

North Shore Subsections SFRMP Meeting Notes

**Two Harbors Law Enforcement Center
January 21, 2004**

Present: Doug Rowlett, Craig Sterle, Martha Minchak, Bob Kirsch, Lawson Gerdes, Tim Quincer, and Gaylord Paulson.

Meeting Notes: Approved December 17-18 meeting notes. In the future, meeting notes will be approved via e-mail. Gaylord will send out notes for review and provide team members 1 week to reply with any edits or concerns. If significant edits are needed, they will be sent out again for review prior to posting on the DNR website.

Fisheries Area Staff review of annual harvest plans: Need to determine who the contacts are for all Fisheries Areas that are in the NTL subsections for the FY05 plan and remaining 9-year stand selection review. **Doug R** will check with Don Schreiner.

SFRMP Step 3 Document: Cover Type Recommendations Chapter is almost done, hard copy distributed to team members for review. **Gaylord** will send the Word Document via email to the team when the Chapter 4 is completed (BSL almost done, T and C to do). **Team members** should complete their review of the chapter by **January 30th**.

Department and Area staff review of the document will be done after the full document is completed and reviewed by the team.

Stagnant spruce (SX) decorative tree harvest statewide guidelines not completed yet (*checked with Doug Ford on 1-22*). We will include SX cover type recommendations in the Step 3 document if we get this information in time or the team could review the earlier write-up by Craig.

Cultural Resources Review: For FY05 stand selections, Pat Emerson will be doing a review as part of the statewide annual plan review for cultural resources. The cultural resources shapefile should be used as a theme when the remainder of the 10-year stand selection is completed.

Objective Field in CSANLT Shapefile and SRM: Preliminary Objective coding and Team Comments that are now being completed for stands in the 10-year harvest pool that are in high, outstanding, and high priority MCBS Sites will be imported into FORIST-SRM. Stand Reports for FY05 can be provided through an Access report. This information should be provided to appraisers for consideration when completing stand examinations of stands on the annual treatment lists. After appraiser determines treatment to apply to stand, final objectives will be assigned in SRM.

Stand Report: **Gaylord** will update the report to include the added Fields and make previously recommended edits. Team still needs to decide if Site_Rec and Site_Comm Fields (completed by MCBS staff) should be included, or just the Objective and TeamCom information (completed by interdisciplinary groups from the team) based on review of Site_Rec coding and Site_Comm comments, CSA data, etc.

NLTCSA Shapefile: After stand selection is completed and the plan is finalized, this file will need to be dated and saved as a read-only document because information and decisions made were based on data as of that date. As annual plans are developed from the 10-year plan, current data on rare features, cultural resources, etc. will need to be checked.

Objective Codes: Edits were made to Codes A1, B6, and G6. Added A3.
Gaylord will check on definitions for variable density and variable retention.
G4: Lawson assigned this code to some Sx stands in MCBS Sites with a recommendation in TeamCom Field stating no decorative tree harvest.

MCBS Site Review: Site_Rec coding and Site_Comm comments (e.g., Animal Survey coding) that aren't being captured in the objective coding should be included in the TeamCom Field. Team sub-groups at the Areas will need several more days to complete the review of the 10-year pool of stands that are in the high ranked MCBS Sites. This stand review needs to be completed prior to the remaining 9-year stand selection, i.e., it does not need to be completed prior to completing Step 3 for public review.

EILC Stands on FY04 Treatment List: Two Harbors Area replaced the 9 BSL stands that were coded as EILC stands with other BSL acres.

NLTCSA Updates: A number of edits have been made to several fields in the NLTCSA2g shapefile. We will need to clarify with Paul how these will be merged. Changes have been: FY05 stand selection, patch revisions, add Field: TeamCom, added objective coding to Objective Field, and Lawson will be editing E55 and E40 coding.

Patch Update: Cloquet and Two Harbors have completed their revisions. Haven't heard anything back from Tower or Hibbing Areas. Okay to include old growth stands in uneven-aged managed patches – Cloquet did in two patches, Two Harbors did not. **Doug R** will make a patch map showing even-aged patches, uneven-aged patches, and future patches (F-prefix) for department and public review.

GDS1-F: Team reviewed revisions to the strategies portion of this GDS and made edits based on how the process is actually being completed in this SFRMP. Extended discussion on what management activities can occur in the higher ranked MCBS Sites that protect, sustain, or enhance the biodiversity significance of the MCBS Site. Team members should review the edits made at the meeting and plan on completing the revisions to this GDS at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Monday, January 26th, Two Harbors Area Office, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm.
Note change from LEC location and starting time is 10 versus 9:30.

Notes by GP, 1-22-04.