distinction between F-7 and F-4 were discussed, as well as the link between F-7 and F-3. The TWG decided to re-order the options, renaming F-7 as F-4 and shifting the remaining options down, with the intent of aiding in linking F-3 and the new F-4 conceptually.

F-1:

- TWG members agreed that policy option text should explicitly state that goals refer only to forestlands under state jurisdiction, but also identify implementation mechanisms that encourage federal cooperation. A TWG member agreed to provide revised text addressing these points.
- CCS will provide further clarification based on input from the state on the jurisdiction of policy options recommended through this process.

F-2:

- A TWG member agreed to provide additional information regarding CAT member feedback on identifying and reducing existing incentives for forestland conversion.

F-5/F-6:

- TWG members agreed with the CAT comment that the concept of sustainable practices be emphasized when biomass energy production options are being considered.
7. TWG members discussed the best means of integrating policy options and accounting for potential overlap between options. A TWG member suggested considering the classification of policy options into the following three categories, based on the process or mechanism whereby GHG reductions are achieved: protecting carbon, increasing carbon storage in pools, and offsetting emissions of fossil fuel sources.

**Next steps and agreements:**

1. TWG member volunteer groups will work with CCS to identify additional data sources for and review the methods of the quantification of GHG impacts and costs of the policy options.
2. TWG member volunteer groups will collaborate and submit completed draft text for the sections of the policy options that remain to be completed to CCS including: Implementation Mechanisms (by Oct 10<sup>th</sup>), Contribution to other goals, Additional benefits/costs, and Feasibility issues (by Oct 15<sup>th</sup>).
3. Based on the list of tasks identified during this TWG call, CCS will further refine the forestry inventory and forecast.
4. CCS will complete an inventory of biomass supply available for bioenergy production.

**Next meeting:**

The next TWG meeting is set for Wednesday, October 24 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. In order to accommodate for the revised CAT meeting schedule, the November TWG meeting will be rescheduled to either November 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>.